

December 11, 2022

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America

2143 S. Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519

Served by: Fr. Matthew-Peter Butrie – Rector, mobile: 810-247-4265 & Protodeacon Kerry Luke Gonser

Website: www.saintnicholasburton.org Church: 810-744-0070 e-mail: stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com

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, DECEMBER 11, 2022 26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Sunday of the Forefathers. Ven. Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople (489-490). Ven. Nikon the Dry of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 12th c.). Martyrs Mirax, Acepisus and Aithalas, of Egypt (7th c.). Ven. Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon (ca. 970-980).

TROPARIA

Tone 1 When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! // Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

Tone 2 Through faith You justified the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore You without seed. // So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

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 fourth tone: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Your name forever! (Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)

v: For You are just in all that You have done for us! (Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 4)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

(3:4-11) Brethren: When Christ who is our life appears, and then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His name. (Psalm 98:6)

v. They cried to the Lord and He heard them. (Psalm 98:6)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (14:16-24) At that time Jesus said, "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

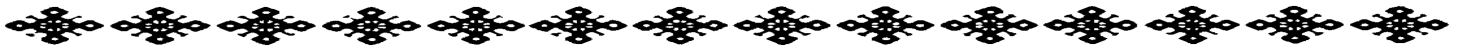
COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! *(Psalm 148:1)*

The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But 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.

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS The Sunday that falls between December 11-17 is known as the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. These are the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In your seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3, 22:18). from oca.org

December 11, 2022



CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health, blessings & protection for my family

Lucy Hogg

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

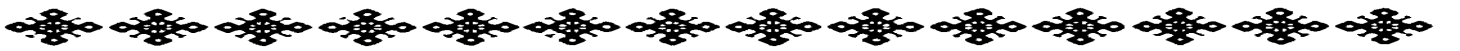
Special Intention

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Helen Bibilikow (8 yrs.), our loving Mom & Baba

Brucksch family



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](#).

CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Angelo Panoff

READER: Katherine Gonsler

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 donuts & coffee and/or serve in the coming weeks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL today - [Sermon on the Mount](#)

ADULT EDUCATION Wednesday, December 14 at 11:15 am. We are reading Geronda Aimilianos' homily [Fools for Christ](#). Copies are on the table under the clock in the parish hall. **Evening adult education concluded its sessions on December 7 so there is no class on December 14.**

CHARITY PLATE this Sunday and next to support our Orthodox Church in America's Diocese of Alaska. Read more here www.oca.org/news/headline-news/o-ca-parishes-to-take-collection-for-the-diocese-of-alaska and <https://odosa.org/current-fund-raisers>

PARISH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 pm. Please contact the office if you are unable to attend. Reports will be e-mailed to parish council members. Meetings are open.

VISIT TO ST ROMANOS HERMITAGE is scheduled for Saturday, December 17 at 11 am. Those meeting Fr Matthew to carpool - please be at church by 10 am. The visit will include a tour, Akathist hymn, and lunch concluding around 1:15 or 2pm. Directions are printed out and are on the table in the fellowship hall. For those who cannot make a weekday trip, another visit is scheduled on.

INSTALLATION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS & AUDITORS Archbishop Alexander has blessed the installation of those elected. The installation of the new members will take place on Sunday, December 18. Newly elected - please receive Confession before that date and receive Communion that Sunday.

GOD BLESS everyone who helped make our annual Cookie Walk a success, especially to Lucy Hogg who chaired the event.

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.

ANGEL WING ORNAMENTS are available for purchase from Christine Panoff or can be picked up in the office. Cost is \$5 per ornament. These are for families to put in photos of fallen asleep family members. The ornaments can be placed on a Christmas tree in the church annually.

CALENDARS for 2023 are in the narthex. Please take only one of each per family.

MAKE YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING EASY AND CONVENIENT WITH GIVELIFY

Go to the website and on the home page click on the box **Give now with Givelify** which will walk you through the donation process; this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). **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.**

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 6 to 8 pm Visitation for Voula Pagonis at Swartz Funeral Home
7:30 pm Trisagion at Swartz Funeral Home

Monday, December 12

11 am Funeral for Voula Pagonis at Assumption Orthodox Church, Grand Blanc

Tuesday, December 13 *Fr Matthew in Toledo returning in time for parish council meeting*

6:30 pm Parish council meeting- parish council members please check your email for reports

Wednesday, December 14

11:15 am No Divine Liturgy
Adult education class
No evening adult education class

Saturday, December 17

10 am *Those carpooling with Fr Matthew (his car is now full-up) be at church by 10 am*
11 am Visit to our Diocesan Hermitage of St Romanos 804 S Putnam St, Williamston, MI
5 pm Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel *Confessions*

Sunday, December 18

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy- streaming on our YouTube channel
Church School - Good Samaritan
Installation of newly elected parish council members

Offerings for the week December 4, 2022

Weekly Offerings	\$ 10,523.65
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 7,419.65

76 persons in attendance on December 4