

**November 1, 2020**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 4. Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian of Mesopotamia, and their mother, St. Theodota. Hieromartyrs John the Bishop and Jacob (James) the Presbyter, of Persia (ca. 345). Martyrs Cyrenia and Juliana in Cilicia (4th c.). Martyr Hermenegild the Goth of Spain (586). Martyrs Caesarius, Dacius, Sabbas, Sabinian, Agrippa, Adrian, and Thomas, at Damascus (7th c.). Monastic Martyrs Jacob, Jacob the Deacon, and Dionysius, of Prodrumou (Mt. Athos—1520).**

**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 8)** Holy unmercenaries and wonderworkers, Cosmas and Damian, heal our infirmities. Freely you have received; freely you give to us.

**(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 6)** Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

***The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: To the saints who are in His earth, / the Lord hath revealed the wonders of all His will in them.***

**v. I saw the Lord continually before me; for He is at my right hand, that I not be moved.**

**THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (12:27-13:8)** Brethren: you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

***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 LUKE (16:19-31)** At that time Jesus said to His disciples: “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the

dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

#### **The holy Gospel according to John 21:1-14 (10th Matins Gospel)**

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" – knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

**The Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenary Physicians Cosmas and Damian and their mother Saint Theodota (November 1)** were natives of Asia Minor (some sources say Mesopotamia). Their pagan father died while they were still quite small children. Their mother raised them in Christian piety. Through her own example, and by reading holy books to them, Saint Theodota preserved her children in purity of life according to the command of the Lord, and Cosmas and Damian grew up into righteous and virtuous men.

Trained and skilled as physicians, they received from the Holy Spirit the gift of healing people's illnesses of body and soul by the power of prayer. They even treated animals. With fervent love for both God and neighbor, they never took payment for their services. They strictly observed the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Freely have you received, freely give." (Mt. 10:8). The fame of Saints Cosmas and Damian spread throughout all the surrounding region, and people called them unmercenary physicians.

Once, the saints were summoned to a grievously ill woman named Palladia, whom all the doctors had refused to treat because of her seemingly hopeless condition. Through faith and through the fervent prayer of the holy brothers, the Lord healed the deadly disease and Palladia got up from her bed perfectly healthy and giving praise to God. In gratitude for being healed and wishing to give them a small gift, Palladia went quietly to Damian. She presented him with three eggs and said, "Take this small gift in the Name of the Holy Life-Creating Trinity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." Hearing the Name of the Holy Trinity, the unmercenary one did not dare to refuse.

When Saint Cosmas learned what had happened, became very sad, for he thought that his brother had broken their strict vow. On his deathbed he gave instructions that his brother should not be buried beside him. Saint Damian also died shortly afterward, and everyone wondered where Saint Damian's grave should be. But through the will of God a miracle occurred. A camel, which the saints had treated for its wildness, spoke with a human voice saying that they should have no doubts about whether to place Damian beside Cosmas, because Damian did not accept the eggs

from the woman as payment, but out of respect for the Name of God. The venerable relics of the holy brothers were buried together at Thereman (Mesopotamia).

Many miracles were worked after the death of the holy unmercenaries. There lived at Thereman, near the church of Cosmas and Damian, a certain man by the name of Malchus. One day he went on a journey, leaving his wife all alone for what would be a long time. He prayerfully entrusted her to the heavenly protection of the holy brothers. But the Enemy of the race of mankind took on the appearance of one of Malchus' friends, and planned to kill the woman. A certain time went by, and this man went to her at home and said that Malchus had sent him to bring her to him. The woman believed him and went along. He led her to a solitary place intending to kill her. The woman, seeing that disaster threatened her, called upon God with deep faith.

Two fierce-some men then appeared, and the devil let go of the woman and fled, falling off a cliff. The two men led the woman home. At her own home, bowing to them deeply she asked, "My rescuers, to whom I shall be grateful to the end of my days, what are your names?"

They replied, "We are the servants of Christ, Cosmas and Damian," and became invisible. The woman with trembling and with joy told everyone about what had happened to her. Glorifying God, she went up to the icon of the holy brothers and tearfully offered prayers of thanksgiving for her deliverance. And from that time the holy brothers were venerated as protectors of the holiness and inviolability of Christian marriage, and as givers of harmony to conjugal life. From ancient times, their veneration spread also to Russia.

The Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Asia Minor should not be confused with the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Rome (July 1), or the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Arabia (October 17).

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

Debby Neely Happy Birthday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Health & blessings

Mom

Health for my family

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Tina Rissin Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Dorothy Goodman



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.

**ANGEL TREE** Our parish will participate in this program for Christmas as part of our Advent fast helping those in need and will sponsor 50 children. **Commitments have been made for 29 children so far, only 21 more need to be sponsored.** Please call Lucy Hogg at (810)-695-3110 as soon as possible if you are interested and let her know how many children you would like to sponsor or if you have questions. The children's names & information will be mailed to you as soon as possible.

**VOLUNTEER(S)** needed to deliver donations to Catholic Charities once a month. Contact the office if you can help.

**SOUP KITCHEN CONTACT** We need someone to be the contact person for our group. Please call the parish office 810-744-0070 or email [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com)

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** meets on Wednesdays after Liturgy at 11:15 am-12:15 pm. The class will be continuing our book *Early Christian Fathers*, continuing with *The First Apology of St Justin the Martyr*. Contact the office if you'd like to join the class through Zoom.

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**CHARITY ASSISTANCE PLATE** will be set out in the narthex. This money is used for gift cards for those in need and are distributed once a month. The funds for this ministry needs replenishing.

**STEWARDS OF THE OCA** On Sunday, November 15th: Support the work of the Orthodox Church in America by becoming a Steward of the OCA. Your support will enhance the work of the ministries and departments of the OCA that serve the entire church by providing important resources such as liturgical texts, liturgical music, religious educational material, and educational events. Other new and exciting projects are also under development. Go to [oca.org/stewards](http://oca.org/stewards) to learn more and to view the schedule of upcoming live online events that will highlight the work and plans of the departments."

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

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

**PARISH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS & LAY DELEGATES**

takes place on Sunday, Nov. 8. **To vote you must have submitted a pledge card & received Confession and Communion within the past year.** Absentee ballots are available in the office. Only one vote per person. If you fill out an absentee vote please do not fill out a ballot on November 8. Absentee ballots must be returned by November 8. The nominees are:

**Parish Council (3 will be elected)**

Shari Nicoloff (term ending this year)  
Ian Price  
Stephanie Price  
Ellyn Serra  
Michael Serra  
Jennifer Shann  
Jonathon Shann

**Auditor (1 will be elected)**

Calvin Conrad  
Fannia Young

**Lay Delegate - Oct. 2021 Diocesan Conference**  
**(1 will be elected)**

Deborah Gonser-Adams  
Susie Ford  
Joe Tome

**Lay Delegate - July 2021 OCA All-American Council**  
**(1 will be elected)**

Deborah Gonser-Adams  
Susie Ford  
Joe Tome

**MIDDLE EASTERN TAKE-OUT LUNCHEON** at St George Orthodox Church on Thurs, Nov 12 from 11 am to 2 pm. **All orders must be placed by Nov 5.** Meal includes cooked kibbee, green bean stew (yahnee), rice, hummus, salad, pita bread, dessert, and a bottle of water. Vegetarian plate available. Cost: \$12. Separately sold ONLY by the dozen at \$15: kibbee balls, meat or spinach pies, and date (kaak) cookies. Free deliveries with eight (8) or more lunches. To place your order or for more information please call St George Church 810-732-0720.

**Weekly schedule:**

**Monday, Nov 2**

Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Tuesday, Nov 3**

**7 pm**      **OCA online church school**

**Wednesday, Nov 4**

**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, Nov 5**

9 am-1 pm      deadline for ordering from St George Middle Eastern luncheon – pick-up is Nov. 12

North End Soup kitchen

**Saturday, Oct Nov 7**

**4:30 pm**      **Trisagion for Soul Saturday followed by Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel**      Confessions after Vespers

**Sunday, Nov 8**

9:30 am      Third and Sixth Hours

**10 am**      **Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel**

Elections after Liturgy

**Offerings for the week October 25, 2020**

*31 persons in attendance on October 25*

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,803.25
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	<b>\$-1,300.75</b>