

December 10, 2023

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. Robert, 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, DECEMBER 10, 2023 27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugephus, of Alexandria (ca. 313). St. Joasaph, Bishop of Belgorod (1754). Martyr Gemellus of Paphlagonia (ca. 361). Ven. Thomas of Bithynia (10th c.). Bl. Jovan (John), King of Serbia (1503) and his parents, Stephen (1446) and Angelina Brancovich.

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 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 second tone: The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (Psalm 117:14)

v. The Lord chastising chastised me, and did not give me over to death. (Psalm 117:18)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (6:10-17) Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all,

taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Alleluia, Tone 2

v: The Lord hear you in the day of affliction, the name of the God of Jacob shield you. (*Psalm 19:1*)

v: Lord, save the king and hear us, on whichever day we call upon you. (*Psalm 19:9*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (13:10-17) At that time, on the sabbath day, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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 24:12-35 (5th Matins Gospel)

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. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see. Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & blessings to Ellyn Serra & her family

Ian & Stephanie

Health of Elynn Serra and Shari & Carli Nicoloff on their birthdays

Gonser family

God's blessings for good health to Mira Prusac, Ellyn Serra, Fannia Young,
Calvin & Ruth Conrad

Angelo & Christine

David, Sally, Karen, Peter, Barbara & Gary, suffering the loss of Mark Huebler

Dcn. Kerry

Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan,

Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, 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 INTENTION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

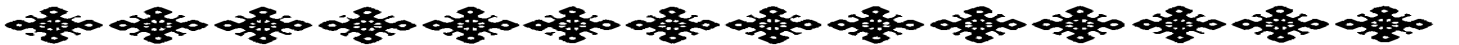
Kosta Todorovsky, Vivian Korth (Popoff), Andrew & Matthew Panoff and

Olga Nikolsky

Angelo & Christine

Mark Huebler who fell asleep in the Lord December 4

Dcn. Kerry



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](#).

Dec 10 **CANDLESTAND:** Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Angelo Panoff

Dec 17 **CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford

HOURS: Calvin Conrad

READER: Alexander Gonser

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.

ADULT ED CLASS Class resumes on December 13 on Zoom. The link will be sent by email.

CHURCH SCHOOL Lesson - [1 Corinthians - Christ Crucified](#)

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER had a successful laparoscopic radical prostatectomy on December 6 and was discharged from the hospital on December 8. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he further recuperates from surgery.

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 in the coming weeks.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES can be picked up in the narthex. If there are boxes for family members who have not been attending whom you will be seeing this month, please deliver them to help save on postage costs (\$5 per box of envelopes). If you did not receive envelopes with your name on them and you want to receive numbered & dated envelopes, please let Marcia know. Using envelopes is very helpful to those who count the money & for the auditors.

PROSFORA bread for the Divine Liturgy is needed. If you can make some, please bring it to church during office hours or at the divine services. God bless you!

COOKIE WALK Thank you everyone who participated & helped with the Cookie Walk!

2024 CALENDARS are available in the narthex.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS can still 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.

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

EMERGENCY CONTACTS While Father Matthew is assisting Archbishop Alexander during his recovery from surgery, please contact **only for emergencies** Father Gabriel Bilas 810-750-1401, Father Peter Bistolarides 810-771-4611, or Father Joe Abud 810-732-0720.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, December 12

6:30 pm Parish Council meeting
6:30 pm Prayer service for the sick & suffering at St. Mary Magdalene

Wednesday, December 13

No Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult education on Zoom. Look for the link in your email.

Saturday, December 16

5 pm **Vespers** No *Confessions*

Sunday, December 17

9:30 am **Hours & 10 am Divine Liturgy- live- streamed**
Church School - **1 Corinthians - Run the Race**
Installation of newly elected parish council members
Confessions

Offerings for the week December 3, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,546.13
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ - 1,553.87

62 persons in attendance on December 3