

**October 1, 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.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. The Protection (Pokrov) of our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary . Apostle of the Seventy Ananias (1st c.). Ven. Romanós the Melodist (“Sweet-singer”—5th c.). Ven. Savva (Sabbas), Abbot of Vishera (Novgorod—1461). Martyr Dominus of Thessalonica (4th c.). Martyr Michael, Abbot in Armenia, and 36 Fathers with him (780-790). Ven. John (Koukouzelis) the Hymnographer of Mt. Athos (Albanian—12th c.). Ven. Gregory of Lavra (Mt. Athos—12th c.).**

**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** Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy, illumined by your coming, O Mother of God. Beholding your pure image, we fervently cry to you: “Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection; deliver us from every form of evil by entreating Christ, your Son and our God, that He may save our souls.”

**Tone 4** You gladdened Christ's Church by your melodies / like an inspired heavenly trumpet. / You were enlightened by the Mother of God / and shone on the world as God's poet. / We lovingly honor you, righteous Romanos.

**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** Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and bishops worship, Apostles and Prophets rejoice together, since for our sake she prays to the pre-eternal God.

**The prokeimenon in the third tone: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.** (*Luke 1:46-47*)

**v. For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.** (*Luke 1:48*)

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (9:1-7)**

Brethren, even the first testament had ordinances of divine service and the earthly tabernacle. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the Holies; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, which had the golden censer and the ark of the testament overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the testament; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.

***Alleluia, Tone 8***

**v. Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!** (*Psalms 94:1*)

**v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**  
(*Psalms 94:2*)

**THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (6:31-36)** At that time, Jesus told His disciples, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

**COMMUNION HYMN**

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (*Psalms 115:4*)

**THE PROTECTION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS** (Oct. 1): This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

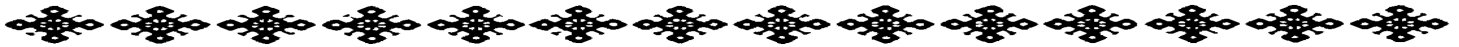
After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, “O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard.”

Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and “for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation.”

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven, “Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you.” [www.oca.org](http://www.oca.org)

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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Happy Birthday Nikolay, nephew of Irina Sivergina (40 yrs. Sept. 27)

Irina Sivergina

Health & God’s blessings for the Elieff & Krigner family

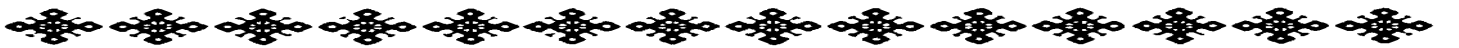
Nancy Krigner

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome



**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](#).

Oct 1 **CANDLESTAND:** Dennis Goodman

**HOURS:** Lucy Hogg

**READER:** Alexander Gonser

Oct 8 **CANDLESTAND:** Dennis Jernigan

**HOURS:** Calvin Conrad

**READER:** Kathy Gonser

**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.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**INQUIRERS’/CATECHUMENS’ CLASS** led by our parish catechist, Reader Alexander Gonser, takes place on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy. Please join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

**ADULT ED CLASS** on Wednesdays at 11:15 am. The next book is *Psalms and the Life of Faith* by Elder Aimilianos. Donation is \$10 for the book.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** Lesson - [Chrismation](#)

**CHEESE & CHEESE/LEEK TRIANGLES** will be for sale Sunday, October 1 after Liturgy. 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.

**NOISY OFFERING** will be collected the whole month of October and the children will sponsor a child or children from the Angel Tree for Christmas. The offering will be taken during coffee social after class. Please bring your spare change!

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

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** We have resumed passing the tray after Communion for offering envelopes and charity. Please drop your donations in the tray when it is passed after Communion.

**THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP ENVELOPE** in the bulletin is to support parish seminarians, those training to become catechists, and kiosk expense for theological materials for inquirers. Please be generous!



St. Nicholas is hosting "Trunk or Treat" on October 21 after 5 pm Vespers. Decorate your trunks and bring treats! This is open to the community / all Orthodox churches.

**ETHNIC DANCE** on September 23 had over 50 people attend. A good time was had by all & the parish council hopes to have another one in the new year.

**A ROOM FOR RENT** is needed for a female parishioner. If you or someone you know has one available, please call the office at 810-744-0070.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** is in dire need of all soaps – Laundry, Dish & Body Soap. They are also collecting Toothpaste, Toothbrushes & Socks for the month of October. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Prayer and volunteers are also greatly appreciated.

**PLEASE SUBSCRIBE OR "LIKE" AND "SHARE"** our YouTube channel [Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#) and our parish Facebook page : [www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton](http://www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton) This is a way for you to help get out the word of our parish to those exploring the life in Christ in the Orthodox Church.

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Wednesday, October 4**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy – *music books are at the candlestand for congregational singing*  
11:15 am Adult education

**Thursday, October 5**

9 am – 12 pm North End Soup Kitchen

**Friday, October 6** *Fr. Matthew in Toledo*

**Saturday, October 7**

**No Vespers or Confessions**

60<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Conference at St Nicholas Cathedral, Fort Wayne, IN

**Sunday, October 8**

9:30 am      **Hours- live- streamed**

10 am      **Divine Liturgy - live- streamed**

Church School - **Divine Liturgy**

Noisy Offering collected during Coffee Social - bring your loose change

**Offerings for the week September 24, 2023**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 2,441.34
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,100.00
	<b>\$ -1,658.66</b>

*68 persons in attendance on September 24*