

**March 6, 2022**

**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, MARCH 6, 2022 SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE – Tone 4. The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. The 42 Martyrs of Ammoria in Phrygia, including: Constantine, Aetitus, Theophilus, Theodore, Melissenus, Callistus, Basoës and others (ca. 845). The Uncovering of the Precious Cross and the Precious Nails by Empress St. Helen (Elena) in Jerusalem (326). Monastic Martyrs Conon and his son, Conon, of Iconium (270-275). Ven. Arcadius of Cyprus (4th c.).**

**TROPARIA**

**Tone 4** When the women disciples of the Lord / learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / "Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

**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)** Now the season of virtues has come, and the Judge is at the door. Let us not hold back with a darkened face, but offering tears, contrition and giving of alms let us keep the fast, and let us cry: Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea, but forgive each of us, that we may receive an incorruptible crown, O Savior of all!

***The prokeimenon in the eighth tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God! (Psalm 75:10a)***  
***v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Psalm 75:1)***

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (13:11 - 14:4)**

Brethren: besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

### *Alleluia, Tone 6*

*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 MATTHEW (6:14-21)** The Lord said: "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

### **The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)**

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

**Sunday of Cheesefare, the expulsion of Adam from Paradise** The Holy Fathers have appointed the commemoration of Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight here, on the eve of the holy Forty-day Fast, demonstrating to us not by simple words, but by actual deeds, how beneficial fasting is for man, and how harmful and destructive are unbridled desire and the transgressing of the divine commandments. For the first commandment that God gave to man was that of fasting, which the first-fashioned received but did not keep; and not only did they not become gods, as they had imagined, but they lost even that blessed life which they had, and they fell into corruption and death, and transmitted these and innumerable other evils to all of mankind. The God-bearing Fathers set these things before us today, that by bringing to mind what we have fallen from, and what we have suffered because of the unbridled desire and disobedience of the first-fashioned, we might be diligent to return again to that ancient bliss and glory by means of fasting and obedience to all the divine commands. Taking occasion from today's Gospel (Matthew 6:14-21) to begin the Fast unencumbered by enmity, we also ask forgiveness this day, first from God, then from one another and all creation. *from [goarch.org](http://goarch.org)*

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

Kum Stojan & Kuma Mira~Happy Anniversary

John Vuckovich

Christopher, Jeremy, Nadja, Larissa, Nina, Tamara & families

Larisa, Timosha, Tim, Veniamin, Tatyana, Slava & Andrey

Peace in Ukraine

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, Ted, Joseph, Marlene, Mary, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends

Special Intention

Birthday wishes for good health to Deda George on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

Kuma Bosa

Dave & Barbara Vuckovich

Lucy Hogg

Svetlana DeShaw

Anonymous

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

grandchildren Adam

Kara & Eli George

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

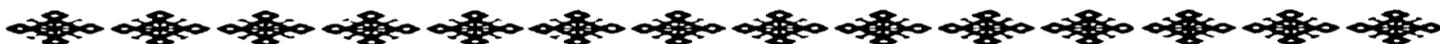
Peter & Josephine Sredich

their daughters & families

**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Blessed Repose for Nikolai Evanenko (40 days)

Taras Evanenko



**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](#).

**CHEESEFARE LUNCHEON** Please join us in our fellowship hall for this pre-lenten meal. All offerings for the luncheon will be used to assist refugees from Ukraine. Please be generous.

**PARASTAS** for Nikolai Evanenko (40 days) will be served following the distribution of the antidoron.

**LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER** everyone participating will draw a card today and then will pray daily for the person on the card they drew. Remember to keep it secret! At Pascha, you can let your prayer partner know you remembered them in prayer by giving them a card or a red egg or sending them a card.

**ICON PROCESSION** Children and adults, please bring icons from home for our icon procession next Sunday marking the restoration of the holy icons on the first Sunday of Lent in the year 843.

**PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT** on Saturday, March 19 will be hosted at our parish. Fr. Bogdan Bucur, professor of patristics at St Vladimir Seminary and a former student of Archbishop Alexander, will give the retreat. **Please RSVP by signing up in our fellowship hall, calling, or e-mailing the office.** There will be a lenten lunch. Fliers in the fellowship hall have more information. Pass a flier along to a friend.

**PAN-ORTHODOX MOVIE OUTING – “MAN OF GOD”** about Saint Nektarios on Mon., Mar. 21 at 7 pm at Emagine Cinema Hartland and Emagine Birch Run. Reserve your tickets today [here](#) <https://www.emagine-entertainment.com/movies/man-of-god>. There is a showing also for Mon., Mar. 28.

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**OFFICE HOURS** are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9-3. This schedule is subject to change.

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE** Lucy Hogg solicited a couple of bids to strip and wax the floors in the narthex, hallway, fellowship hall, & classroom hallway and clean the ceramic tile in the hall foyer as well as terrazzo floor in the kitchen. Going to get one more bid. Angelo Panoff spoke on various types of mutual funds. The parish council is looking to invest the funds from the late Lubov Stevens' home which was willed to the parish and subsequently sold. Mutual funds are good for the long term but have risk. With risk comes the opportunity for reward but that comes with risk. Laddered certificates of deposit have no risk even if they pay little. No money will be lost and, though interest rates at this time are low, this month it looks like interest rates will be raised. Exploring a Palm Sunday bake sale. The funds collected from the Cheesefare luncheon will be given to assist refugees from Ukraine. The first and second Sunday of Lent we will have a special collection plate to assist refugees from Ukraine. Ellyn Serra looked into a church directory which can be done securely through Google Drive. Ellyn will continue working on this with Stephanie Price. Kelly Bakousidis will come to the May 10 meeting to go over using the defibrillator.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Today** Parastas for Nikolai Evandenko for his 40 days after the Divine Liturgy / Cheesefare dinner  
**Vespers for the beginning of Lent**

**Monday, March 7 FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
6 pm Compline w/canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Tuesday, March 8**  
6 pm Compline w/canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Wednesday, March 9 Forty Martyrs of Sebaste**  
9:30 am Presanctified Divine Liturgy  
6 pm Compline w/canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Thursday, March 10**  
6 pm Compline w/canon of St. Andrew of Crete

**Friday, March 11**  
6 pm Presanctified Divine Liturgy with the blessing of the kollyva/kutya/žito/pšejnsta followed by lenten potluck

**Saturday, March 12 Saint Theodore the Tyro (Recruit)**  
9:30 am Confessions  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
**5 pm [Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)** followed by *Confessions*



**Sunday, March 13 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - restoration of the holy icons**  
9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours  
9:55 am enrolling of the catechumens Barry Cavett & Phil Wiles  
**10 am [Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**  
Icon procession  
Daylight Savings Time begins

**Offerings for the week February 22 & 27, 2022**

**69 persons in attendance on February 27<sup>th</sup>**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 4,148.83
Estimated Average Bi-Weekly Expenses	\$ 6,208.00
	<b>\$ -2,059.17</b>