

December 1, 2019

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 any parish member.

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 and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread and wine offered after Communion and 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.

There are coil-bound booklets available with the text for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please feel free to take one of those as well, with our compliments. We also hope you will stay and join us in our coffee and fellowship hour, which immediately follows the service. We want the opportunity to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. **Again, welcome!**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Venerable Botolph of Iken (7th c.). Prophet Nahum (7th c. B.C.). Righteous Philaret the Merciful of Amnia in Asia Minor (792). Martyr Ananias of Persia.

TROPARIA

(Tone 7) By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death. To the thief, Thou didst open Paradise. For the myrrhbearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy. And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art 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 3) The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word Eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message, with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him Who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He Who is from eternity God.

The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people! / The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

v. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (2:14-22) *Brethren:* Christ Jesus is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Alleluia, Tone 7

v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.

v: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (18:35-43) Then it happened, as Jesus was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to Mark

16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Fr. Tom, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Matushka Rose Marie, Calvin, Helen, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Anna, Anna, Alex, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, Nicholas, Margaret, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, my family and friends

Special Intention

Joe Tome

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ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Helen Bibilikow Blessed Repose (5 yrs., Nov. 28)

Kristine, Jerry, Josh & Jenn



WELCOME all our friends and visitors. Please join us in our fellowship hall after liturgy for coffee & donuts. 

COFFEE & DONUTS are provided today by Angelo & Christine Panoff in memory of Matthew Panoff (40 days).

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for the deceased. The sponsors will be listed in the newsletter. Forms are in the parish hall.

ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY will be celebrated with a Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Liturgy on Thursday, December 5th at 6 pm. Please come to join in worship and fellowship at St. Nicholas.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION December 8th after Liturgy. There is a signup sheet in the Parish Hall for the potluck. You will find an envelope in your box of offering envelopes for St. Nicholas Day.



COOKIE BAKING WORKSHOPS on December 9th at 11:30 am & on the 11th at 10 am.

COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 10 am to 1 pm. Stephanie Stikovich will chair the Cookie Walk this year and requires help from many volunteers. Please call Stephanie at 810-658-8321 or sign up to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale. The baked goods need to be delivered by Friday, December 13th before 3 pm. There are signup sheets in the parish hall.

SILENT AUCTION Three Christmas wreaths are on a table in the parish hall. This is a silent auction fundraiser. Write down your bid on one of the notepads next to the wreath you would like to bid on. Make your bid now!



DECK THE HALLS December 16th at 10 am. We will be setting up the indoor Nativity scene & decorating the church. Everyone is welcome. Many hands lighten the load so any help you can offer is greatly appreciated.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS DINNER Catholic Charities hopes to include a \$20 gift card with every gift bag they give out to the adults at the dinner but they need our help. They can be from Walmart, Meijer or grocery stores. You can give the gift cards to Susie Ford, Jennifer Shann or drop them off at the office.

HOLIDAY PASTRY SALE Assumption is having their holiday pastry sale & luncheon on December 12th, 11 am – 1:30 pm. Lunch is \$10 & the deadline to pre-order pastries is December 1st. There are fliers in the parish hall with more details.

COFFEE HOUR volunteers are needed. There is a signup sheet outside the kitchen window. Please commit to helping out so we can continue having this social time together.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM Thank you for your response & generosity, all the names have been taken!



Gifts do need to be placed in a gift bag or wrapped but **you must include the child's names and code number on the gifts**. Gift range is between \$30 and \$40 & gift cards are ok for children 15-17 yrs. old. You can pick one or more items from their list-you DO NOT have to purchase all the items requested. Keep the gift amount consistent for all kids in each family Please return the gifts by December 8th. If there are any questions, contact Susie Ford (910-978-3026) or Jennifer Shann (810-728-6940).

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters December 5th from 9 am-1 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting dish soap for November. Place the items in the blue box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

MEMORY ETERNAL – CHRIST IS RISEN! Peter Samaras fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, November 27. He is the husband of Olga Samaras and was preceded in death by his sister, Helen Ethington. Funeral arrangements are listed in the weekly schedule below. Christ God show His face to His newly-fallen asleep servant Peter and grant him rest among the saints. Bog da prosti! Memory eternal! Christ is risen!

Weekly Schedule:

Tuesday, Dec 3 Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Wednesday, Dec 4

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:30 am Adult Ed Class

Thursday, Dec 5

9:30-10:30 am Visitation for Peter Samaras at church
10:30 am Funeral
12:30 pm Burial at Great Lakes National Cemetery
9 am-1 pm North End Soup Kitchen
6 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespertal Liturgy at St. Nicholas

Friday, Dec 6

7 pm **ST. NICHOLAS**
OCF meeting at St. George with Fr. Joe

Saturday, Dec 7

5 pm Vespers followed by confessions

Sunday, Dec 8

9:30 am Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy
St. Nicholas visits & Potluck



Offerings for the week November 24th, 2019

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$1,580.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,236.00
	\$-1,656.00

98 people were in attendance on Sunday, November 24th.

Someone who has actually tasted Truth is not contentious for the Truth. Someone who is considered by people to be zealous for Truth has not yet learned what Truth is really like. Once he has truly learned it, he will cease from zealousness on its behalf. St. Isaac the Syrian