

January 21, 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, JANUARY 21, 2024 33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Sunday of Zacchaeus. Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662). Martyr Neophytus of Nicæa (303-305). Martyrs Eugene, Candidus, Valerian, and Aquila, at Trebizond (3rd c.). Virgin Martyr Agnes of Rome (ca. 304). Martyr Anastasius, disciple of Ven. Maximus the Confessor (662). Venerable Neóphytos of Vatopaidi (Mt. Athos). Ven. Maxim the Greek (1556).

TROPARIA

Tone 8 You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 Your holy martyr Neophytus, O Lord, through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through his intercessions, save our souls!

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 fourth tone: To the saints who are in his land / the Lord has shown the wonders of all his will in them. (Psalm 15:3)

v. I saw the Lord before me always, for he is at my right so that I do not stagger. (Psalm 15:9)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (11:33-12:2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore, having around us a cloud of witnesses, laying aside all weight and the sin which surrounds us, we also in forbearance run the race set before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus the source and perfecter of the faith, who instead of the joy set before Him forbore the cross, despising shame, and sat at the right side of the throne of God.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, raise a great shout to God our savior. (Psalm 94:1)

v. Let us come before his Face in confession, and in psalms let us raise a great shout to him. (Psalm 94:2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (19:1-10) At that time Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.” Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

COMMUNION HYMN

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

The holy Gospel according to John 21:15-25 (11th Matins Gospel)

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (*agapas*) Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love (*philo*) You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (*agapas*) Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love (*philo*) You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (*phileis*) Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love (*phileis*) Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love (*philo*) You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep. Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish. This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.” Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?” Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.” Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?” This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

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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

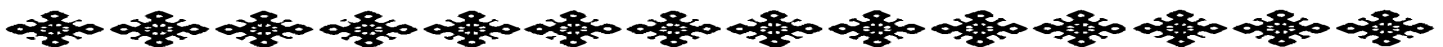
Special Intention

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CANDLE INTENENTION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

The soul of Peter Christino at the falling asleep on Jan. 14

Dcn Luke



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 21 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Calvin Conrad

READER: Phil Wiles

Jan 28 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie Price

HOURS: Phil Wiles

READER: Katherine Gonser

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by Annie & Alec Bailey in honor of their daughter Sonny Louise's baptism. 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 ED CLASS every Wednesday at 11:15

CHURCH SCHOOL Lesson - [Galatians - Fruit of the Spirit](#)

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.

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."

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



12TH ANNUAL DORMITION MONASTERY DINNER took place January 18 at St. George Church. *Please* take the time to watch or listen to the talks on [a Rule of Prayer – personally, in parish life, and in a monastery](#). The Lord bless Fr Michael Bassett and Fr Dn Michael Schlaack for their work in organizing. Remember in prayer Mother Gabriella, Mother Macrina, Mother Olympia, Mother Melania, Mother Apolinaria, Sister Elysia, Sister Emily and Ruxandra Sheldon together with Father John and Preoteasa Anna Konkle who make up the community of the monastery. Thank you to everyone who attended the Dormition Dinner, donated, or worked, especially at our church who prepared the main meal: Irene Batcos, Katherine Gonser, Dennis and Sharon Jernigan, and Matushka Lisa.

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

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). 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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today **Baptism of Sonny Louise Bailey - pizza in fellowship hall afterwards**

Monday, January 22 - *Fr. in Toledo*

10 am knitting/crochet group

Wednesday, January 24

9:30 am Divine Liturgy - served by Fr Michael Bassett and responses led by Fr Matthew

11:15 am adult education - We are continuing with [*Psalms and the Life of Faith*](#) by Elder Aimilianos looking at twelve of the one hundred and fifty Psalms.

Thursday, January 25

11 am Priests' meeting to set schedule for Lent, Bright Week, Lenten retreat, and feasts

Saturday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 28

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

Church School - [Ephesians - Armor of God](#)

Offerings for the week January 14, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,520.01
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ - 1,579.99

57 persons in attendance on January 14