

February 28, 2021

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON – Tone 5. Ven. Basil the Confessor, Companion of Ven. Procopius at Decapolis (750). Bl. Nikolai, Fool-for-Christ at Pskov (1576). Hieromartyr Proterius, Patriarch of Alexandria (457). Hieromartyr Nestor, Bishop of Magydos in Pamphylia (250). Ven. Marina (Marana), Cyra (Kira, Kyra) and Domnica (Domnina), of Syria (ca. 450).

TROPARIA

(Tone 5) Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

(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 3) I have recklessly forgotten Thy glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which Thou gavest me. And now I cry to Thee as the Prodigal: / “I have sinned before Thee, O merciful Father; / receive me a penitent, and make me as one of Thy hired servants!”

The Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us / from this generation forever.

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (6:12-20) Brethren: “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one flesh.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Alleluia, Tone 5

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

v: You have said: Mercy will be established forever, and my truth will be prepared in the heavens.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (15:11-32) And Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

COMMUNION HYMN

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

The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:12-35 (5th Matins Gospel)

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see. Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He

took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one

another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

Venerable Marina and Kyra of Syria (February 28) Saints Marina (Marana) and Kyra (Cyra), sisters by birth, lived during the fourth century in the city of Veria (or Berea) in Syria. Their parents were illustrious and rich, but the sisters left home and departed the city when they had reached maturity.

Having cleared off a small plot of land, the holy virgins sealed up the entrance to their refuge with rocks and clay, leaving only a narrow opening through which food was passed to them. Their little hut had no roof, and so they were exposed to the elements.

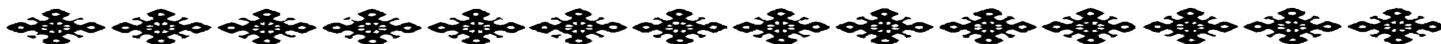
On their bodies they wore heavy iron chains and patiently endured hunger. During a three year period, they ate food only once every forty days. Their former servants came to them, wanting to join their ascetic life. The saints put them in a separate hut next to their own enclosure and they spoke to them through a window, exhorting them to deeds of prayer and fasting.

The life of the holy ascetics Marana and Kyra was described by Bishop Theodoret of Cyrrhus in his *Religiosa Historica*. Out of respect for his hierarchical dignity, the holy virgins allowed him into their dwelling. Theodoret conversed with them and persuaded them to remove the heavy chains they wore under their clothing. Kyra, who was weak in body, was always stooped under their weight and was unable to sit upright. Once he left, however, they resumed wearing the chains.

So they lived in asceticism for forty years. They disturbed their solitude only to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to pray at the Sepulchre of the Lord. During their journey (which took twenty days) they ate no food until they had prayed at the Holy Places. On the way back, they also went without eating. They did the same thing at another time, when they journeyed to the grave of the Protomartyr Thekla (September 24) at Seleucia, Isauria.

Saints Marana and Kyra died in about the year 450. Their ascetical life equaled that of the great male ascetics of the desert, and they received the same crown of victory from Christ the Savior. from oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & blessings for Stojan Pruc

Allison Borkovich

Health & God's blessings for Milica, Radmila, Nikola & Milan

Bosa Kantar

Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Larry,

Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah,

Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David,

Taras, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends.

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

God's blessings for good health to all our grandkids & their parents

Baba & Dedo

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Kosta & Theodora Papalazarou, Evangelia & Nikolas Bakousidis, Germanos Bateos,

Kosta & Eleni Nedanis and Elias & Dimitrios Nedanis

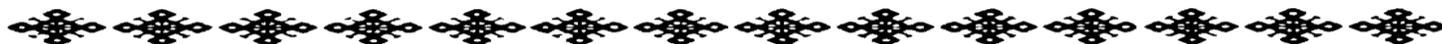
Gerry & Lena Bakousidis

Blessed Repose to our sweet grandsons Andrew & Matthew Panoff

Baba & Dedo

Blessed Repose Rade Beslach

Allison Borkovich



Welcome to everyone joining us via our YouTube channel: [St Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#). If at the time of the divine services you cannot access the livestream, please check out [St. Mary Magdalene Church](#) or [St George Church](#) or [Assumption Church](#) for their livestreams.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN is March 4th from 9 am-11:30 am. Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters “Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead.” St. John Chrysostom

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOPE IN A BOX is asking for feminine care products for March. You can place food & non-food items in the blue tubs in the hall next to the drinking fountain.

PAN ORTHODOX PRE-LENTEN RETREAT is Saturday, March 6 at St. George. The retreat begins at 2pm, ends with Great Vespers at 5pm, and is completely free (donations will be accepted for our Pan-Orthodox activities by sending a check made out to St. George with “Holy Cross” in the memo or online at: <https://app.easytithes.com/app/giving/saintgeorgeflint> ~ under “choose a fund”, click “Holy Cross”). Our speaker is *Archimandrite Maximos Constatas*. See [flier](#) for details and making reservations.

MEMORY ETERNAL – CHRIST IS RISEN Rade Beslach fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, February 26 in Arizona. He is the husband of Milica, brother of Bosa Kantar, and brother-in-law of Janja Beslach. Funeral arrangements have not been made yet. Christ God grant His servant Rade rest in the light of his Face. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen! God sustain his family by His grace.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS If you are at work during the day and would like to participate in adult education classes, a virtual option in the evening is being explored. Please contact the office 810-7844-0070 stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or Father Matthew if you are interested. This evening class will be virtual only.

YOUNG ADULTS Parish council is looking to help our youth, in college and those beginning their careers, remain engaged in their life in Christ, especially during the complexities of the pandemic and the stresses of college life. To do this we need your help. Specifically, we need the contact information (e-mail) for our young adults so that we can reach out to them. You can call the parish office 810-744-0070 or have your child, grandchild, or godchild send an email to stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com

CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS can be emailed to the office at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or called in.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 – 3.

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Weekly schedule:

Monday, March 1 Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Tuesday, March 2
7 pm [OCA online church school](#)

Wednesday, March 3
9:30 am [Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)
11:15 am Adult education in the fellowship hall (physical distancing and wearing of masks)

Thursday, March 4
9 am- 11:30 am North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, March 6

SOULS SATURDAY

10 am

Liturgy & Trisagion – streaming on our YouTube channel

Pre-Lenten Retreat via Zoom at St. George with in-person attendance available

2 pm

First talk

3:15 pm

Second Talk

4:15 pm

Questions & Answers

5 pm

Vespers at St. Vespers

Sunday, March 7

MEATFARE SUNDAY

9:30 am

Third and Sixth Hours

10 am

Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel

Offerings for the week February 21st, 2021

26 persons in attendance on February 21st

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 4,322.67
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 1,218.67

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The following are our brothers and sisters of St. Nicholas who are currently homebound, suffering from chronic illness, in recovery or in need of special prayers. Please remember them in your prayers and reach out to them with a card, or a phone call! Please call the office to schedule a visit for Holy Communion.

**Larry Bladecki
Deacon John Bocek
Linda Branoff**

**Gladys Edwards
Paul Ellis
Bill Haw**

**Mary Karayanis
Nick Karayanis
Macy Lemmen**

**Ron Salhany
Bill Tadrick
Wendy Tadrick**

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of our Homebound:

Larry Bladecki	3254 E. Midland Rd	Bay City, MI 48706
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
Eleni Servinis	Regency 1330 Grand Pointe Ct	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Jo Sredich	Victoria's House 1219 N. Dye Rd.	Flint, MI 48532