

November 26, 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 26, 2023 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. The Righteous Gideon. Ven. Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis (7th c.). Dedication of the Church of the Greatmartyr George at Kiev (1051-54). Repose of St. Innocent, first Bishop of Irkutsk (1731). Ven. James the Solitary of Syria (457).

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 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 3 The Virgin comes today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word Eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message, with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him Who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He Who is from eternity God.

The prokeimenon in the eighth tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God! (*Psalms 75:12*)

v. **God is known in Judea, in Israel great is his name.** (*Psalms 75:1*)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (4:1-7)

Brethren: I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. **Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, raise a great shout to God our savior.** (*Psalms 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 (18:18-27) At that time a ruler asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

The holy Gospel according to Mark 16: 9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel)

Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

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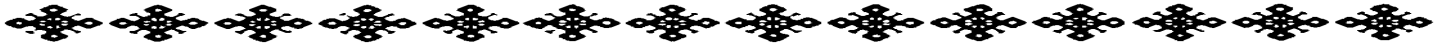
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Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted, Joseph, Marlene, Mary, all the parishioners 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 26 **CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford

HOURS: Alexander Gonser

READER: Phil Wiles

Dec 3 **CANDLESTAND:** Christine Panoff

HOURS: Angelo Panoff

READER: Katherine 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 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 Confessions today and lesson - [1 Thessalonians - Giving Thanks](#)

COFFEE SOCIAL Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a sign-up sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate and/or serve in the coming weeks.

PROSFORA bread for the Divine Liturgy is needed. If you can make some, please bring it to church during office hours or at the divine services. God bless you!



ANGEL TREE Our parish will participate in this program for Christmas as part of our Advent fast, helping those in need. **Out of 50 children's names, only 5 remain on the Angel Tree in the parish hall.** 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. If there are any questions, contact Eileen Branoff at (810) 232-5132.

COOKIE WALK on Saturday, December 9th from 10 am to 1 pm, Lucy Hogg is chairperson.

The event requires help from many people. Please call Lucy at 810-695-3110 with any questions.

- Baked goods need to be delivered by Friday, December 8th before 3 pm.
- 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 baklava & some pre-made goodies can be purchased. There is a donation jar in the parish hall.
- Please help us get the word out about the Cookie Walk! Share our parish [Facebook page event](#) and [posting](#) on the Cookie Walk, take fliers to share, let your friends and neighbors know!



ANGEL WING ORNAMENTS are available for purchase from Christine Panoff or can be picked up in the office. Cost is \$5 per ornament. These are for families to put in photos of fallen asleep family members. The ornaments will then be placed on a Christmas tree in the church annually. **Sunday, December 3 a Trisagion will be held in memory of all those fallen asleep remembered on tree.**

2024 CALENDARS are available in the narthex.

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. Everyone is welcome. Contact Pam Pitlanish at 248-854-6351 with any questions.

PRISON MINISTRY *please read this important message from Fr Michael Basset dated 21 November:*

Blessings of the Feast! Last Saturday, 11/18, was a historic day for Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry in Michigan. Protodeacons Michael Schlaack and Luke Gonser (I was not able to go because of an exposure to COVID) committed their day to visiting the Saginaw Correctional Facility (CF) and meeting with 4 inmates, one of whom, beginning in June, had requested assistance and direction in exploring Orthodox Christianity.

This event was preceded by several months of working with the CF to understand what we needed to do and then passing background checks and going through volunteer orientation.

Then on Saturday, dressed in cassocks and carrying a case with icons, an Orthodox Study Bible, Typika Service Booklets, and sheets with Morning and Evening Prayers they waited, went through several levels of security and searches and waited some more and then received their reward: An hour with 4 men who were very attentive and interested and asked lots of fundamental questions - basically a group of inquirers - and then prayed the Morning Prayers together.

Three of the men were on our list of 8 (now 7 as one has been paroled). One of the men was not on our list. We do not know what we will encounter next Saturday.

We will be working out a schedule for every Saturday in the foreseeable future to lead these men (and hopefully others) through a time of Worship and Inquiry. At this time only the three of us are involved and "certified" as volunteers. As we move forward and better understand the situation we may involve lay people and of course welcome any of you who are interested to participate.

And, since onsite volunteers are generally not allowed to correspond with inmates, we are looking for many more correspondents.

Please keep the Protodeacons and me and the inquirers at the Saginaw CF in the prayers of your parish as we continue this new work, in addition to working to continue correspondence with approximately 30 inmates and establish correspondents for the ones who are inquiring.

All thanks be to God!

Love, Father Michael Bassett, Assistant Priest, Saint George Orthodox Church / Flint, MI

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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!

OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the parish hall. If there are boxes for family members who have not been attending whom you will be seeing this month, please deliver them to help save on postage costs (\$5 per box of envelopes). If you did not receive envelopes with your name on them and you want to receive numbered & dated envelopes, please let Marcia know. Using envelopes is very helpful to those who count the money & for the auditors.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, November 27

10 am Knitting/Crochet group meets

Wednesday, November 29

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

11 am Adult education **please note time change!**

Father leaves for Toledo at 12 noon

Saturday, December 2

10 am Decorate church followed by lenten soup and bread

12:30 pm Vespers please note time change, this Saturday only! *Confessions*

Sunday, December 3

9:30 am Hours - live-streamed

10 am Divine Liturgy - live-streamed

Trisagion for those remembered on our Angel Wing Tree

St. Nicholas visits followed by lenten potluck

Offerings for the week November 19, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,194.69
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ - 1,905.31

49 persons in attendance on November 92