

January 11, 2026

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 narthex. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

Holy Communion – for Orthodox Christians (those received into the Orthodox Church through baptism or chrismation), please note that there are specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion – fasting from midnight (unless you need to take medication) and recent Confession. 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

For our visitors who are not Orthodox Christian: we welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (antidoron) which will be given when coming forward to receive the final blessing from the priest at the conclusion of the Liturgy. **Again, welcome!**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026 31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. 31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Ven. Theodosius the Great, the Cenobiarch (529). Sunday after Theophany. Ven. Michael of Klops Monastery, Fool-for-Christ (Novgorod – ca. 1453-56). St. Theodosius of Antioch (ca. 412). Ven. Theodosius, Metropolitan of Trebizond (1392). The “ELETSKAIA” Icon of the Mother of God (1060).

FIRST ANTIPHON

When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language. (*Psalm 113:1*)

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion. (*Psalm 113:2*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back. (*Psalm 113:3*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? (*Psalm 113:5*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication. (*Psalm 114:1*) **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. (*Psalm 114:2*) **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the name of the Lord. (*Psalm 114:3-4a*) **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Gracious and righteous is the Lord, and our God is merciful. (*Psalm 114:5*) **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Confess to the Lord, that he is good, that his mercy is to the age. (*Psalm 117:1*)

Troparion Tone 1 When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His Beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself, // and have enlightened the world, glory to You!

So then let the house of Israel say, that he is good that his mercy is to the age. (Psalm 117:2) Troparion

So then let the house of Aaron say, that he is good that his mercy is to the age. (Psalm 117:3) Troparion

So then let all who fear the Lord say, that he is good that his mercy is to the age. (Psalm 117:4) Troparion

THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Deacon: Wisdom! Upright!

Choir: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ,...risen from the dead...

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.

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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 illumined the whole universe! / Our Father Theodosius, 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 4 Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us. Knowing You, we sing Your praises: "You have come and revealed Yourself, // O unapproachable Light."

The prokeimenon in the seventh tone: Let the saints exult in glory, / let them sing for joy on their couches! (Psalm 149:5)

v. Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the faithful! (Psalm 149:1)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and to the ages. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Alleluia, Tone 5

v: Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing to the age, to generation and generation I will declare your truth in my mouth. (Psalm 88:1-2)

v: For you said, To the age mercy will be built, in the heavens your truth will be prepared. (Psalm 88:3)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (4:12-17) At that time when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caper'na-um by the sea, in the territory of Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles -- the people who sat in darkness have seen a great Light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Instead of "It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos..." Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts! No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos; even angels are overcome with awe praising you. But since you are good, accept our faith; for you know our love inspired by God! You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMN The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all people. (Titus 2:11)

The outdoor blessing of water will take place after the prayer behind the amvon. Everyone, please join us for our annual Epiphany banquet following the distribution of the antidoron.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev, Irina
Francie Gogas

Kosta, Jessie, Helen, The Popoff Family, The Naum Family
Alexandra for health, blessings and mercy

Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Joan, Peggy, Bob,
Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted,
Kathryn, David, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends
Special Intention

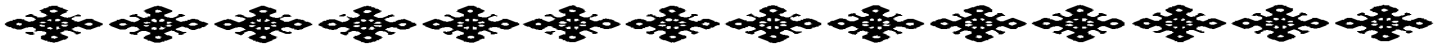
Irina Sivergina
Bill Economou
Magda Popoff
Barry Cavett

Joe Tome
Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Natse, Peter, Angelo Popoff & Eleni
Adelaida, Feodosiy, Vasiliy, Galina, Feodosiy, Yulia

Magda Popoff
Irina Sivergina



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](#).

Jan 11 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Staci

READER: Katherine

Jan 18 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff

HOURS: Angelo

READER: Phil

2026 PLEDGE CARDS If you haven't already done so, please return your pledge card so the parish council can budget accordingly. To be a voting parishioner of St. Nicholas Church you must receive Confession and Communion within the past year and return a signed pledge card even if you don't enter a pledge amount

OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the fellowship hall. Please check off your name on the list when you take your box. Please let Julie know if you haven't received envelopes and would like to have them. Using envelopes is very helpful to those who count the stewardship collection & for the auditors.

THEOPHANY BANQUET AND OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATER Sunday, January 11. Bring your empty bottles to fill with Holy Water. Dress for the weather. The menu is: lamb, chicken, rice, salad, vegetables, bread & butter, dessert & drinks. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall for volunteers for set-up, clean-up, your meal and also if you would like to make a dessert. **Tickets can be purchased from Christopher Taylor. Adults \$18, children under 12 are free.**

"MOSES THE BLACK" is a film by Yelena Popović telling the story of Saint Moses the Black in a modern setting. Ms Popović is the director of "Man of God", the life of Saint Nektarios of Aegina. You may see an interview with the director on Orthodox Christian Network (OCN) [HERE](#).

The film will be shown from January 30 through February 5 at select theatres. The cinemas closest to church are AMC Star Great Lakes 25 at Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills and Emagine Birch Run. For a synopsis as well as other locations, times, and to purchase tickets, please see the Fathom Entertainment website [HERE](#).

ARCHPRIEST ANDREW MOULTON fell asleep in the Lord early in the morning on Friday, January 9. Father Andrew was a retired priest of our Dioceses, retiring as rector of Saints Cyril and Methody in Granite City, IL. In the 1980s he and his Popadia Joan and family were attending here at Saint Nicholas Church. Visitation on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 5 pm and 6 pm service for a fallen asleep priest will take place at Ss Cyril and Methody Orthodox Church, 4770 Maryville Rd, Granite City, IL 62040. Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 9 am Pontifical Divine Liturgy & Trisagion followed by burial. Please pray for Father Andrew that he rest in the light of Christ's Face and that the same Lord shed his grace upon Popadia Joan and their family in their grief. Memory eternal! Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

MAILING LIST as our mailing list is updated, if you would like to receive a physical copy of the monthly newsletter rather than an electronic copy, please notify the office.

ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 25, beginning with a short prayer service after the Divine Liturgy. The meeting will then reconvene in the Parish Hall. All parish organizations must present a report, oral or written, to be given at this meeting. Please email reports to stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com From the parish bylaws: "A quorum for membership meetings shall consist of 25 per cent of the total number of members in good standing on record...If at a time fixed for the meeting; the present parish members should fail to constitute the required quorum, another membership meeting shall be convened one hour later on the same day which meeting shall be considered valid in the presence of any number of attending members. This provision should be included in the text of the notice convening the general membership meeting."

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:30 pm because of the funeral services for Father Andrew Moulton.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today No church school class, no class for inquirers, catechumens, and neophytes
Tues, January 13 - Wed, January 14 Archpriest Andrew Moulton funeral services in Granite City, IL

Wednesday, January 14
 No Divine Liturgy, No adult education class

Thursday, January 15
 6 pm class for inquirers, catechumens, and neophytes on Google Meet

Saturday, January 17
 No Vespers, No Confessions at St Nicholas Church
 4 pm Vespers at St Mary Magdalene Church
 4 pm Vespers at St George Church

Sunday, January 18
 9:30 am Third & Sixth Hours
 10 am Divine Liturgy
 Church School: [Gideon \(elementary\)](#) [Gideon \(high school\)](#)
 No class for inquirers, catechumens, neophytes

Offerings for the week January 4, 2026

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,641.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,739.00

62 persons in attendance on January 4

Pan-Orthodox
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Genesee Co.
Present...

“The Sainly Life of Fr. Roman Braga; Discovering the Church Within”

Join the Pan-Orthodox Churches of Genesee County, Michigan for our 14th annual charity dinner hosted on behalf of the Sisterhood of Holy Dormition Monastery.

Throughout this year’s reflections we will discuss the recent call for canonization of Fr. Roman Braga, of blessed memory, the Spiritual Father of this monastic community.

How can we use his saintly example within ourself amidst the chaos of this world?



Join in!
22 Jan 2026
5:00pm - 8:30pm
Holy Assumption Greek
Orthodox Church
2245 E. Baldwin Rd
Grand Blanc, MI
\$ Free- Will Offering

Program Details & Timeline

- ✙ 5:00pm Vespers with the nuns leading the choir
- ✙ 6:00pm Appetizers, Fellowship & Meal
Monastery Bookstore will be open
- ✙ 7:00pm Program- Reflections, Testamonials and Q & A



Keynote Speakers
Dr. Daniel B. Hinshaw &
Dr. Jane Hinshaw

How can you support?

- Pray for Fr. Roman and the community at Holy Dormition Monastery.
- Make a Donation as you are able.
- Volunteer through your parish for the meal.
- Purchase merchandise from the Monastery Bookstore.

For questions
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Register Here
for online or in person



Please see **Harmony Vargo** with any questions!
If you cannot register with the QR code,
please register by signing up on the registration form in the fellowship hall.