

March 10, 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, MARCH 10, 2024 SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 7. Sunday of the Last Judgment. Martyr Quadratus and those with him: Cyprian, Dionysius, Anectus, Paul, Crescens, Dionysius (another), Victorinus, Victor, Nikēphoros, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, Papias, Leonidas, Chariessa, Nunechia, Basilissa, Nice (Nika, Victoria), Galla, Galina, Theodora, and many others, at Corinth (258, 267-268). Martyrs Quadratus, Saturninus, Rufinus, and the rest, of Nicomedia (3rd c.). St. Anastasia the Patrician of Alexandria (567-568).

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.

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 When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory, / all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat; / the books shall be opened, and hidden things disclosed; / then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, // and make me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Righteous Judge!

The prokeimenon in the third tone: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure. (Psalm 146:5)

v. Praise the Lord, for good is the psalm. To our God let praise be pleasing. (Psalm 146:1)

THE READING IS FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (8:8 - 9:2) Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I

not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

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 MATTHEW (25:31-46) At that time Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (*Psalm 147/148:1*)

Meatfare Sunday The foregoing two parables – the Tax Collector & the Pharisee, especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God’s extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day’s feast commemorating Christ’s impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds.

It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam’s exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today’s is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end. All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday. from goarch.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

God’s love & blessings on Dcn. Kerry, Katherine, Alex & Noah Gonser
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

Connie

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

My brother Bogdan Beslach (12 yrs.)

Bosa Kantar

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Bogdan Beslach (12 yrs.)

Janja & Milica Beslach



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](#).

Mar 10 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman **HOURS:** Alexander Gonser **READER:** Angelo Panoff

Mar 17 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff **HOURS:** Angelo Panoff **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 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 - [Hebrews - Angels](#)

MEATFARE DINNER is March 10. The menu is lamb, chicken, rice, coleslaw & a vegetable. The cost is \$18 per adult and children are free. Please see Sharon Jernigan for tickets.

CHEESEFARE DINNER Sunday, March 17 with Pierogies, Strata & French Toast & more. There is a signup sheet in the parish hall for those who can help. A free will offering will be collected.

PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT on Saturday, April 6 at St Mary Magdalene Church welcoming Father Andrew Stephen Damick of the Lord of Spirits podcast at Ancient Faith. Register and see more information [here](#). There is also a 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. **The deadline to register is Friday, March 29 at 3 pm.**

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER We will have our Lenten Prayer Partners again this year. If you are out of town for Lent or are homebound and would like to participate, please call the office: 810-744-0070. Here's how the Lenten Prayer Partner works: prayer cards are printed with a blank space for your name. It is then folded in half and returned to the office. On Cheesefare Sunday (March 17), everyone participating will draw a card. Then everyone will pray daily for the person on the card they drew. Remember to keep it secret! At Pascha, you can let your prayer partner know you remembered them in prayer during Lent by giving them a card or a red egg or sending them a card.

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 to your donation to cover the fee we are charged. 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.

PARISH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm. Parish council members please check your email for reports and notify the office if you are unable to attend. Meetings are open for anyone to attend.

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

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

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. **2,239 people have liked our Facebook page and 2,294 people have followed it.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today **Meatfare dinner**
1 pm Trisagion for Mildred George (6 months) at Great Lakes National Cemetery
pm Fr. leaves for Toledo

Monday, March 11 pm Fr. returns from Toledo

Tuesday, March 12 Communion calls
6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting
6:30 pm Prayer service at St. Mary Magdalene for the sick & suffering

Wednesday, March 13
10 am Lenten Hours
11:15 am Adult education

Saturday, March 16
5 pm **Vespers - live-streamed** Confessions

Sunday, March 17 **CHEESEFARE SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS**
9:30 am Hours & 10 am Divine Liturgy- live- streamed
Church School - [Hebrews - Faith & Hope](#)
Cheesefare dinner
Forgiveness Vespers

Offerings for the week March 3, 2024

Weekly Offerings	\$ 3,335.92
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ - 764.08

53 persons in attendance on March 3