

February 4, 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 4, 2024 35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Afterfeast of the Meeting. Ven. Isidore of Pelusium (ca. 436-440). Rt. Blv. George, Great Prince of Vladimir (1238). Ven. Kirill (Cyril) the Wonderworker, Abbot of Novoezérsk (Novgorod – 1532). Ven. Abraham and Coprius, of Pechenga (Vologdá – 15th c.). Martyr Jadorus (3rd c.). Hieromartyr Abramius, Bishop of Arbela in Assyria (ca. 344-347). Ven. Nicholas the Confessor, Abbot of Studion (868).

FIRST ANTIPHON – PSALM 44

My heart is indicting a good matter, I speak of the things which I have made to the King. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

My tongue is the pen of a ready writer, full of grace are your lips. Therefore God has blest you forever. **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

Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O mighty one, in Your glory and in Your beauty!
O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

The scepter of Your kingdom is a righteous scepter. **O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to You: 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 willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and was crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Hear, O daughter, consider, and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house.

Tone 1 Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder: / you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, / Who grants us the Resurrection!

Even the rich among the people shall entreat your favor.

Tone 1 Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace...

I will make your name to be remembered in all generations.

Tone 1 Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace...

TROPARIA

Tone 2 When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Tone 1 Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those who sat in darkness. Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder, you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, // Who grants us the 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 1 By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin’s womb! And blessed Simeon’s hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

The prokeimenon in the second tone: The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (*Psalm 117:14*)

v. The Lord chastising chastised me, and did not give me over to death. (*Psalm 117:18*)

THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE

CORINTHIANS. (4:6-15) Brethren, it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Alleluia, Tone 2

v: The Lord hear you in the day of affliction, the name of the God of Jacob shield you. (*Psalm 19:1*)

v: Lord, save the king and hear us, on whichever day we call upon you. (*Psalm 19:9*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (22:35-46) At that time a lawyer, asked Jesus a question, testing Him, and saying, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” While the Pharisees were gathered together,

Jesus asked them, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The Son of David.” He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: ‘The LORD said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool’? If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?” And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

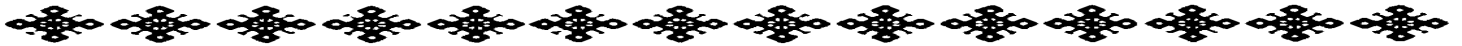
COMMUNION HYMN

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

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

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

Joe Tome

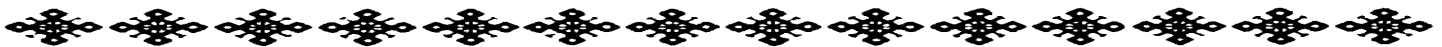
Special Intention

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CANDLE INTENTION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Memory Eternal~Blessed Repose Evanka Elieff (96th birthday Feb. 4)

Nancy Krigner



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 4 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman **HOURS:** Alexander Gonser **READER:** Angelo Panoff
Feb 11 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff **HOURS:** Angelo Panoff **READER:** Alexander Gonser

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by Diana & Brian Mitevski in honor of Lubitsa Todorovsky's 90th birthday. 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. We are continuing with [Psalms and the Life of Faith](#) by Elder Aimilianos looking at twelve of the one hundred and fifty Psalms.

CHURCH SCHOOL Lesson - [Philippians - Prayer](#)

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS February 4, after Liturgy, we need as many people as possible to help put away the Christmas decorations.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT February 17 after Vespers. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship, pizza & playing board games. A free will offering will be collected which will be used to sponsor other social activities. Stephanie & Ian Price are hosting the event so you can contact Stephanie at (248) 396-3899 if you have any questions or to R.S.V.P. It isn't necessary to R.S.V.P. but it is helpful. Games are provided but you are welcome to bring your own.

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.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL subscribe to our YouTube channel [Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services. Livestreams begin at 9:30 with Hours.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE was elected at the annual meeting on January 28 – Ruth Conrad, Cathy Edwards, Charlie Jernigan, Christine Panoff, J Joseph Tome.

GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY Go to our website 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.** 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.

FACEBOOK PAGE Please visit, like, and follow our parish page: www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton Please share posts to your page. This increases the number of people who know about our church. Those who have been at coffee fellowship have seen the number of inquirers who have been coming to Sunday Divine Liturgy. 2,100 people have liked our Facebook page and 2,200 people have followed it.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, February 5

10 am Knitting/crochet group

Tuesday, February 6 *Fr. in Toledo*

Wednesday, February 7

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am adult education

Saturday, February 10

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

Sunday, February 11

[9:30 am](#) [Hours & 10 am Divine Liturgy- live- streamed](#)
Church School - [Colossians - Forgiveness](#)

Offerings for the week January 28, 2024

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 10,215.62
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ 6,115.62

61 persons in attendance on January 28