

*August 26, 2018*

*St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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***The Holy Gospel according to Mark***

***16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)***

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 4. Martyrs Adrian and Natalia and 33 companions, of Nicomedia (4th). Ven. Adrian, Abbot of Ondrusov (Valaam—1550). The Meeting of the “VLADIMIR” Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos (in commemoration of the deliverance of Moscow from the invasion of Tamerlane in 1395).**

**TROPARIA**

**(Tone 4)** When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

**(Tone 4)** In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

**KONTAKION**

**(Tone 4)** By your nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: the barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

***The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! / In wisdom hast Thou made them all!***

**v: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!**

**THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (16:13-24)**

**Brethren:** Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

***Alleluia, Tone 4***

**v: Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth.**

**v: For Thou lovest righteousness, and doth hate iniquity.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (21:33-42)**

At that time Jesus told the people who came to Him, "Hear another parable. There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

**COMMUNION HYMN**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**MARTYRS ADRIAN AND NATALIA (AUGUST 26)**

The Martyrs Adrian and Natalia were married in their youth for one year prior to their martyrdom, and lived in Nicomedia during the time of the emperor Maximian (305-311). The emperor promised a reward to whomever would inform on Christians to bring them to trial. Then the denunciations began, and twenty-three Christians were captured in a cave near Nicomedia. They were tortured, urged to worship idols, and then brought before the Praetor, in order to record their names and responses. Adrian, the head of the praetorium, watched as these people suffered with such courage for their faith. Seeing how firmly and fearlessly they confessed Christ, asked: "What rewards do you expect

from your God for your suffering?" The martyrs replied: "Such rewards as we are not able to describe, nor can your mind comprehend." Saint Adrian told the scribes, "Write my name down also, for I am a Christian and I die gladly for Christ God."

The scribes reported this to the emperor, who summoned Saint Adrian and asked: "Really, have you gone mad, that you want to die? Come, cross out your name from the lists and offer sacrifice to the gods, asking their forgiveness." Saint Adrian answered: "I have not lost my mind, but rather have I found it." Maximian then ordered Adrian to be thrown into prison. His wife, Saint Natalia, knowing that her husband was to suffer for Christ, rejoiced, since she herself was secretly a Christian. She hastened to the prison and encouraged her husband saying: "You are blessed, my lord, because you have believed in Christ. You have obtained a great treasure. Do not regret anything earthly, neither beauty, nor youth (Adrian was then 28 years of age), nor riches. Everything worldly is dust and ashes. Only faith and good deeds are pleasing to God."

On the pledge of the other martyrs, they released Saint Adrian from prison to tell his wife about the day of his execution. At first Saint Natalia thought that he had renounced Christ and thus had been set free, and she did not want to let him into the house. The saint persuaded his wife that he had not fled from martyrdom, but rather had come to give her the news of the day of his execution.

They tortured Saint Adrian cruelly. The emperor advised the saint to have pity on himself and call on the gods, but the martyr answered: "Let your gods say what blessings they promise me, and then I shall worship them, but if they cannot do this, then why should I worship them?" Saint Natalia did not cease to encourage her husband. She asked him also to pray to God for her, that they would not force her into marriage with a pagan after his death.

The executioner ordered the hands and the legs of the saints to be broken on the anvil. Saint Natalia, fearing that her husband would hesitate on seeing the sufferings of the other martyrs, asked the executioner to begin with him, and permit her to put his hands and legs on the anvil herself.

They wanted to burn the bodies of the saints, but a storm arose and the fire went out. Many of the executioners even were struck by lightning. Saint Natalia took the hand of her husband and kept it at home. Soon an army commander asked the emperor's approval to wed Saint Natalia, who was both young and rich. But she hid herself away in Byzantium. Saint Adrian appeared to her in a dream and said that she would soon be at rest in the Lord. The martyr, worn out by her former sufferings, in fact soon fell asleep in the Lord. [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)

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

Health & blessings for Alex Popoff

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Fr. Tom, Fr. Dimitrie, Fr. Anthony, Aaron, Rimi, Allen, Deborah, JoAnn, Susan, Luba, Kosta, David, Anna, Walt, Vladimir, Dorothy, Michael, Allison, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Jeanette, Christopher, Marcia, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Greg, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

The Panoff family~prayers for strength & comfort

John & Rose Goodman~Happy 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. God's blessings

Dennis, Sharon & Charlie Jernigan  
Alex & Magda Popoff

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

Linda Branoff

Dorothy & family

### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Adelaida

Andrew Panoff

Andrew Panoff

Andrew Panoff

Andrew Panoff

Andrew Panoff

Blessed Repose & Memory Eternal for Andrew Panoff

Helen Koski

Andrew Panoff - Memory Eternal~Blessed Repose

Helen Koski - Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Fr. Raphael Biernacki (12 yrs.) Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Irina Sivergina

Anna Branoff

Gonser family

Stojan & Mira Prusac

Jernigan family

Linda Branoff

Dennis, Sharon & Charlie Jernigan

Dorothy & family

Dorothy Goodman

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**WELCOME** to all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall.



**COFFEE & DONUTS** are sponsored today by the family of Jimmy Todorovsky for his 40 day memorial.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** begins on September 9. We are in need of a teacher or team of teachers for the pre-school/kindergarten class. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Matushka Lisa through the office.

**MEMORY ETERNAL! CHRIST IS RISEN!**

Andrew Panoff fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, August 18. He is the son of Tom & Christy Panoff and grandson of Angelo & Christine Panoff. The Lord Jesus receive him into His kingdom and rest him among the saints. Christ is risen!

**BAPTISM**

- of Mila Allison Miller took place on August 5. Parents are Arielle and Matthew Miller. Grandparents are Bruce & Vickie Borkovich; great-grandmother is Allison Borkovich.
- of Anastasios Germanos and Isabella Todora Bakousidis took place August 18. Parents are Philip and Kelly Bakousidis and grandparents are Gerry and Lena Bakousidis. God grant them many years!

**PARKING LOT RE-PAVING** The proceeds from last year and this year's Macedonian Open will go towards the re-paving of the entire parking lot which will cost over \$100,000. With capital improvement funds and other funds on hand, that leaves a shortfall of \$35,000. If anyone would like to donate or dedicate a memorial fund or make an anonymous donation to the Capital Improvement Fund (formerly Parish Pride), please contact the office. To date \$1,250 has been donated to the project not including any funds from the Macedonian Open. The re-paving will start on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting **toothpaste & tooth brushes** for the month of September. Place the items in the blue box in the Parish Hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

**FOOD DRIVE** Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

**WORK READY ROOM** Catholic Charities Work Ready Room wants your new & gently used career clothes to help individuals in need! i.e. Khakis, Scrubs, Shoes, Work Boots, Dress Pants & Collared Shirts.

For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri at 812 Root St, Flint.

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Today** Parastas for Jimmy Todorovsky (40 days)

**Monday, August 27** Communion Calls in Bay City & Caro

**Tuesday, August 28**  
6 pm Parastas for Adelaida Sivergina (40 days)

**Wednesday, Aug. 29** **Beheading of St. John the Baptist**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, Aug. 30** Father in Toledo

**Saturday, Sept. 1**

**No Vespers**  
(St. George has Vespers at 5 pm)

**Sunday, Sept. 2**

9:30 am Third Hour  
10 am Divine Liturgy

**Offerings for the week August 19, 2018**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,045.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,034.03
	<b>\$-2,989.03</b>

**St. George Preschool & Childcare Programs**

*Infants Toddlers Preschool Latchkey*

We Are Located at 5191 Lennon Rd Flint, MI  
saintgeorgeflint.org/preschool.html  
FB: St. George Preschool & Childcare

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810-732-1500 [stgeorgeschool17@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgeschool17@gmail.com)

*A Ministry of St. George Orthodox Church*  
State of MI Childcare License: DC250393111

If you are looking for a safe, nurturing, and fun learning environment for your child within a Christian setting this is where you need to be! We encourage all to stop in, tour our center and meet our Program Director and team! We will provide developmentally appropriate programs focusing on each child's growth and needs in the following areas: \* Arts \* Language and Cognitive \* Literacy \* Mathematics \* Physical \* Science and Technology \* Social and Emotional \* Social Studies \* Spiritual

Meet our team: Priest: Joseph Abud  
Protodeacon: Michael Bassett  
Preschool Ministry: Leslee Abud  
Program Director: Jessica Blake  
Administrator: Kelly Dotson

“When your children are still small, you have to help them understand what is good. That is the deepest meaning of life.” **St. Paisios**