

December 4, 2022

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 4, 2022 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Greatmartyr Barbara and Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria (ca. 306). Ven. John of Damascus (776). St. John, Bishop of Polybotum (8th c.). Glorification of Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander (Hotovitzky) (1994).

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 8 Let us honor the holy Martyr Barbara, / for, as a bird, she escaped the snares of the Enemy, // and destroyed them through the help and defense of the Cross!

Tone 8 O Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship, / the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs; / all wise Father John, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all things. // Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

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: God is wondrous in His saints, / the God of Israel. (Psalm 67:36)
v. In Churches bless God, the Lord from the springs of Israel. (Psalm 67:27)**

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (3:23-4:5)

Brethren: before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Psalm 94:1)

v. Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!
(Psalm 94:2)

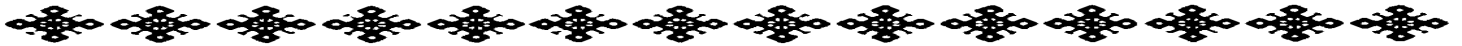
THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE. (13:10-17) At that time Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

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.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & blessings for me & my family

Bosa Kantar

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

Andrew Panoff's namesday (Nov. 30)

Baba & Dedo



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: Dave Houser

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Alexander Gonser

LENTEN POTLUCK Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL today St. Nicholas visits

ADULT EDUCATION Wednesday, December 7 at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm. We are reading Geronda Aimilianos' homily [Fools for Christ](#). Copies are on the table under the clock in the parish hall. **Evening adult education** - on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 pm will resume reading Geronda Aimilianos' homily ["On Prayer: Problems and Temptations"](#) This is the text we read for our morning classes in September/October. We will meet at Deacon Kerry & Diakonissa Kathy Gonser's home.



December 10th from 10 am – 1 pm. The sign-up sheet for volunteers is in the fellowship hall. If you are unable to bake, you can donate toward the purchase of baklava & other baked goods. **Please help us get the word out!** Share our parish [Facebook page event](#) and [posting](#) on the Cookie Walk, take fliers to share, let your friends and neighbors know!

BAKING WORKSHOP for the Cookie Walk at church:

Tues., Dec. 6 at 10 am – Russian tea cookies (*baking will not begin until Fr Matthew returns from ABC 12*)

To those who bake nut rolls, poppyseed rolls, apricot rolls – please bake some at home and freeze them to bring on Friday, December 9.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM Please return the gifts to the church today. If you have questions contact Eileen Branoff at (810)232-5132.



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 will then be placed on a Christmas tree in the church annually. **Today a Trisagion will be held in memory of all those fallen asleep remembered on tree.**

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.**

PLEDGE CARDS were mailed out November 9th. If you have not received yours, contact the office by phone or email. The pledge cards help the parish council plan a budget for the coming year so if you haven't turned yours in yet please do so and thank you to everyone who has already has.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the fellowship hall. 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 iocc.org/ukraine22 or by calling 877.803.4622.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Trisagion for those remembered on our Angel Wing tree in church
St. Nicholas visits and Lenten potluck

Monday, December 5

6 pm [Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Liturgy for the feast of St. Nicholas – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Tuesday, December 6

9 am Fr Matthew interview for the Cookie Walk on Good Morning Mid-Michigan on ABC 12
10 am Baking workshop-Russian Tea cookies
6:30 pm Prayer service for the sick & suffering at St. Mary Magdalene

Wednesday, December 7

No Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult education class
6:30 pm Adult education class at Deacon Luke & Diakonissa Katherine Gonser’s home

Friday, December 9 *Fr. Matthew in Toledo*

10 am Set-up for the Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 10

8:30 am-9 am Volunteers for Cookie Walk arrive
10 am Cookie Walk
5 pm **Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel** *Confessions*

Sunday, December 11

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
10 am **Divine Liturgy- streaming on our YouTube channel**
Church School - **Sermon on the Mount**

Offerings for the week November 27, 2022

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 2,921.55
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -182.45

33 persons in attendance on November 27



**VISIT TO
ST. ROMANOS HERMITAGE**

hosted by St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Burton, MI



SATURDAY
DEC. 17
11 AM



804 S. Putnam St.
Williamston, MI
48895

St. Romanos Hermitage in Williamston, MI is one of our Diocese’s monasteries.

Remember when visiting the monastery, modest dress should be worn.

Please bring a donation for the monastery, whether monetary or, for ideas, contact Matushka Lisa at 810-845-0214.

Please contact the parish office at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com if you plan to attend as the visit includes lunch and the monastery needs a count of how many will attend.

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