

**February 18, 2024**

**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.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024 37th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome (461). Ven Cosmas of Yakhromsk (1492). St. Agapitos the Confessor and Wonderworker, Bishop of Synnada in Phrygia (4th c.). St. Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople (449-450).**

**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 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: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all. (Psalm. 103:26)**

**v. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Lord, my God, you magnified yourself greatly. (Psalm 103:1)**

**THE READING IS FROM SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (6:16-7:1)** Brethren, what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

*Alleluia, Tone 4*

**v: Draw and prosper and reign, on account of truth and meekness and righteousness.**

*(Psalm 44:4)*

**v: You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness.** *(Psalm 44:7)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (15:21-28)** At that time Jesus went away from the land of Gennesaret and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**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**

Happy Birthday Steve Goodman (Feb. 17)  
Galyna, Olesya, Emilia, Arkadiy & Paul  
Tom

Dennis & Eileen  
Olesya Childs  
Bruce Watson

For personal success & moving forward in life. A new job, my own place, the continuation of my Orthodox journey, for miracles in my personal & Christian life  
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Les, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted, Joseph, Marlene, Mary, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends

Joel Green

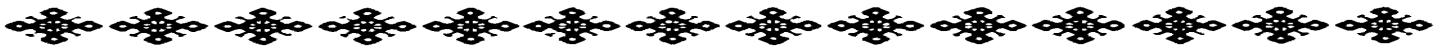
Special Intention

Joe Tome  
Joe Tome

**CANDLE INTENETION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF**

Olga & Michail  
Susan Johnson, Alex Butzin, Lisa Lopes, Kenneth & Katherine Green  
Memory Eternal Rose Goodman

Galyna Kapustina  
Joel Green  
Dennis & Eileen



**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](#).

**Feb 18 CANDLESTAND:** Ian & Stephanie Price    **HOURS:** Lucy Hogg    **READER:** Phil Wiles  
**Feb 25 CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford    **HOURS:** Calvin Conrad    **READER:** Katherine Gonser

**COFFEE SOCIAL** is provided today by Marc & Karen Ethington in memory of Helen Ethington. 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.

**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 EDUCATION** classes are on Wednesday at 11:15 am.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** Lesson - [Romans - Obey civil authorities](#)

**PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT** Sat., April 6 at St Mary Magdalene Church welcoming Father Andrew Stephen Damick. Register and see more information [here](#) or use the the signup sheet in the parish hall. Please take the time during the great forty days' fast to be spiritually renewed through our annual pan-Orthodox retreat. Livestreaming will be available for those who register.

**GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY** Go to our website [www.saintnicholasburton.org](http://www.saintnicholasburton.org) and click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#); this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). \*Please consider adding the extra fee we are charged to your donation. You also may write a check to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and send it to 2143 S Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519.

**LAMB DINNER** has been re-scheduled to Meatfare Sunday, March 10. Please see Sharon Jernigan for tickets or with any questions.

**KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP** meets in the parish hall every Monday at 10 am. Come and share ideas, knowledge & fellowship. This is open to everyone who would like to attend.

**PRAYERS** for Archbishop Nathaniel of the Romanian Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America. Archbishop Nathaniel had open-heart coronary bypass surgery on Thursday, February 15. Christ God, physician of souls and bodies, sustain His Eminence and grant him relief through surgery and full recovery.

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE** *Father's report* - April 6 pan-Orthodox retreat at St Mary Magdalene Church with Fr Andrew Stephen Damick of "The Lord of Spirits" podcast from Ancient Faith. Pan-Orthodox services for Lent, Annunciation, Lazarus Saturday, and Bright Week are set and will be published in the March newsletter. Choir practice on Tuesday, March 26 from 7 to 9 pm for the pan-Orthodox Presanctified we will host on March 27 at 6 pm with lenten potluck. *Finances* - we are still doing very well financially, thanks to everyone for your regular stewardship pledges and donations. *Endowment report* increase of a little over \$3,000. *Community outreach* - Family game night on Saturday, February 17 after Vespers. A DJ has been found for the March 9 Meatfare dance. *Fundraising* - date not yet decided to re-schedule the lamb dinner from Theophany. *Church building and grounds* - Bill Economou, Dave Houser, and Dennis Jernigan did some re-wiring in the altar. Dennis Jernigan got a couple prices for repairing the concrete floor in the pavilion. Repairs on bench seating, kitchen area. Lamb cooking area needs to be attended to soon. He has been pulling wires and working in the tunnels where we had some water. The carpet in Father's and the secretary's office needs to be replaced. *Date for church grounds clean up* on Saturday, April 20. *Gift bags for visitors* Susie Ford will look into costs for having small gift bags for visitors - crayons, etc. for children, spare items from kiosk, etc. for adults.

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

**MEMORY ETERNAL - CHRIST IS RISEN** CHRIS MARKOFF (RISTO ŽELEVAROVSKI) fell asleep in the Lord on February 10, 2024. He is the brother of parishioner Tom (Atanas) Želevarovski. Please remember Chris (Risto) in your prayers and pray for the comfort of his family in their time of grief. Christ God rest the soul of his servant Risto in the light of His Face in the abodes of the righteous. Memory eternal! Christ is risen! Bog da prosti!

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, February 19** *Fr. in Toledo*

10 am Knitting/crochet group

**Wednesday, February 21**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy – served by Fr Michael Bassett, singing led by Fr Matthew

11:15 am Adult education [Psalms and the Life of Faith](#) by Elder Aimilianos

**Saturday, February 24**

5 pm [Vespers - live-streamed](#) *Confessions*

**Sunday, February 25** Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee - beginning of the Triodion

9:30 am Hours & 10 am Divine Liturgy- live-streamed

Church School - [Timothy - God is our Shepherd](#)

Parastas for Dorothy Goodman following Liturgy

**Offerings for the week February 11, 2024**

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| Weekly Offerings                  | \$ 2,217.43  |
| Estimated Average Weekly Expenses | \$ 4,100.00  |
|                                   | \$ -1,882.57 |

60 persons in attendance on February 11