

November 12, 2023

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, NOVEMBER 22, 2023 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. St. John the Merciful, Patriarch of Constantinople (612-20). Ven. Nilus the Faster, of Sinai (5th c.). Bl. John “the Hairy”, Fool-for-Christ, in Rostov (1580). Prophet Ahijah (960 BC). Ven. Nilus the Myrrhusher, of Mt. Athos (1651). Saint Varnava (Nastic) (1964).

TROPARIA

Tone 6 The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Your grave, / seeking Your most pure body. / You captured hell, not being tempted by it. / You came to the Virgin, granting life. / O Lord, Who rose from the dead, // glory to You.

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 4 The Most Pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the House of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, whom the angels of God do praise: “Truly this woman is the abode of heaven!”

The prokeimenon in the sixth tone: O Lord, save Your people / and bless Your inheritance! (Psalm 27:9a)

v. To you, O Lord, I cried, O my God, do not keep silent from me. (Psalm 27:1a)

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (2:4-10) Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God -- not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Alleluia, Tone 6

v: The one who dwells in the help of the Most High, in the shelter of the God of heaven will be abiding. (Psalm 90:1)

v: He will say to the Lord, You are the one who takes hold of me and my refuge, my God, and I will hope in him. (Psalm 90:2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (10:25-37) At that time, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

The holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. 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, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted, Joseph, Marlene, Mary, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends

Special Intention

Joe Tome

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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](#).

Nov 12 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Calvin Conrad

READER: Angelo Panoff

Nov 19 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie Price

HOURS: Phil Wiles

READER: Alexander Gonser

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 on Wednesdays at 11:15 am. [Psalms and the Life of Faith](#) by Elder Aimilianos looking at twelve of the one hundred and fifty Psalms.

CHURCH SCHOOL Lesson - [Confession](#)

COFFEE SOCIAL 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.

CHEESE & CHEESE/LEEK TRIANGLES sale Sunday, November 19th. The deadline to order is November 15th. **This is Pre-order ONLY and they will be frozen.** The sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. The cost is 1-\$3, 4-\$10, 8-\$20. This is a fundraiser for a band for next year's picnic. Contact Lena Bakousidis with any questions.



ANGEL TREE Our parish will participate in this program for Christmas as part of our Advent fast, helping those in need. The 50 tags with children's names are on the Angel Tree in the parish hall, as well as the signup sheet. Gifts do need to be placed in a gift bag or wrapped but you must include the child's names and code number on the gifts. Gift range is between \$25 and \$35. It's important to keep the amounts spent for kids in the same family the same. Please return the gifts by December 6. Contact Eileen Branoff at (810) 232-5132 with any questions.

PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES & EVENTS - NOVEMBER 2023

Nov 14 6:30 pm Prayer service for the sick and suffering at St. Mary Magdalene.

Nov 20 6 pm Vespers and Liturgy for Entrance of the Theotokos at Assumption Church
Special visitor - Bishop Earl Boyea of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing

COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 9th from 10 am to 1 pm. This year the Cookie Walk will be chaired by Lucy Hogg and requires help from many people. Please call Lucy at 810-695-3110 with any questions. The baked goods need to be delivered by Friday, December 8th before 3 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale. Donations are also appreciated if you cannot bring cookies so some pre-made goodies can be purchased.



LETTER FROM FR. MATTHEW please read the attached letter from Fr. Matthew regarding the December schedule.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS If you would like to have your name(s) included on the annual Christmas greetings list please call or email the office no later than December 1st. Donations are appreciated.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for the deceased. Forms are also in the narthex. The sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP meets in the fellowship hall every Monday 10 am - 1 pm. Whether you already knit/crochet, want to learn or just want to come and fellowship everyone is welcome. Contact Pam Pitlanish at 248-854-6351 with any questions.

ELECTION RESULTS OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS & LAY DELEGATES

Parish Council elected were Barry Cavett, Connie Maxim & Stephanie Price.

Auditors Calvin Conrad

Lay Delegate - 2024 Diocesan Conference Susie Ford and alternate is J. Joseph Tome.

Archbishop Alexander has blessed the installation of those elected. The installation of the new members will take place on Sunday, December 17. Newly elected - please receive Confession before that date and receive Communion that Sunday.

MAKE YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING EASY AND CONVENIENT WITH GIVELIFY Go to the website and on the home page click on the box **Give now with Givelify** which will walk you through the donation process; 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.**

KITCHEN USE Please call the office to check on availability before planning to use the kitchen.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS made by church school children from decades ago and signed are on the table in the fellowship hall. If you or a family member made one, take it home to place on your tree!

HOLIDAY PASTRY SALE at Assumption is taking orders until December 1. Fliers with the details are in the parish hall.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, November 13 *St John Chrysostom* *Fr. Matthew in Toledo*

Tuesday, November 14

6:30 pm Parish Council meeting
6:30 pm Prayer service for the sick & suffering at St. Mary

Wednesday, November 15 NATIVITY FAST BEGINS

 No Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult education

Thursday, November 16 *Saint Matthew*

9:30 am Divine Liturgy – served by Fr Michael Bassett & responses led by Fr Matthew

Saturday, November 18

5 pm **Vespers** *Confessions*

Sunday, November 19

9:30 am **Hours- live- streamed**
10 am **Divine Liturgy - live- streamed**
Church School - **Romans - Members of One Body**

Offerings for the week November 5, 2023

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 2,963.99
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ -1,136.01

79 persons in attendance on November 5

FROM FATHER'S DESK

12 November 2023 - Saint John the Merciful, archbishop of Alexandria

Beloved in Christ,

On December 6 — the feast of our father among the saints Nicholas, archbishop of Myra in Lycia, the wonderworker — our archbishop and father Alexander will have surgery to remove his prostate gland and thus remove the cancer. Please keep Archbishop Alexander in your prayers and the doctors and nurses and staff who will be caring for him.

Because Archbishop Alexander will be at home and will need assistance in preparation for his surgery and during the initial stages of his recovery, I will stay with him from December 5 through at least December 25. The parish council has unanimously agreed to my doing this for our father in faith.

Here is an updated schedule for my part, all God-willing:

Saturday, December 2 - 10 am set up indoor Nativity scenes and any other Christmas trees/decorations that need to be put up in church and hall. Outdoor Nativity scene can be put up when convenient and weather is good. Your help is needed!

Sunday, December 3 - Saint Nicholas visits, as scheduled.

Tuesday, December 5 - 6 pm pan-Orthodox Vespers and Liturgy at our church for the feast of St Nicholas. Father Joe Abud will be the main celebrant (*Protos*) for the service as the senior priest. Joe Tome will lead the singing. If you are able, please plan on attending this service as this is our parish feast and we welcome faithful from the three other churches.

Wednesday, December 6 - No Liturgy and no adult education – Archbishop Alexander's surgery.

Thursday, December 7 ABC 12 interview is scheduled at 9:45 am. Stephanie Price will be interviewed. We need a volunteer or volunteers to make a tray of assorted goodies for the interview.

Saturday, December 9 Cookie Walk - Deacon Luke (Kerry) will lead church tours for visitors.

Sunday, December 10 Fr Robert Royer serves 10 am Liturgy – Confessions after Liturgy.

Sunday, December 17 Fr Robert Royer serves 10 am Liturgy - Confessions after Liturgy
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Sunday, December 24 Fr Robert Royer serves 10 am Liturgy – Confessions after Liturgy.

Fr Robert serves 6 pm Great Vespers for Christmas.

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day 10 am Liturgy served by Father Michael Bassett.

- Steve Timofeev, the diocesan treasurer, stated that the diocese will cover the cost of any priests' *honoraria* for those days one serves in my place.
- God-willing, I should be able to do remote work such as preparing the Sunday bulletins, vespers, hours, Facebook postings, etc. and adult education can continue via Zoom.
- during this time, emergency sick calls, funerals or other holy mysteries (confession, etc.) will be seen to by the area priests.

Thank you for your patience, love, and prayers. Again, please keep Archbishop Alexander in your prayers for his healing.

Love,

Fr Matthew