

June 7, 2020

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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**8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA — HOLY PENTECOST.**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

The heavens are telling the glory of God; / and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Day to day pours forth speech, / and night to nights declares knowledge. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. **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**

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; / the name of the God of Jacob protect you! **O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: “Alleluia!”**

May He send you help from the sanctuary / and give you support from Zion! **O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: “Alleluia!”**

May He remember all your offerings, / and fulfill all your plans! **O Gracious Comforter, 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, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

**THIRD ANTIPHON**

**In Thy strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Thy salvation. Troparion (Tone 8):** Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

**Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withheld the request of his lips.**

**Troparion:** Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God...

**For Thou dost meet him with goodly blessings; Thou dost set a crown of fine gold upon his head. Troparion:** Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God...

### **SMALL ENTRANCE**

**Deacon** Wisdom! Upright!

**Priest:** Be lifted up, Lord, in your power; we will sing and chant your mighty works. Good Comforter, save us who sing to you: "Alleluia!"

### **TROPARION**

**(Tone 8)** Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

### **KONTAKION**

**(Tone 8)** When the Most High came down and confused the tongues He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-Holy Spirit!

### **INSTEAD OF THE TRISAGION**

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ! Alleluia!

***The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth; / and their words to the ends of the universe.***

**v. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.**

**THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (2:1-11)** In those days, when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

***Alleluia, Tone 8***

***v. By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth.***

v. **The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (7:37-52, 8:12)** On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

### **THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS**

Without knowing a man you became a mother, without knowing corruption you bore a child, giving flesh to the Word who creates all things, containing Him Who cannot be contained, encompassing your infinite Maker: O Virgin Theotokos, we magnify you!

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

Let Thy good spirit lead me on a level path. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."**

**(Tone 8)** Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

### **Matins Gospel of Pentecost**

#### **The holy Gospel according to Saint John 20:19-23**

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

**HOLY PENTECOST** Fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem. By the power of the Spirit they went forth to proclaim the good news that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God made flesh and that by His death and Resurrection we

have been saved. This kernel of faith has been passed on from generation to generation and faith has been passed on from generation to generation and preached to the four corners of the world. We ourselves receive this missionary command because we, too, have received the Holy Spirit. At our chrismation, our own personal Pentecost, we were anointed with the sacred chrism and the words were pronounced to us: "The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit!" Sealed with the Holy Spirit as God's gift to us, our bodies have become living temples of God's Spirit. And we at our baptism and chrismation heard the words of Christ, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19) This mission given to the first apostles in the first century is given to us the Church in the twenty-first century. We who believe are not to hide our faith under a bushel basket but to live it as a light before all people. We are not to be ashamed of our faith or apologetic about it. And we must be prepared to give good answer to those who ask us why we believe in Jesus, what makes us follow Him. "Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence." (1 Peter 3:15-16) We believe and follow Him because He is God Himself become man who has given us the words of eternal life. By His death and resurrection He has saved us from the bondage of sin and death. And as a memorial of all this He has given us His own Body and Blood that we may be united with Him and He with us. May we reflect in our lives the communion with one another and with the Father that Christ calls us to by the power of the Holy Spirit who came upon the Apostles at the first Pentecost and who dwells with us, the Church, even today.

June 7, 2020



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

My sisters JoAnn & Susan Economou

Bill Economou

Special Intentions for the DeShaw family

DeShaw family

Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, 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, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family & friends.

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

My Uncle Jim Brown-U.S. Army Retired Sergeant

Bill Economou

Nikolaos Bakousidis (1 yr. June 6)

Ritsa Bakousidis family & Jerry & Lena Bakousidis & family

Evangelia Bakousidis

Ritsa Bakousidis family & Jerry & Lena Bakousidis & family

**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Nikolaos Bakousidis (1 yr. June 6)

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Welcome to everyone joining us via our YouTube channel: [St Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton.](#)

**Today is Holy Pentecost, fifty days since Pascha, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. This evening at 6 pm Vespers for the Day of the Holy Spirit will be served with the kneeling prayers that mark our kneeling again at our prayers as we have been standing at prayer since Pascha. Monday, June 8 at 9 am will be the**

Divine Liturgy for this feast of the Holy Spirit. This week is a fast-free week because of the feast of Pentecost so we may eat meat on Wednesday and Friday.

**CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS** can be emailed to the office at [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) or called in.

**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	3254 E. Midland Rd.	Bay City, MI 48706
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

**ROTATING SCHEDULE**

The rotating schedule for attending Sunday Liturgy has begun. The groupings are based on alphabetical order from households that wish to return presently. You will receive a phone call and e-mail from the parish office notifying you the Sunday Liturgy you are scheduled to attend.

**WHEN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WISHES TO BE ADDED TO THE ROTATION, PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL THE PARISH OFFICE: 810-744-0070 or [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com)**

**LITURGY ON WEDNESDAY AND VESPERS ON SATURDAY**

Those who wish to attend Liturgy on Wednesday or Vespers on Saturday should contact the parish office whether by e-mail or telephone call. If the maximum number of households permitted is reached for Wednesday Liturgy and Saturday Vespers by the time you notify the office of your desire to attend, your household will be put on the top of the list for the following week.

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**OFFICE OPEN** Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9am -3 pm.

**ALL OCA ONLINE CHURCH SCHOOL** check out the offerings here: <https://www.oca.org/all-oca-church-school>

**Weekly schedule:** **PENTECOST WEEK – FAST FREE WEEK**

**Today**

1:30 pm Prayers for our beloved fallen asleep at St Nicholas Cemetery  
**[6 pm Vespers with the kneeling prayers – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**

**Monday, June 8**

**[9 am Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**  
then Fr. Matthew with Archbishop Alexander

**Tuesday, June 9**

6:30 pm

Parish council meets by teleconference

**Wednesday, June 10**

9 am

[Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

**Saturday, June 13**

5 pm

[Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

**Sunday, June 14**

10 am

**ALL SAINTS – 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

[Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

**Offerings for the week May 31, 2020**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 3,171.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	<b>\$ - 65.00</b>