

January 14, 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. **Again, welcome!**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024 32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Leavetaking of the Theophany. St. Savva I, first Archbishop of Serbia (1237). The Holy Fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu: Isaiah, Savva, Moses and his disciple Moses, Jeremiah, Paul, Adam, Sergius, Domnus, Proclus, Hypatius, Isaac, Macarius, Mark, Benjamin, Eusebius, Elias, and others (4th-5th c.). St. Nina (Nino), Equal-to-the-Apostles, Enlightener of the Georgians (355). St. Joseph Analytinus of Raithu (4th c.). Ven. Theodulus, son of Ven. Nilus of Sinai (5th c.). Ven. Stephen, Abbot of Khenolakkos Monastery near Chalcedon (8th c.). Saint Meletios, Bishop of Ryazan (19th c.). Hieromartyr Platon, the first Bishop of Estonia, and all the New Martyrs of Estonia (1869).

FIRST ANTIPHON

When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language. *(Psalm 113:1)*

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion. *(Psalm 113:2)* **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back. *(Psalm 113:3)* **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? *(Psalm 113:5)* **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

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication. *(Psalm 114:1)* **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. *(Psalm 114:2)* **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the name of the Lord. *(Psalm 114:3-4a)* **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Gracious and righteous is the Lord, and our God is merciful. *(Psalm 114:5)* **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, 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

Confess to the Lord, that he is good, that his mercy is to the age. *(Psalm 117:1)*

Tone 1 When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His Beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself, // and have enlightened the world, glory to You!

So then let the house of Israel say, that he is good that his mercy is to the age. *(Psalm 117:2)*

Tone 1 When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan...

So then let the house of Aaron say, that he is good that his mercy is to the age. (*Psalm 117:3*)

Tone 1 When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan...

So then let all who fear the Lord say, that he is good that his mercy is to the age. (*Psalm 117:4*)

Tone 1 When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan...

THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Deacon: Wisdom! Upright!

Choir: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ,...risen from the dead...

TROPARIA Tone 7 By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen,//granting the world great mercy.

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KONTAKION Tone 4 Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us. Knowing You, we sing Your praises: "You have come and revealed Yourself,//O unapproachable Light."

Instead of "Holy God..."

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

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 APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (4:7-13)

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

Alleluia, Tone 5

v: Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing to the age, to generation and generation I will declare your truth in my mouth. (*Psalm 88:1-2*)

v: For you said, To the age mercy will be built, in the heavens your truth will be prepared. (*Psalm 88:3*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (4:12-17) At that time when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caper'na-um by the sea, in the territory of Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles -- the people who sat in darkness have seen a great Light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

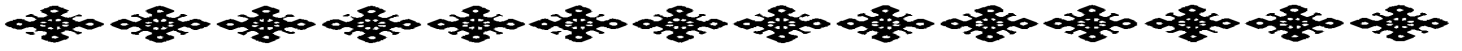
Instead of "It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos..." Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts! No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos; even angels are overcome with awe praising you. But since you are good, accept our faith; for you know our love inspired by God! You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMN The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. (*Titus 2:11*)

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." **Tone 1** When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His Beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself,//and have enlightened the world, glory to You!

The outdoor blessing of water will take place after the prayer behind the amvon. Everyone, please join us for our annual Epiphany banquet following the distribution of the antidoron.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

3rd birthday blessings for godson Beckam Andrew

Teta Kathy

Health & welfare of the Lord's daughter

Jacob, Jordon, Amir & Rimi

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev & Irina

Irina Sivergina

Kosta Todorovsky family; Lubitsa, Diana, Anastasia, Stevan, Philip, Saso,

Anthony, Monica & David

Paul Brayan

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

Joe Tome

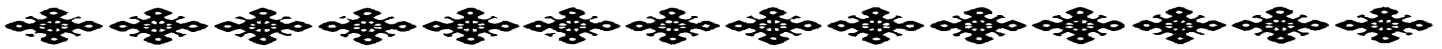
CANDLE INTENETION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Kosta Todorovsky

Paul Brayan

Adelaïda, Feodosiy, Galina, Nikolay, Vasiliy, Andrey & Vitaliy

Irina Sivergina



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](#).

Jan 14 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Angelo Panoff

Jan 21 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Calvin Conrad

READER: Phil Wiles

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 meets on Wednesdays at 11:15.

CHURCH SCHOOL Outdoor blessing of water & dinner.

THEOPHANY DINNER and outdoor blessing of water January 14th. Tickets can be purchased from Sharon Jernigan. The main course is lamb & chicken. Adults \$18, children under 12 free. **Please bring a dessert to share.**

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.

12th ANNUAL DORMITION FUNDRAISER DINNER will be held at the *newly renovated* St. George Banquet Center on January 18th. Registration deadline was January 7th but you can still donate to Dormition Monastery & watch the YouTube talks at 7:30 pm. Please write checks out to Dormition Monastery. Cash donations can be given to Katherine Gonser on Sunday, Jan. 14.

PLEDGE CARDS If you have not turned in your pledge card yet please do so this week. There are blank cards available at the candle stand. It is important to sign a card as it's one of the requirements to be considered a member in good standing. Pledging an amount will help the parish council set a budget and also ensures your donations are applied to your new pledge.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE The first order of business was to elect the officers of the parish council and a non-office member of the executive committee. President: nominees Sharon Jernigan and Stephanie Price. Sharon Jernigan was elected. Vice president: Paul Brayan was the only nominee and accepted. Treasurer: Susie Ford was the only nominee and accepted. Secretary: Barry Cavett was the only nominee and accepted. Non-officer on executive committee: Dennis Jernigan was the only nominee and accepted. **Financial report:** Tithes and offerings were down \$19,000 for 2023 compared to 2022. The year 2023 ended with a deficit of \$4,500. Passing the stewardship plate has led to an increase in tithes and offerings, especially in loose offering. When using Givelify please consider giving to cover the cost of the Givelify processing fee. The diocesan assessment is no longer a per person fee but is a percentage of income (5%) for each parish in the diocese. **Endowment report:** no report. **Rector's report:** highlights - Dormition Winter Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, January 18 at Saint George Banquet Center with the topic *A Rule of Prayer*. Kathy Gonser is our parish representative and the main meal which our parish is preparing is being overseen by Sharon and Dennis Jernigan, Kathy Gonser, and Father Matthew. "A Christian Ending" seminar with Deacon Mark Barna will be hosted at Saint Mary Magdalene Church May 24-25. Details will

be published. Father Matthew thanked parish council members and the parishioners for their support of his assisting Archbishop Alexander after his surgery. **Church school/youth ministry:** the rest of the 2023-2024 school year is all set. End of the school year is Sunday, May 19. **Community outreach:** Stephanie Price prepared a calendar of events for 2024 which will be published in the newsletter, bulletin, online calendar, Facebook page, and website. Add "opt in to text messages" on the visitor sign-in sheet. Stephanie Price is looking into Project Broadcast to send text messages for updates to parishioners. **Fundraising:** Theophany banquet on January 14. Dance on March 9. Meatfare dinner on March 10, Cheesefare dinner on March 17. August 18 is our outdoor Liturgy and picnic which will feature the Skimos Band. Pass along the word! A Facebook page will be created with a link to a sign-up sheet. **Charity:** North End Soup Kitchen service is Thursday, February 1 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. **Buildings and maintenance:** Pavilion needs some work on the cracks and levelling before the August Liturgy, picnic, and dance. Some carpentry work needs to be done. Floor of pavilion needs to be done first. Bench seats need some work. Light fixture was replaced in the south altar area (formerly bathroom). Some of sewer pipes are cracked and leaking into tunnels under church. The wiring from the electrical box into the tunnel has a short in it somewhere under the concrete. New lines have to be run over from the electric box to the tunnel. Someone needs to get into the tunnel at least once a year to check the wiring and add lubricant to stop corrosion - from one end to the other. A scheduled maintenance list is being planned. **Old business:** None. **New business:** Housing allowance for Father Matthew approved - same as 2023. Our choir director, Reader J. Joseph Tome, needs a new computer which he uses the vast majority of the time to prepare music - \$500 to \$600. Parish council will obtain more details before making a decision.

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Church will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024, beginning with a short prayer service after the Divine Liturgy. The meeting will then reconvene in the fellowship hall. The nominating committee will also be elected. All parish organizations must present a report, oral or written, to be given at this meeting. Please email reports to stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com From the parish bylaws: "A quorum for membership meetings shall consist of 25 per cent of the total number of members in good standing on record...If at a time fixed for the meeting; the present parish members should fail to constitute the required quorum, another membership meeting shall be convened one hour later on the same day which meeting shall be considered valid in the presence of any number of attending members. This provision should be included in the text of the notice convening the general membership meeting."

OFFICE HOURS this week are Monday, Thursday & Friday from 9-3. *Closed on Wednesday.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, January 15 - Fr. in Toledo

10 am Knitting/crochet group

Wednesday, January 17 Office Closed

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Adult education

Thursday, January 18

5 pm-8:30pm 12th Annual Dormition Fundraiser at St. George

Saturday, January 20

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

Sunday, January 21

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

Church School - [Galatians - Fruit of the Spirit](#)

Offerings for the week January 7, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 5,114.54
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ 1,014.54

61 persons in attendance on January 7