

*April 19, 2020*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 19 AT 10 AM THE DIVINE LITURGY OF HOLY PASCHA - THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.**

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!**

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. *(bells)*

**Christ is risen...**

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. *(bells)*

**Christ is risen...**

This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. *(bells)*

**Christ is risen...**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. *(bells)*

**Christ is risen...**

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(bells)*

**Christ is risen...**

**First Antiphon**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Say to God: How awesome are Thy deeds! So great is Thy power that Thy enemies cringe before Thee!

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy name, O Most High!

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

**Second Antiphon**

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Thy countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

**O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all nations!

**O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Let the people give thanks to Thee, O God! Let all the people give thanks to Thee!

**O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-

begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

### **Third Antiphon**

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.**

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

**Christ is risen...**

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad.

**Christ is risen...**

Bless God in the churches, the Lord, O you who are of Israel's fountain!

**TROPARION** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

**HYPAKOE (Tone 8)** Before the dawn, Mary and the women came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They heard the angelic voice: "Why do you seek among the dead as a man the One Who is everlasting Light? Behold the clothes in the grave. Go and proclaim to the world: 'The Lord is risen! He has slain death, as He is the Son of God, saving the race of men!'"

**KONTAKION (Tone 8)** Thou didst descend into the tomb, O Immortal; Thou didst destroy the power of Death. In victory didst Thou arise, O Christ God, proclaiming "Rejoice!" to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Thy apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

**Instead of the Trisagion:** As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ! Alleluia!

**The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone: This is the day which the Lord has made! / Let us rejoice and be glad in it! v. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.**

**THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (1:1-8)** In my first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

**Alleluia, Tone 4**

**v. Thou didst arise, O Lord, and have mercy on Zion.**

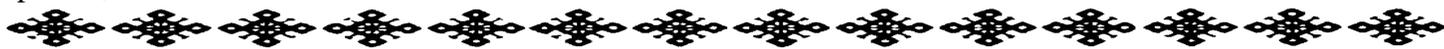
**v. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the earth.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (1:1-17)** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS** The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, Rejoice, O ye people! Shine! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now, exult, and be glad, O Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection, the Resurrection of your Son!

April 19, 2020



**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

God's blessings for good health to our son Thomas on his birthday April 13<sup>th</sup> and to all our family and friends.

Angelo & Christine Panoff

Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Larry, Helen, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Anna, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Katheryn, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, my family & all parishioners at St. Nicholas, and my friends.

Special Intention  
Blessings for Mary

Joe Tome  
Helen & Angelo Popoff

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Alex Popoff Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

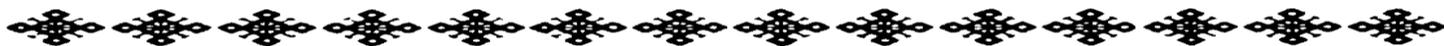
Helen & Angelo Popoff

Gary Dines~newly departed

Joe Tome

Blessed Repose to our sweet grandsons Andrew & Matthew, parents, siblings and all other deceased family & friends.

Angelo & Christine Panoff



**PASCHA 2020**

Beloved in the Lord, Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

It has been said that life under the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic is a "new normal." For us, however, this is far from "normal." Normally, clergy and faithful, tired yet edified by the forty-day Great Fast, would now be gathering in temples for the services of Holy Week. We would stand together, in the company of that "great cloud of witnesses" represented in the holy icons, and take the final steps of a liturgical journey that began with Forgiveness Sunday Vespers.

This year, we still grow weary, but it is weary of "stay-at-home" orders and the anxieties of not knowing how much longer our nation will be occupied by the coronavirus. We still anxiously await joyous liturgical celebrations in our churches, but this year we are unsure when they will come. This year has been far from normal and I am sure we all share the sentiment that doing this once in a lifetime is quite enough.

However, in the face of these unexpected challenges, let us be assured that God's providence is at work in these times, as it is at all times. This year, we are closer than ever to the countless faithful who came before us that celebrated our Lord's resurrection in even more adverse situations. Let us remember our brethren behind the iron curtain, who sat at home singing the Paschal hymns in hushed voices lest their neighbors give them up to the authorities. Let us remember the Christians under the Ottomans and the Romans whose public celebration of the Risen Lord would cost them their lives, and then only after horrific tortures. Think of the joy in our forebears' hearts the first time they could cry out for all to hear, "Christ is Risen!" When we are again able to gather for the divine services, we will not have to imagine what that felt like; we will have had a small taste of it ourselves.

This year, we have a choice. We can look at the journey we've been on with bitterness and remorse, or we can be grateful for an opportunity to stand with those who came before us, whose devotion and faith in the face of great adversity made it possible for us today to "glorify Christ, Risen from the dead." Patience, my children. "Those who endure will gain their lives," as the Risen Lord fills their hearts with his life-giving presence. Wherever Christ is, be it in church or at home behind closed doors, there is "eternal life and his great mercy."

With love in the risen Christ,

+Alexander

*Archbishop of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese –  
Orthodox Church in America*

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!** Welcome to everyone joining us via our YouTube channel: **St Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton.**

**MEMORY ETERNAL- CHRIST IS RISEN!**

Alex Natse Popoff fell asleep in the Lord on Palm Sunday, 12 April 2020. Private burial took place at Evergreen Cemetery on Holy Wednesday, 15 April 2020. Remember Alex in your prayers that Christ grant him rest in the light of His face. And pray for Alex's family: his wife Magda, his children Kosta and Lena and their families and all his grandchildren, his brother Angelo and wife Helen, his brother John and wife Fanny, his mother-in-law Eleni, his nieces and nephews, cousins, in-laws and his whole family. The family plans a full memorial once the "all clear" is given. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

**LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER** At Pascha you may want to let them know you were praying for them with a card or note.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THOSE IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES**

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of their addresses:

Helen Ashmun	4436 Beecher Rd.	Flint, MI 48532
Larry Bladecki	409 15 <sup>th</sup> Street	Bay City, MI 48708
Anna Branoff	Grand Blanc Fields 12628 Pagels Dr	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Gladys Edwards	2 Harbor Dr.	St. Clair, MO 63077
Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr.	Flint, MI 48532
Vasilka Karatza	Regency 1330 Grand Pointe Ct	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Jo Sredich	Magnolia House 4134 N. State Rd.	Davison, MI 48423

**YouTube channel information**

+Visit our YouTube page [here](#)

+To be notified of when we go live be sure to **subscribe** and **turn on notifications** for our YouTube page.

+Updates will be posted on our [Facebook page](#) as well

+If you miss the live-stream, the service will be archived. Be aware that once the live-stream ends it will take some time for the video to render to be able to be archived so if you don't see the video right away don't worry.

+Treat the live-stream as you were in the church, get dressed, light a candle, stand in your icon corner, stand for the Gospel, etc.

+If you have a difficult time accessing the live-stream please email [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) so we can help you.

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**FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

There are presently two suggested ways to continue your stewardship without interruption:

1) by writing a check to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and sending it to the parish address: 2143 S Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519; or

2) by donating online on our parish website <https://saintnicholasburton.org/> Go to the website and on the home page click on the box **Give now with Givelify** which will walk you through the donation process: this is a secure site. You can then fill in the requested information and make your donation.

In advance, we thank you for your ongoing support that will ensure a quick return to normal parish life as soon as possible. Be assured of our prayers and our constant attention to your needs and the needs of all our parish.

– **St. Nicholas Parish Council**

**Weekly schedule:**

**Monday, April 20**      **Bright Monday**  
Fr. Matthew with Archbishop Alexander

**Tuesday, April 21**      **Bright Tuesday**  
**10 am**      **Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel**

**Wednesday, April 22**      **Bright Wednesday**  
**6 pm**      **Pan-Orthodox Vespers Liturgy – streaming on St. George YouTube channel**

**Saturday, Apr 25**      **Bright Saturday**  
**5 pm**      **Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel**

**Sunday, Apr 26**      **Thomas Sunday**  
**10 am**      **Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel**

**Offerings for the week April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,670.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	<b>\$-1,566.00</b>