

April 7, 2024

**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, APRIL 7, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 3. Veneration of the Cross. Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and Enlightener of North America (1925 – March 25 O.S.). St. George the Confessor, Bishop of Mytilene (9th c.). Ven. Daniel, Abbot of Pereslavl-Zalessky (1540). Martyr Calliopos at Pompeiopolis in Cilicia (304). Martyrs Rufinus the Deacon, Aquilina, and 200 soldiers with them at Sinope (ca. 310). Ven. Serapion of Egypt (5th c.).**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

The light of Your countenance, O Lord, has been signed upon us. (*Psalm 4:6*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

You have given a sign unto them that fear You, that they may flee from before the face of the bow. (*Psalm 59:4*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

You have ascended on high, You led captivity captive. (*Psalm 67:18*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

You have given an inheritance to them that fear Your Name. (*Psalm 60:5*) **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**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (*Psalm 97:3*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Let us worship at the place where His feet have stood. (*Psalm 131:7*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

The eyes of the Lord are upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy (*Psalm 32:18*). **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

God is our King before the ages, He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (*Psalm 73:12*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

High above all nations is the Lord; You are Lord Most High over all the earth. (*Psalm 112:4*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

**THIRD ANTIPHON**

**Exalt you the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet. (*Psalm 98:5*) Tone 1 O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Your Cross, // preserve Your habitation!**

**O God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. (*Psalm 27:9a*) Tone 1 O Lord, save Your people...**

**Shepherd them and bear them up unto the ages. (Psalm 27:9b) Tone 1 O Lord, save Your people...**

### **TROPARIA**

**Tone 3** Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

**Tone 1** O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Your Cross, // preserve Your habitation!

**Tone 1** Let us praise Tikhon, the Patriarch of All Russia, and Enlightener of North America, an ardent follower of the apostolic traditions, and good pastor of the Church of Christ, who was elected by Divine Providence, and laid down his life for his sheep! Let us sing to him with faith and hope, and ask for his hierarchical intercessions: keep the Church in Russia in tranquility, and the Church in North America in peace; gather her scattered children into one flock, bring to repentance those who have renounced the True Faith, preserve our lands from civil strife, // and entreat God's peace for all people!

**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 8** O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, your servants, delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! As you possess invincible might set us free from ev'ry calamity so that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

### **IN PLACE OF THE TRISAGION, WE SING:**

Before Your Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Your holy Resurrection, we glorify.

*The prokeimenon in the sixth tone: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. (Psalm 27:9)*  
*v. To you, O Lord, I cried, O my God, do not keep silent from me. (Psalm 27:1a)*

### **THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (4:14-5:6)**

Brethren: since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a Priest to the age, according to the order of Melchisedek."

*Alleluia, Tone 8*

*v: Remember your assembly which you obtained from of old. (Psalm 73:2)*

*v: God is our king from before the ages, he worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (Psalm 73:13)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (8:34-9:1)** At that time Jesus called to him the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

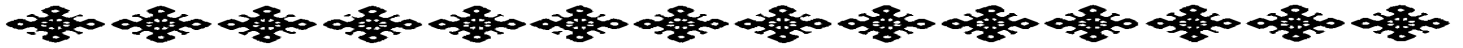
**INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET ... ,":** All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

**COMMUNION HYMN** The light of Your countenance is signed upon us, O Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (Psalm 4:6)

### **INSTEAD OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT":**

**Tone 1** O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Your Cross, // preserve Your habitation!

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

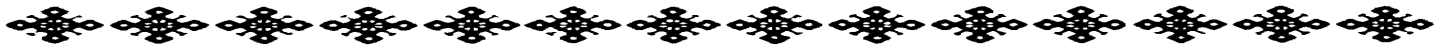
Health & blessings for Kathelyn Price & Karen Price-Pavia  
Health & blessings for Vladimir & Taisa Akkerman  
Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev & Irina  
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan,  
Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Les,  
Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted,  
Joseph, Marlene, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family  
and friends  
Special Intention

Ian & Stephanie Price  
Eugene Akkerman  
Irina Sivergina  
  
Joe Tome  
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**CANDLE INTENETION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF**

Mary Abu-Aita~Memory Eternal  
Adelaïda, Feodosiy

Lena Grousopoulos  
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](#).

**Apr 7 CANDLESTAND:** Dennis Goodman      **HOURS:** Phil Wiles      **READER:** Angelo Panoff  
**Apr 14 CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford      **HOURS:** Alexander Gonser      **READER:** Phil Wiles

**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 Reader Alexander Gonser after the Divine Liturgy. Please join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

**ADULT EDUCATION** class schedule during Lent:

- **Tuesday, April 9** - 10 am
- **Friday, April 19** - 9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy followed by class
- **Friday, April 26** - 9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy followed by class

**CHURCH SCHOOL** - [Revelation - Jesus Knocks at the Door](#)



**CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING CLEAN UP** April 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 am. There will be something for everyone to do no matter your age or ability. Lunch will be provided. Bring your yard & garden tools & gloves. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call the office so Dennis Jernigan can coordinate the jobs beforehand. He will have everything needed for the painting projects.

**PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE** is April 28. The deadline for orders is April 17. Order forms are available in the parish hall & at the candle stand. Please give them to Joe Tome.

**PROSFORA** we need prosfora (bread) for the upcoming Liturgies. If you are able to bake some, please drop them off at the office during office hours or before/after services.

**PARISH COUNCIL** will not meet in April. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30.

**ALL PARISHIONERS** Your help will be needed as we get closer to Pascha. Your help will also be needed twice on Great and Holy Friday. First, after the morning Royal Hours your help will be needed to set up the Tomb of our Lord for Vespers and then decorate it after Vespers. Second, after the Lamentations that evening your help will be needed to change over all the candles from purple to white.

**YOUTH NEEDED TO ASSIST ON GOOD FRIDAY** We look to the children and young adults to assist Father during the Vespers Service (3 pm) and at the Lamentations Service (6 pm). As Father removes the image of the body of Christ from the Crucifix at Vespers, the children help by holding the winding sheet and covering the icon for Father. And, at the evening service, the young ladies of the parish (as well as family and friends), are invited to join in by sprinkling the Tomb with rose water during the Lamentations. After, the girls help lead the procession by scattering flower petals before the Tomb and our other young people are invited to join in by bearing various instruments of the Passion.

**FLOWERS FOR PASCHA & ITEMS FOR LENT** donations this year are not specified by a certain amount. Give as you are able to. Please fill out the form & return it to the office. Sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

**VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF THE LORD** It is traditional to keep a vigil at the Tomb of our Lord from Great Friday evening until the Great Saturday's Liturgy and then until the midnight service. The Vigil is from Friday, May 3 at 10 pm until Saturday, May 4 at 10 am and then from 1 pm until 10:30 pm. If you are interested, please email [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com), signup in parish hall or call the office.

**ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER** has asked **Father Matthew to drive him on** Thursday, April 11 to Sunday, April 14 to Saint Athanasius Church, Nicholasville, KY (Diocese of the South)  
Father Robert Royer will serve the Trisagion and Vespers on Saturday, April 13 and Liturgy on Sunday, April 14. The diocese will cover the honoraria for Fr Robert.

**IN EMERGENCY ONLY** April 11-14 contact Father Gabriel Bilas at 810-750-1401 or Father Peter Bistolarides at 810-771-4611.

**PASCHA** on Pascha night we would like to light all the 7 days candles in church. The cost is \$250. If you would like to contribute and have candles lit, please contact the office.

**GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY** Go to our website [www.saintnicholasburton.org](http://www.saintnicholasburton.org) and click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#); this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). \*Please consider adding the extra fee we are charged to your donation. If you do not wish to donate online, you may write a check to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and send it to the parish address: 2143 S Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519.

**COIN BOXES** Each Lent, we collect coins to help support the Orthodox missions here in the US and around the world through the Orthodox Christians Mission Center (OCMC). Boxes are found on the tables in the church hall. Please be generous!

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

**YOUTUBE CHANNEL** subscribe to our YouTube channel [Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#) to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services. Livestreams begin at 9:30 with Hours.

**WREATH FOR THE CROSS** was provided by Nancy & Tom Krigner in memory of Lewis & Evanka Elieff.

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, April 8**

[6 pm](#) [Compline at St. George](#)

**Tuesday, April 9**

10 am adult education class

**Wednesday, April 10**

10 am Lenten Hours

No adult education class - *Father leaves for Toledo in the afternoon*

[6 pm](#) [Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy at St. George followed by Lenten potluck](#)

**Saturday, April 13** Souls' Saturday

[4:45 pm](#) [Trisagion & Vespers - live-streamed](#) Confessions

**Sunday, April 14** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - Saint John of "The Ladder"

[9:30 am](#) [Hours & 10 am Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)

Church School - [1 Peter - the Cornerstone](#)

**Offerings for the week March 31, 2024**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,108.05
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ - 1,991.95

52 persons in attendance on March 31