

December 25

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 birth of Christ Jesus today.

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!**

DECEMBER 25 THE NATIVITY ACCORDING TO THE FLESH OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. The Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar. Commemoration of the Shepherds in Bethlehem who were watching their flocks, and went to see the Lord.

FIRST ANTIPHON

I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will make all Your wonders known!
(Psalm 110:1a) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

In the company of the upright, in the congregation, great are the works of the Lord! *(Psalm 110:1b-2a)*
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

They are studied by all who have pleasure in them! *(Psalm 110:3)* **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

His work is glory and beauty, and His righteousness endures forever! *(Psalm 110:2b)* **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.
Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord! Who greatly delights in His commandments! *(Psalm 111:1)* **O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!**

His descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed! *(Psalm 111:2)* **O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!**

Glory and wealth are in His house, and His righteousness endures forever! *(Psalm 111:3)* **O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!**

Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the Lord is merciful, compassionate and righteous!
(Psalm 111:4) **O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and was crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand!" (*Psalm 109:1a*) Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it those who worshipped the ..stars, were taught by a star to adore You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to You!

Until I make Your enemies Your footstool! (*Psalm 109:1b*) Your Nativity, O Christ our God...

The Lord sends forth from Sion Your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of Your foes. (*Psalm 109:2*) Your Nativity, O Christ our God...

Authority shall be with You on the day of Your power, among the splendor of Your holy ones! (*Psalm 109:3*) Your Nativity, O Christ our God...

THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Deacon: Wisdom! Upright!

Priest: From the womb, before the morning star I have begotten you; the Lord swore and will not change his mind. You are a Priest to the age, according to the order of Melchisedek. (*Psalm 109:4*) O Son of God, who were born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alliluia.

TROPARION

Tone 4 Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to You!

KONTAKION

Tone 3 Today the Virgin gives birth to the transcendent One! And the earth offers a cave to the unapproachable One! Angels with shepherds glorify Him! The wise men journey with a star! Since for our sake, the Eternal God was born as a little child!

INSTEAD OF "HOLY GOD..."

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ! Alleluia!

The prokeimenon in the eighth tone: Let all the earth worship You and praise You; / let it praise Your name, O Most High! (*Psalm 65:3*)

v. Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth! Sing of His Name, give to Him glorious praise! (*Psalm 65:1*)

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (4:4-7) Brethren, when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v: The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork! (Psalm 18:1)

v: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. (Psalm 18:2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (2:1-12) Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, are by no means least among the rulers of Judea; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern My people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET..." Magnify, O my soul, Christ the King who was born in a cave! I contemplate a marvelous and all-glorious mystery: heaven has become a cave, the cherubic throne – a virgin; and the manger has become an honorable place in which lies Christ, the uncontainable God. As we praise Him with song, let us extol Him!

COMMUNION HYMN The Lord has sent redemption to His people! (Psalm 110:8a) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

INSTEAD OF "WE HAVE SEEN..." Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to You!

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Blessings, health & protection for my family, especially for Larissa, Tamara & Nina

God's blessing for Avery Panoff who graduated from Texas A&M as a Clinical Dietician

God's blessing on Olivia Panoff on her 16th birthday December 24

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all my St. Nicholas family and friends

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

Special Intention

Lucy Hogg

Baba & Dedo

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Bosa Kantar

Joe Tome

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Nicholas Butrie (Dec 27, 2019) and Margaret Kenderish Butrie (Dec 29, 2019) - 3 yr. memorial the Butrie family
Theodora, Kosta, Dimitra, Eleni, Kosta, Germanos, Voula, Evangelia & Nikolaos Bakousidis family
Peter & Josephine Sredich Jana, Kris & Mara



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: Ian & Stephanie Price

NO HOURS - Christmas Carols at 9:45 am

READER: Angelo Panoff

NO COFFEE SOCIAL TODAY

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL no class today

ADULT EDUCATION classes have concluded for December and will resume January 11.

THEOPHANY BANQUET AND OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATER will be held on Sunday, January 8th following the Divine Liturgy. Bring your empty bottles to fill with Holy Water. Dress for the weather. The menu will consist of Lamb, Chicken, Rice, Vegetables, Bread & Butter, Salad, Dessert & Drinks. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall for volunteers for set-up, clean-up, your meal, and if you would like to bring a dessert. **Adult tickets are \$15, children's meals are free. Please see Sharon Jernigan or call her 810-877-1766 to purchase a ticket & reserve your dinner. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.**

CHARITY PLATE Last week \$366 was collected for a total of \$x for the past two Sundays for the Diocese of Alaska. The Lord bless you!

DORMITION DINNER is Thursday, January 19 at Assumption from 5 pm - 9 pm. **We are providing the desserts.** There is a signup sheet and fliers in the fellowship hall. The deadline to register is January 15 which can be done online (www.stgeorgeflint.org), by calling St George (810-732-0720) or by giving the form & payment to Susie Ford.

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2023 PLEDGE CARDS If you haven't already done so, please return your pledge card so the parish council can budget accordingly. Remember in order to be considered a member here at St. Nicholas you must return a signed pledge card even if you don't enter a pledge amount.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the narthex. Please pick yours up today and start using them January 1 as they are very helpful when counting weekly tithes & offerings. If you didn't receive a box but wish to, call the church office. The numbers on the envelopes change each year so discard any old envelopes.

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

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES You can support International Orthodox Christian Charity's (IOCC) humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis through ioc.org/ukraine22 or by calling 877.803.4622.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, December 26 Synaxis of the Mother of God

10 am Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church

Wednesday, December 28

No Divine Liturgy or adult education class

Saturday, December 31

5 pm [Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#) No Confessions

Sunday, January 1, 2023 Circumcision of our Lord & feast of St Basil the Great - fast free through Jan 4

9:30 am Hours

10 am [Divine Liturgy- streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Church School - no class

Offerings for the week December 18, 2022

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 14,456.68
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 11,352.68

59 persons in attendance on December 18