

December 3, 2023

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America

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Welcome! We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first-time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book in the vestibule. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox Christians, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with Fr. Matthew after the Liturgy and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread offered at the end of the service is available to all.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion. **Again, welcome!**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias – 635-605 B.C.). Ven. Savva (Sabbas), Abbot of Zvenigorod, disciple of Ven. Sergius of Radonezh (1406). St. Theodulus, Eparch of Constantinople (ca. 440). Ven. John the Silent of St. Sabbas' Monastery (558). Hieromartyr Theodore, Archbishop of Alexandria (606). Monastic Martyr Cosmas of St. Anne's Skete (Mt. Athos).

TROPARIA

Tone 1 When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom!// Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

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 The Virgin comes today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word Eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message, with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him Who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He Who is from eternity God.

The prokeimenon in the first tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on You. (Psalm 32:22)

v. Rejoice, O righteous ones, in the Lord. To the upright is due praise. (Psalm 32:1)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

(5:9-19) Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v: God who gives me vengeance and subdues peoples to me. (Psalm 17:48)

v: Magnifying the salvations of the king, and making mercy to his anointed, to David and to his seed to the age. (Psalm 17:51)

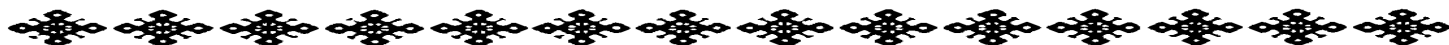
THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (18:35-43) At that time, as Jesus was coming near Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! *(Psalm 148:1)*

The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. 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.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & blessings for Ellyn Serra

Price family

God's blessings & love for a healthy recovery for my loving daughter Ellyn Serra
Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey & Irina

Connie Maxim
Irina Sivergina

Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan,
Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta,
Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted,
Joseph, Marlene, Mary, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family
and friends

Joe Tome
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Special Intention

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

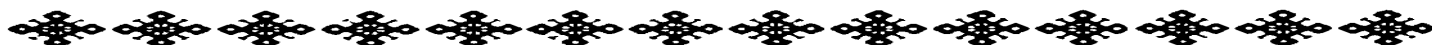
Adelaïda & Feodosiy

Irina Sivergina

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Helen Bibilikow (9 yrs.) & Lenna Kozovski

Christine, Jerry, Josh & Jen



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors and those 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](#), [St George Church](#) or [Dormition Monastery](#).

Dec 3 **CANDLESTAND:** Christine Panoff

HOURS: Angelo Panoff

READER: Katherine Gonser

Dec 10 **CANDLESTAND:** Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Angelo Panoff

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Reader Alexander Gonser after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

ADULT ED CLASS Class resumes on December 13 on Zoom.

CHURCH SCHOOL St. Nicholas visits today

LENTEN POTLUCK & ST. NICHOLAS VISIT Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a signup sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate and/or serve in the coming weeks.

MEMORY ETERNAL

KOSTA "DAVID" TODOROVSKY fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, November 27, 2023 at Regency Rehab in Grand Blanc. Kosta is the husband of Lubitsa "Luba" Todorovsky and the father of Anastasia (Nikola) Pirkovic and Diana (Branko) Mitevski. Kosta's obituary is [here](#). The funeral was November 29 followed by the burial at Evergreen Cemetery with arrangements by Swartz Funeral Home. Remember Kosta in your prayers that he rest in the light of Christ's face, and also remember his family that the Lord sustain them in their grief. Bog da go prosti! Memory eternal! Christ is risen!

OLGA ANATOLEVNA NIKOLSKY fell asleep in the Lord late on Monday, November 27, 2023 at home. Visitation and funeral will take place on the same day, Monday, December 4 at church with burial at Saint Nicholas Cemetery. Arrangements by Dodds-Dumanois Funeral Home. You may view her obituary [here](#). Her funeral will be livestreamed [here](#). Remember Olga in your prayers that she rest in the light of Christ's face, and also remember her son Oleg and daughter Nadia that the Lord sustain them in their grief. Bog da i prosti! Memory eternal! Christ is risen!

VIVIAN POPOFF KORTH fell asleep in the Lord Friday, December 1 at Regency Rehab, Grand Blanc. May she rest in the light of Christ's face and the Lord sustain her family in their time of grief. Visitation will take place at Swartz Funeral Home at 11 am on Monday, December 4 with Parastas at 2 pm. You may read Vivian's obituary [here](#). Bog da i prosti! Memory eternal! Christ is risen!



ANGEL TREE All 50 children's names have been taken! God bless you! Gifts need to be placed in a gift bag or wrapped but you must include the child's names and code number on the gifts. Gift range is between \$25 and \$35. It's important to keep the amounts spent for kids in the same family the same. **Please return the gifts by December 6.** If there are any questions, contact Eileen Branoff at (810) 232-5132.

CHRISTMAS GREETING If you want to add your name please leave a note at the church office or send an email today. **Today is the deadline.**

SAINT NICHOLAS' FEAST 6 pm pan-Orthodox Vespers and Liturgy at our church. Father Joe Abud will be the main celebrant (*Protos*) for the service as the senior priest. Joe Tome will lead the singing. If you are able, please plan on attending this service as this is our parish feast and we welcome faithful from the three other churches. Please fast from 12 noon to receive holy Communion.

ANGEL WING ORNAMENTS are available for purchase from Christine Panoff. Cost is \$5 per ornament. These are for families to put in photos of fallen asleep family members. The ornaments will then be placed on a Christmas tree in the church annually. **Sunday, December 3 a Trisagion will be held in memory of all those fallen asleep remembered on tree.**

COOKIE WALK on Saturday, December 9th from 10 am to 1 pm, Lucy Hogg is chairperson.

Please call Lucy at 810-695-3110 with any questions. It's not too late to sign up to help either on Friday or Saturday.

- Baked goods need to be delivered by Friday, **December 8th before 3 pm.**
- Sign-up sheet in the parish hall to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale.
- Donations are also appreciated if you cannot bring cookies so baklava & some pre-made goodies can be purchased. There is a donation jar in the parish hall.
- Please help us get the word out about the Cookie Walk! Share our parish [Facebook page event](#) and [posting](#) on the Cookie Walk, take fliers to share, let your friends and neighbors know!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for the deceased. Forms are also in the narthex. The sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

MAKE YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING EASY AND CONVENIENT WITH GIVELIFY 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. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). **If you do not wish to donate online, you may write a check to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and send it to the parish address: 2143 S Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519.**

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9-3.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Trisagion for those fallen asleep remembered on the angel wing tree. Visit with St. Nicholas/potluck.

Monday, December 4

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| 10 am | +Olga Anatolevna Nikolsky - visitation at church |
| 11 am | funeral service followed by burial at Saint Nicholas Cemetery - livestreamed |
| 11 am | +Vivian Popoff Korth visitation at Swartz Funeral Home |
| 2 pm | Parastas for +Vivian Popoff Korth at Swartz Funeral Home |

Tuesday, December 5 [6 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas](#)

Wednesday, December 6 **Saint Nicholas** No Divine Liturgy, No adult education

1 pm Archbishop Alexander's surgery - please remember him and the doctors and nurses in your prayers!

6 pm The Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem - a lecture at the Flint Institute of Arts Theater. Admission is free. Guest lecturer is Dr Michael Pytlik. Read more [here](#).

Thursday, December 7

9:45 am Stephanie Price interview with ABC-12 for the Cookie Walk

9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Friday, December 8 10 am Set-up for Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 9

10 am-1 pm Cookie Walk

[5 pm](#) [Vespers](#) No *Confessions*

Sunday, December 10

[9:30 am](#) [Hours](#)

[10 am](#) [Divine Liturgy- live- streamed](#)

Church School - [1 Corinthians - Christ Crucified](#) *Confessions*

Offerings for the week November 26, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,937.11
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ - 2,162.89

53 persons in attendance on November 26