

July 20, 2025

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, JULY 20, 2025 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah (9th c. B.C.). Repose of Ven. Abramius of Galich (Chukhloma), disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh (1375). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Afanásy (Athanasius), Abbot, of Brest-Litovsk (1350).

TROPARIA

Tone 5 Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 An angel in the flesh and the cornerstone of the prophets, / the second forerunner of the coming of Christ, / glorious Elijah sent grace from on high to Elisha, / to dispel diseases and to cleanse lepers. / Therefore, he pours forth healings on those who honor him.

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 6 Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: You are a priest forever after the order of Melchisedek. (Psalm 109:4c) v. The Lord said to my Lord, Sit on my right until I make your enemies a footstool of your feet. (Psalm 109:1)

THE READING FROM THE CATHOLIC EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES (5:10-20) My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord – that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your “Yes” be “Yes,” and your “No,” “No,” lest you fall into judgment. Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

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)

v. For you said, To the age mercy will be built, in the heavens your truth will be prepared. (Ps. 88:2)

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (9:1-8) At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he then said to the paralytic — "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

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

The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36-53 (6th Matins Gospel)

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

God's blessings for good health to Laurie Brock

Ian & Stephanie Price

For health Sviatlana Khait

Sviatlana Khait

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Blessed Repose to our grandson's, Andrew and Matthew and all other angels

Baba & Dedo Panoff



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](#).

July 20 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie P.

HOURS: Staci Shank

READER: Angelo Panoff

July 27 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Baptism

READER: Katherine Gonsler

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Father Matthew today from 12 to 12:45 pm. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith in the library.

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided by Irina Sivergina & Oleg Dashevsky, in memory of Feodosiy Sivergin and Adelaia Sivergina, in honor of seven years of Adelaia Sivergina's falling asleep in the Lord. Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall for fresh baked food. Everyone is welcome.

NEW CATECHUMENS before the holy Liturgy on Sunday, July 20 the following persons will be made catechumens:

Levi Johnson, godfather Ian Price

Jeff Muma, godfather Paul Brayan

Jeffrey Muma, godfather Paul Brayan

Please welcome them as they are enrolled as catechumens which is the last step before being received into the Church.

GODPARENTS for our inquirers who need godparents please ask someone from church to be your godparents in order to be made a catechumen. Men choose godfathers and women choose godmothers.

OUTDOOR LITURGY, SHRINE FEAST & DANCE Sunday, August 17th. **Dinners are Pre-sale Only.** The menu for lunch is lamb/chicken, rice, coleslaw, vegetable, & dessert. Tickets are \$20 adult & \$10 children 12 & under. **Please purchase tickets from Sharon Jernigan by August 13th.** We are looking for donors for the lambs we'll be cooking! **Please consider donating \$300 for a whole lamb or making a partial donation, it will be a big help.** So far three whole lambs and one partial lamb have been donated. Volunteers are needed Thursday, August 14 at 9:30 am to clean the pavilion, Saturday, August 16 at 10 am and after Vespers to set up the pavilion for the Liturgy! Volunteers are needed to break down the pavilion after Liturgy on Sunday! There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall.

Live Music and Dancing with Skimos Band who will play from 2-6 pm.

PAN-ORTHODOX-VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL We are hosting on Sat, Aug 9 from 10 am and concluding with Vespers at 4 pm. **Please, we need help with the three classes of children. See Stephanie Price to volunteer.**

FROM OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Yesterday (July 14) a social media post reported that Archbishop Alexander announced to the Diocese of the South that he plans to retire within a year. As this was not an official statement from the Diocese of the South, our diocesan chancellor, Archpriest Andrew Jarmus, spoke with His Eminence later that day for clarification. Vladyka Alexander said that his intention is to hand over Archpastoral care of the Diocese of the South to another bishop, while remaining Archbishop of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese.

Metropolitan Tikhon Announces Recognition of Macedonian Orthodox Church-Ohrid Archbishopric at All-American Council PHOENIX, AZ [Orthodox Church in America] 15 July 2025

Meeting in special session on May 21, 2025, the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America decided, effective immediately, to recognize the canonicity of the Macedonian Orthodox Church-Ohrid Archbishopric and to affirm our full communion with its hierarchs, clergy, and faithful. This joyful news was conveyed to the Church at large by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon in his July 15, 2025 report to the 21st All-American Council, which meets this week in Phoenix, AZ.

This decision came at the request of His Holiness Patriarch Porfirije of Serbia, who, in official correspondence with His Beatitude, asked that the Orthodox Church in America, in accordance with the Tomos granted by the Serbian Orthodox Church, recognize the autocephaly of the Macedonian Orthodox Church-Ohrid Archbishopric.

The offices of Metropolitan Tikhon and His Beatitude Archbishop Stefan of Ohrid are currently planning a concelebration between the two Primates, to take place at Metropolitan Tikhon's cathedral of Saint Nicholas in Washington, D.C. This concelebration, as Metropolitan Tikhon informed the All-American Council, will be crowned with a formal recognition of the autocephaly of the Macedonian Orthodox Church, which takes its place alongside the Orthodox Church in America as a fully autocephalous local Orthodox Church.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today *Fr Matthew leaves for Archbishop Alexander's in the evening*

Monday, July 21

6 pm pan-Orthodox Vespers at St Mary Magdalene Church for St Mary Magdalene

Tuesday, July 22 **St Mary Magdalene**

9:40 am pan-Orthodox Hours and Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church
Fr Matthew returns from Archbishop Alexander's in the evening

Wednesday, July 23 *No Liturgy*

Saturday, July 26

5 pm **Vespers with lity - live-streamed** *confessions*

Sunday, July 27 **St Panteleïmon and the Seven Enlighteners of the Slavs**

9 am Joel Green Baptism
10 am **Divine Liturgy - live-streamed**
1 pm Panoff Slava

Offerings for the week July 13, 2025

<i>Weekly Tithes & Offerings</i>	\$ 6,342.82
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ 1,962.82

80 persons in attendance on July 13