

**December 5, 2021**

**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, DECEMBER 5, 2021 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Ven. Savvas the Sanctified (532). St. Gurias, Archbishop of Kazan' (1563). Martyr Anastasius. Ven. Karion (Cyrion) and his son, Ven. Zachariah, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Nectarius of Mt. Athos (1406). Ven. Philotheus of Karyes (Mt. Athos – 14th c.). Monastic Martyrs of Karyes (Mt. Athos). St. Crispina (304).**

**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 8** By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles you illuminated the whole universe.// Our Father Sabbas, pray to Christ God to 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 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 seventh tone: Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. (Psalm 115:6)***

***v. What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? (Psalm 115:12)***

## THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (5:22-6:2)

*Brethren:* the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

### *Alleluia, Tone 7*

**v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.** (*Psalm 91:1*)

**v. To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.** (*Psalm 91:2a*)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE. (13:10-17)** At that time Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

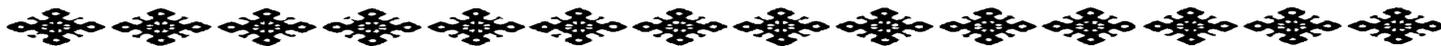
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Psalm 148:1*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### *The Holy Gospel according to Mark 16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)*

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away - for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples - and Peter - that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Venerable Sabbas (Savvas) the Sanctified (December 5)** This Saint was born in 439 in Moutalaska, a small village of Cappadocia. He entered the arena of the monastic life from childhood and was under that master trainer of monastics, Euthymius, the Great, the teacher of the desert. He became the spiritual Father of many monks and an instructor for the monasteries in Palestine, and was appointed leader (archimandrite) of the desert-dwellers of Palestine by the Patriarch of Jerusalem. In his old age he went to Constantinople, to the Emperors Anastasius and Saint Justinian the Great, in behalf of the Orthodox Faith and the dogmas of the Council of Chalcedon. Having lived ninety-four years, he reposed in 533. The Typicon for the ecclesiastical services had its beginning in the monastery established by this righteous one.  
*from [goarch.org](http://goarch.org)*

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

God's mercy on the victims, those injured & the families of the Oxford High School shooting and for healing of the community

Nancy Krigner  
Dorothy Goodman

Nik Evanenko health & blessings

Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends

Joe Tome  
Joe Tome

Special Intention

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Val Evanenko. You're dearly loved & missed

Connie  
Sandy Taylor  
Dorothy Goodman  
Nancy Krigner  
Lucy Hogg  
Dorothy Goodman

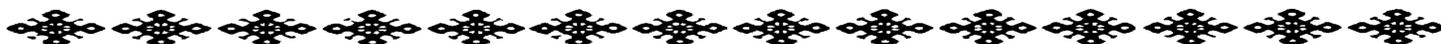
Olga Samaras (2 yrs.)

Val Evanenko Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Memory Eternal~Blessed Repose Valentina Evanenko

Valentina Evanenko Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal

Helen Bibilikow, sweet loving sister. Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal (11/28/2014)



**WELCOME** to all our friends and visitors! Welcome to everyone 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](#) for their livestreams.

**COOKIE WALK INTERVIEW** Fr. Matthew will be interviewed at ABC channel 12 on Friday, December 10. This will be on the air that morning between 9-10 am. ABC 12 no longer does the Morning Mug Shot.

**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 refreshments and/or to help serve.

**ANGEL WING ORNAMENTS** are still available for purchase from Christine Panoff. The cost is \$5 per ornament. Please put the person's name on the back.

**COOKIE WALK** is December 11<sup>th</sup>. There are signup sheets on a table as you go into the parish hall to volunteer to bake cookies & desserts, set-up or the break-down of the hall following the sale. Please call Lucy at 810-695-3110 if you have any questions. \*\*Cookies can also be made ahead of time, frozen and kept here at the church.

**MEMORY ETERNAL - CHRIST IS RISEN**

**VALENTINA EVANENKO** fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, November 24. She is the wife of Nikolai Evanenko and the mother of Taras Evanenko and Natalie Evanenko. Her funeral took place at Snow Funeral Home, Saginaw, on Saturday, November 27 with burial at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Saginaw, on the same day. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen! Christos voskrese! Christ God grant His handmaiden Valentina rest in the light of His Face. God sustain her family by His grace.

**OFFICE HOURS** this week are Monday 11:30-3 & Friday 9-3. Matushka Lisa will be filling in for Marcia.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are ready to be picked up in the narthex. If you don't see a box with your name but would like one please contact the office by phone or email.

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Today** St. Nicholas feast

**Monday, December 6 SAINT NICHOLAS - patron of our church**

10 am Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy  
11:30 am-3pm Office open

**Tuesday, December 7** *Father in Toledo*

**Wednesday, December 8**

*Office Closed*  
10 am Vanilla crescent cookie workshop  
No Divine Liturgy  
No Adult education

**Thursday, December 9** *The Conception by righteous Anna of the all-holy Mother of God*

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

**Friday, December 10**

1 pm Set-up for Cookie Walk

**Saturday, December 11**

10 am-1 pm Cookie Walk  
**5 pm** [Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)  
*Confessions*

**Sunday, December 12**

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours  
**10 am** [Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)  
Church School

**Offerings for the week November 28, 2021**

*40 persons in attendance on November 28<sup>th</sup>*

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,853.29
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -1,250.71