

December 1, 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 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, 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, DECEMBER 1, 2024 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. 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 6 The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Your grave, / seeking Your most pure body. / You captured hell, not being tempted by it. / You came to the Virgin, granting life. / O Lord, Who rose from the dead, // 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 3 The Virgin comes 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 sixth tone: O Lord, save Your people / and bless Your inheritance! (*Psalms 27:9a*)

v. **To you, O Lord, I cried, O my God, do not keep silent from me.** (*Psalms 27:1a*)

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (2:4-

10) Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God -- not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Alleluia, Tone 6

v: The one who dwells in the help of the Most High, in the shelter of the God of heaven will be abiding. (Psalm 90:1)

v: He will say to the Lord, You are the one who takes hold of me and my refuge, my God, and I will hope in him. (Psalm 90:2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (18:35-43) At that time, as Jesus was coming near Jericho, 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! (Psalm 148:1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health of Madison	Uncle Kerry & Aunt Kathy
God's blessing of good health for Luke & blessings upon the Doner family for their gift of life	Paul Brayan
Blessings & health for my family	Lucy Hogg
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted, Joseph, Marlene, Ellyn, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome



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](#).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Reader Alexander Gonser after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith. The class meets in the library.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES are on Wednesdays at 11:15 am. We are reading - *Wounded by Love*, a transcription of conversations with Saint Porphyrios (1906-1991). The cost of the book is \$30. You may purchase them at the kiosk.

CHURCH SCHOOL Lesson - [St. Barbara](#)

Dec 1 **CANDLESTAND:** Dennis Goodman **HOURS:** Phil Wiles **READER:** Katherine Gonser
Dec 8 **CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford **HOURS:** Barry Cavett **READER:** Phil Wiles

COFFEE SOCIAL Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a sign-up sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate and/or serve.



ANGEL TREE There are 12 tags left on the Angel Tree in the parish hall that haven't been taken yet. **Gifts must be placed in a gift bag or wrapped but you must include the child's names and code number on the outside of the wrapping or bag for each gift.** Gift range is between \$25 and \$35. It's important to keep the amounts spent for kids in the same family the same. **Please return the gifts by December 11.** If there are any questions, contact Eileen Branoff at (810) 232-5132 or Cindy Branoff at (810) 714-1104.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS If you would like to have your name(s) included on the annual Christmas greetings list please call or email the office no later than December 2nd. Donations are appreciated.



DECK THE HALLS AT ST. NICHOLAS! On Saturday, December 7 at 10am we will arrange the flowers & put up and decorate the trees and Nativity scenes in the church and the hall.

ANGEL WING ORNAMENTS will be placed on the tree on Sunday, December 8th and a Trisagion will be held in memory of all those fallen asleep remembered on tree. If you took yours home in years past bring them to place on the tree. A few are available for purchase from Christine Panoff. Cost is \$5 per ornament. These are for families to put in photos of fallen asleep family members.

KITCHEN USE Please call the office to check on availability before planning to use the kitchen. **If you would like to have a workshop of the cookie walk in the kitchen, please contact the office.**

HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS RAFFLE Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. You can see the 3 beautiful baskets in the parish hall. See Connie Maxim to purchase tickets. Proceeds will go toward Saint Nicholas' visit. The drawing will be on December 8 but the winner does not need to be present.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Friday, December 13 on ABC 12 Good Morning Mid-Michigan, Father Matthew will be interviewed about the Cookie Walk. The interview will air between 9 and 10 am.

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

COOKIE WALK is on Saturday, December 14th from 10 am to 1 pm. It is chaired by Lucy Hogg this year and requires help from many people. It would be helpful to have someone co-chair with Lucy this year as we need a new chairperson or chairpersons for the 2025 Cookie Walk Please call Lucy at 810-695-3110 with any questions.



- Baked goods need to be delivered by Friday, December 13th before 3 pm.
- Sign-up sheet in the parish hall to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale.
- Donations are also appreciated if you cannot bring cookies so baklava & some pre-made goodies can be purchased. There is a donation jar in the parish hall.
- Please help us get the word out about the Cookie Walk! Share our parish [Facebook page event](#) and [posting](#) on the Cookie Walk, take fliers to share, let your friends and neighbors know!

CHEESE TRIANGLES with and without leeks will be available to pick up on December 14 & 15. The deadline to pre-order is December 8. The sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. The cost is 1@ \$3, 4@ \$10 & 8@ \$20. Please indicate how many of each that you want.

OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available next week. If you gave regularly this year with cash or a check there will be a box with your name on it. It helps a great deal when you use the envelopes & fill out the information on each one.

2025 CALENDARS are available in the narthex. Thank you to Swartz Funeral Home for sponsoring them again this year.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP/SEMINARIAN OFFERING envelopes were placed in the bulletin for this fund to be placed in the plate when it is passed. There is also a category marked "Seminarian" on your stewardship envelopes that you can include with your regular giving. This helps to support parish seminarians, those training to become catechists, and kiosk expense for theological materials for inquirers.

GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY Go to our website 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 a little extra to your donation to cover the fee we are charged.** 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.

OFFICE HOURS this week are Monday from 9-3. Wednesday & Friday are subject to change so call ahead.*

Fr. Matthew is out of town from November 23-Dec 2. In emergency ONLY contact Father Gabriel 330-285-1740, Father Amin 810-732-0720 or Father Peter 989-928-3455.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, Dec 4

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult ed class

Thursday, Dec 5

9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen
6 pm pan-Orthodox Vespers & Liturgy for the feast of St. Nicholas at our church

Saturday, Dec 7

10 am Decorate the church & hall
5 pm **Vespers - live-streamed** *Confessions*

Sunday, Dec 8

9:30 am **Hours-live-streamed**
10 am **Divine Liturgy-live-streamed**
Trisagion at Angel Wing Tree
St. Nicholas visits

Offerings for the week November 24, 2024

<i>Weekly Tithes & Offerings</i>	\$ 2,899.47
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -1,480.53

74 persons in attendance on November 24