

August 28, 2022

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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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, AUGUST 28, 2022 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. **Ven. Moses the Ethiopian of Scete (ca. 400). Righteous Anna the Prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, who met the Lord at the Temple in Jerusalem (1st c.). Martyr Susanna, Princess of Georgia (5th c.). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Job the Wonderworker, Abbot of Pochaev (1659). Synaxis of the Saints of the Kiev Caves whose relics repose in the Far Caves of Ven. Theodosius.**

TROPARIA

Tone 2 When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

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 By your nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: the barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

The prokeimenon in the second tone: The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (Psalm 117:14) v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Psalm 117:18)

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (9:2-12) Brethren: If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown

spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

Alleluia, Tone 2

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Psalm 19:1)

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Psalm 19:9)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (18:23-35) At that time, Jesus said to Peter: “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
(Psalm 147:1)

Venerable Moses the Ethiopian of Scete (August 28) Saint Moses lived in Egypt during the fourth century. He was an Ethiopian, and since he was black of skin he was called “Murin” (meaning “like an Ethiopian”). In his youth he was the slave of an important man, but after he committed a murder, his master banished him, and he joined a band of robbers. Because of his bad character and great physical strength, they chose him as their leader. Moses and his band of brigands were feared because of their many evil exploits, including murders and robberies. People trembled at the mere mention of his name. Moses the brigand spent several years leading a sinful life, but through the great mercy of God he repented, left his band of robbers and went to one of the desert monasteries. Here he wept for a long time, begging to be admitted as one of the brethren. The monks were not convinced of the sincerity of his repentance, but the former robber would neither be driven away nor silenced. He continued to implore that they accept him. Saint Moses was completely obedient to the hegoumen and the brethren, and he poured forth many tears of sorrow for his sinful life. After a certain while Saint Moses withdrew to a solitary cell, where he spent his time in prayer and the strictest fasting. Once, four of the robbers of his former band descended upon the cell of Saint Moses. He had lost none of his great physical strength, so he tied them all up. Throwing them over his shoulder, he brought them to the monastery, where he asked the Elders what to do with them. The Elders ordered that they be set free. The robbers, learning that they had chanced upon their former ringleader, and that he had dealt kindly with them, followed his example: they repented and became monks. Later, when the rest of the band of robbers heard about Saint Moses’ repentance, then they also gave up their thievery and became fervent monks. Saint Moses was not quickly freed from the passions. He went often to the hegoumen, Abba Isidore, seeking advice on how to be delivered from the passions of profligacy. Being experienced in the spiritual struggle, the Elder taught him never to eat too much food, to remain partly hungry while observing the strictest restraint. But the passions did not cease to trouble Saint Moses in his dreams. Then Abba Isidore taught him the all-night vigil. The monk stood the whole night at prayer, so he would not fall asleep. As a result of his prolonged struggles, Saint Moses fell into despondency, and when he began to have thoughts about leaving his solitary cell, Abba Isidore instead strengthened the resolve of his disciple. In a vision he showed him many demons in the west, prepared for battle, and in the east a still greater quantity of holy angels, also ready for fighting. Abba Isidore explained to Saint Moses that the power of the angels would prevail over the power of the demons, and in the long struggle with the passions it was necessary for him to become completely cleansed of his former sins. Saint Moses drove himself to additional labors. Making the rounds of the wilderness cells at night, he carried water from the well to each brother. He did this especially for the Elders, who lived far from the well and who were not easily able to carry their own water. Once, kneeling over the well, Saint Moses felt a powerful blow upon his back and he fell down at the well like one dead, laying there in that position until dawn. Thus did the devils take revenge upon the monk for his victory over them. In the morning the brethren carried him to his cell, and he lay there crippled for a whole year. After he recovered, the monk with firm resolve confessed to the hegoumen, that he would continue with his ascetic struggles. But the Lord Himself put limits to this toil which lasted for many years: Abba Isidore blessed his disciple and told him that the passions had already left him. The Elder commanded him to receive the Holy Mysteries, and to

go to his own cell in peace. From that time, Saint Moses received from the Lord power over demons. Accounts about his exploits spread among the monks and even beyond the bounds of the wilderness. The governor of the land wanted to see the saint. When he heard of this, Saint Moses decided to hide from any visitors, and he departed his own cell. Along the way he met servants of the governor, who asked him how to get to the cell of the desert-dweller Moses. The monk answered them: "Go no farther to see this false and unworthy monk." The servants returned to the monastery where the governor was waiting, and they told him the words of the Elder they had chanced to meet. The brethren, hearing a description of the Elder's appearance, told them that they had encountered Saint Moses himself. After many years of monastic exploits, Saint Moses was ordained deacon. The bishop clothed him in white vestments and said, "Now Abba Moses is entirely white!" The saint replied, "Only outwardly, for God knows that I am still dark within." Through humility, the saint believed himself unworthy of the office of deacon. Once, the bishop decided to test him and he bade the clergy to drive him out of the altar, reviling him as an unworthy Ethiopian. In all humility, the monk accepted the abuse. Having put him to the test, the bishop then ordained Saint Moses to the priesthood. Saint Moses labored for fifteen years in this rank, and gathered 75 disciples around himself. When the saint reached the age of 75, he warned his monks that soon brigands would descend upon the skete and murder all those who remained there. The saint blessed his monks to leave, in order to avoid violent death. His disciples begged the saint to leave with them, but he replied: "For many years now, I have awaited the time when the words spoken by my Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, should be fulfilled: 'All who take up the sword, shall perish by the sword'" (Matt. 26: 52). After this, seven of the brethren remained with Saint Moses, and one of them hid nearby during the attack of the robbers. The robbers killed Saint Moses and the six monks who remained with him. Their death occurred about the year 400. oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Barry & Phil ~ a warm welcome with love to our church family

Connie Maxim

Blessings & strength to the whole Borkovich family

Angelo & Christine

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose for infant Michael

Angelo & Christine

Grandsons Andrew (4 yrs.) & Matthew (3 yrs.) and other angels

Baba & Dedo

Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal Rose Goodman (3 yrs.)

Dorothy & family

Rose Goodman (3 yrs.) "Lord, I love the beauty of thy house" Ps. 26:8

Ben, Eileen, Dennis & Steve



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](#).

WELCOME!

Beckham Andrew & Bennett Ashton, sons of Brent and Carli (Nicoloff) Nieporte, were baptized Sunday, August 7.

Barry Andrew Cavett & Philip Wiles were chrismated into the Church on Sunday, August 21 at the shrine feast Liturgy.

We are glad to see **Tiffany Todorow Oliver** who has returned to the area.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

METROPOLITAN HERMAN - His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon is asking for the prayers of the clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America on behalf of His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman who is drawing to the close of his earthly life. Metropolitan Herman is currently in his home on the grounds of Saint Tikhon's Monastery. He served as Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church in America from 2002 to 2008 and as *locum tenens* of our Diocese from 2007 to 2008.

ARCHBISHOP MELCHISEDEK of the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania who is recuperating from hip replacement surgery. He served as *locum tenens* of our Diocese from 2009 to 2012.

METROPOLITAN KALLISTOS (WARE) who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, August 24. A well-known bishop, scholar, lecturer, and author, he wrote, among many other books, *The Orthodox Church* and *The Orthodox Way*. Metropolitan Kallistos was the director of Archbishop Alexander's doctoral studies at Oxford. Metropolitan Kallistos' memory be eternal in God!

RUMMAGE SALE is September 9 & 10. We need your gently used donations as well as a lot of help to setup, during the sale & cleanup! **The signup sheet is in the fellowship hall.** Donations can be brought to the church during regular office hours as well as on the weekend. Lucy Hogg is chairing the event so you can talk with her if you have questions. Fliers are also on the table so you can post them in the community.

CATHOLIC CHARITES GINORMOUS TENT SALE is September 1-5. They need volunteers to help setup, during the sale & cleanup. Setup starts August 27. For more information contact Theresa Hurley at thurley@ccsgc.org or by cell phone 810-853-0097. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da9ac2fa1ffcf8-2021>.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on September 1st from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

MIDDLE EASTERN LUNCH & BAKE SALE at St. George is September 22 from 11am-2pm. This is take-out only. Free delivery with 8 or more lunches! The deadline to order is September 8. For more information see the flier in this newsletter or in the fellowship hall. You can also order at: <https://stgeorgeladies.square.site/> or call 810-732-0720.

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UKRAINIAN REFUGEES You can support International Orthodox Christian Charity's (IOCC) humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis through iocc.org/ukraine22 or by calling 877.803.4622.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Church School organizational meeting after Liturgy. The curriculum is pre-set so no lessons plans need to be prepared. **We need volunteers, even one Sunday a month, to help teach. We are aiming for a rotating schedule of four teachers.**

3-6 pm Classic Car Show

Tuesday, August 30 transfer of the relics of Saint Alexander Nevsky - Archbishop Alexander's namesday
Fr. in Toledo

10 am Divine Liturgy at Saint George Cathedral, Rossford, OH

Wednesday, August 31 Placing of the sash of the Mother of God - last day of the Church year

9:30 am Divine Liturgy (No adult education class)

Thursday, September 1 CHURCH NEW YEAR

9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, September 3

5 pm Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel

Confessions

Sunday, September 4

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

10 am Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel

Offerings for the week August 21, 2022

102 persons in attendance on August 21st

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 2,332.71
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -771.29