

December 12, 2021

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. 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 12, 2021 **25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Sunday of the Forefathers. St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus (ca. 348). Ven. Ferapónt (Therapont), Abbot of Monza (16th c.). Hieromartyr Alexander, Bishop of Jerusalem (251). Martyr Syndesis (Razumnik) of Rome (270-275).**

TROPARIA

Tone 8 You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

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 1 You were revealed as a champion of the First Council and a wonderworker, our God-bearing father Spyridon. You spoke to one dead in the grave and transformed a serpent into gold. While chanting your holy prayers you had angels serving with you! Glory to Him Who gave you strength! Glory to Him Who granted you a crown! // Glory to Him Who through you grants healing to all!

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 seventh Tone: The righteous one shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall set his hope on him. (Psalm 63:10a)

v: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to You.

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (13:17-21)

Brethren: Obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to

you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal testament, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

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 Mark 16: 9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel)

Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Saint Spyridon, bishop of Trimythous (December 12) Spyridon, the God-bearing Father of the Church, the great defender of Corfu and the boast of all the Orthodox, had Cyprus as his homeland. He was simple in manner and humble of heart, and was a shepherd of sheep. When he was joined to a wife, he begat of her a daughter whom they named Irene. After his wife's departure from this life, he was appointed Bishop of Trimythous, and thus he became also a shepherd of rational sheep. When the First Ecumenical Council was assembled in Nicaea, he also was present, and by means of his most simple words stopped the mouths of the Arians who were wise in their own conceit. By the divine grace which dwelt in him, he wrought such great wonders that he received the surname 'Wonderworker.'" So it is that, having tended his flock piously and in a manner pleasing to God, he reposed in the Lord about the year

350, leaving to his country his sacred relics as a consolation and source of healing for the faithful.
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Health and God's blessings for Janja Beslach

Bosa Kantar

The Evanenko Family - for wisdom, strength,
health and healing.

Lucy Hogg

Amber, Dmitriy, Larisa, Veniamin, Slava, Tanya, Timosha

Svetlana DeShaw

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Memory Eternal Walt Borkovich (10 years)

Allison Borkovich

Hana St. Juliana, our beautiful little neighbor

Bill & Cindy

Economou

Lois Neely - Blessed Repose - Memory Eternal

Dorothy Goodman

Michael Thomas - Blessed Repose - Memory Eternal

Dorothy Goodman



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](#) for
their livestreams.

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by the Borkovich family in memory of Walt Borkovich. Please join us
after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a signup sheet next to the service
window for those who would like to donate refreshments and/or to help serve.

GOD BLESS Lucy Hogg for chairing the Cookie Walk this year and everyone who pitched in, whether by
prayers, baking, donations, set-up and break-down, distributing fliers and getting the word out. God
repay you many times over!

10th ANNIVERSARY WINTER DINNER supporting Holy Dormition Monastery is scheduled on
Thursday, January 20 at Saint George Church. Archbishop Nathaniel of the Romanian Episcopate
(Orthodox Church in America) will be the guest speaker. Susie Ford is our parish coordinator. Our
parish is responsible for providing the entrée, plates, utensils, napkins, etc. Please keep in mind the
possibility of a cancellation due to COVID - such a decision would be made toward the very close to the
date. Vespers will be livestreamed.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We will be hosting the pan-Orthodox Lenten retreat on Saturday, March 19.
Fr Bogdan Bucur, professor of Patristics at St Vladimir Seminary, will be our guest speaker and give the

retreat that he was scheduled to give in March 2020 - **Our Covenant with God: Lessons from the Patriarchs, Prophets, Scribes, and Pharisees** discussing some Scripture including the persons of Abraham, Jacob, Esau, Moses, and the woman caught in adultery.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday & Wednesday 9-3. The office is closed Friday, December 17.

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OFFERING ENVELOPES are ready to be picked up in the narthex. If you don't see a box with your name but would like one please contact the office by phone or email.

CALENDARS are available in the narthex as well as small tri-fold calendars to carry in your purse or wallet.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, December 13 St Herman of Alaska & the virgin-martyr Lucy of Syracuse, Sicily

10 am Pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene
Father in Toledo

Tuesday, December 14

6:30 pm Parish Council meeting

Wednesday, December 15

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult education - kontakion "on the Nativity of our Lord" by St Romanos

Friday, December 17 Office Closed

10 am Decorate church - flowers, wreaths, Nativity scenes

Saturday, December 18

5 pm [Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)
Confessions

Sunday, December 19

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
10 am [Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)
Church School

Offerings for the week December 5, 2021

82 persons in attendance on December 5th

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 3416.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	+ \$ 312.00