

December 7, 2025

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 narthex. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

Holy Communion – for Orthodox Christians (those received into the Orthodox Church through baptism or chrismation), please note that there are specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion – fasting from midnight (unless you need to take medication) and recent Confession. 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

For our visitors who are not Orthodox Christian: we welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (antidoron) which will be given when coming forward to receive the final blessing from the priest at the conclusion of the Liturgy. **Again, welcome!**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025 26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397). Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Siya (Novgorod – 1558). Ven. Nilus of Stolobénsk (1554). Ven. John the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 12th c.). Martyr Athenodorus of Mesopotamia (ca. 304). Ven. Paul the Obedient. St. Philotheia of Thrace, Protectress of Romania (12th c.). Ven. Gregory, Founder of Grigoriou Monastery (Mt. Athos – 14th c.).

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 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 first tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on You. (Psalm 32:22)

v. Rejoice, O righteous ones, in the Lord. To the upright is due praise. (Psalm 32:1)

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

(5:9-19) Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v: God who gives me vengeance and subdues peoples to me. (Psalm 17:48)

v: Magnifying the salvations of the king, and making mercy to his anointed, to David and to his seed to the age. (Psalm 17:51)

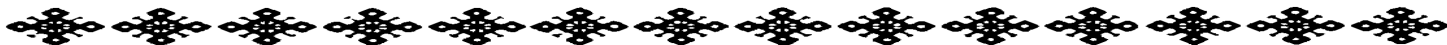
THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (13:10-17)

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! *(Psalm 148:1)*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

The Popoff Family

Magda Popoff

Nicholas Khait, Elizabeth Khait, Artyom Khait, Aleksander Khait

Sviatlana Khait

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Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Joan, Peggy, Bob,
Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted,

Kathryn, David, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends

Joe Tome

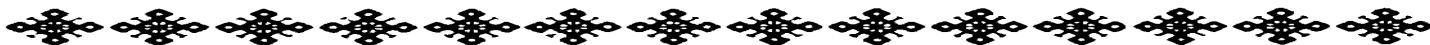
Special Intention

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Natse, Peter, Angelo Popoff & Eleni

Magda Popoff



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 7 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff

HOURS: Angelo

READER: Katherine

Dec 14 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie P.

HOURS: Lucy

READER: Barry

LENTEN POTLUCK Please bring a lenten dish to share for the visit of Saint Nicholas today, Sunday, December 7. Lenten desserts are provided by Alexandra Stith and Barry Cavett.



DECK THE HALLS AT ST. NICHOLAS! On Tuesday, December 9 at 9 am we will arrange the flowers & put up and decorate the trees and Nativity scenes in the church and the hall.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS If you would like to have your name(s) included on the annual Christmas greetings list please call or email the office no later than December 7. Donations are appreciated.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for the deceased. Envelopes are also in the narthex and pews. 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 will then be placed on a Christmas tree in the church annually. Today, Sunday, December 7 a Trisagion will be held in memory of all those fallen asleep remembered on tree.

GIFT BASKET buy tickets for the gift basket in our fellowship hall from Connie Maxim. **Tickets are one for \$2, three for \$5.** The winner will be drawn on Sunday, December 14. Do not need to be present to win. Please write name and phone number on your ticket.

ABC 12 COOKIE WALK INTERVIEW on Thurs, December 11 on Good Morning Mid-Michigan 9 to 10 am.

COOKIE WALK will be held on **Saturday, December 13 from 10 am to 1 pm**. The Cookie Walk is chaired by **Cathy Edwards** and **Staci Shank**.

- Baked goods need to be delivered by Friday, December 12 before 3 pm.
- Sign-up sheet in the parish hall to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale.
- Donations are also appreciated if you cannot bring cookies so baklava & some pre-made goodies can be purchased. There is a donation jar in the parish hall.
- Please help us get the word out about the Cookie Walk! Share our parish Facebook page event and posting on the Cookie Walk, take fliers to share, let your friends and neighbors know!



KITCHEN USE Please call the office to check on availability before planning to use the kitchen. If you would like to have a workshop of the cookie walk in the kitchen, please contact the office (810-744-0070).

CHURCH E-MAIL is stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com E-mail is checked when the office is open – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 am to 3 pm.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE Today – Trisagion at Angel Wing Tree & St Nicholas visits

Monday, December 8 *Fr Matthew makes Communion calls*

Tuesday, December 9
6:30 pm parish council meeting

Wednesday, December 10
9:30 am Russian tea cookie workshop in the kitchen
No Liturgy
No adult education class

Thursday, December 11
9 am ABC 12 Good Morning Mid-Michigan interview about the Cookie Walk
Fr Matthew leaves for Archbishop Alexander's in the afternoon returning Friday afternoon

Friday, December 12
10 am to 3 pm set-up for cookie walk

Saturday, December 13
10 am to 1 pm **Cookie Walk with church tours**
5 pm **Vespers followed by Confessions**

Sunday, December 14
9:30 am **third and sixth hours**
10 am **Divine Liturgy**
12:15 to 1 pm class for inquirers, catechumens, and neophytes

Offerings for the week November 30, 2025

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 905.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -3,475.00

32 persons in attendance on November 30 (snowstorm)