

February 11, 2024

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 Father Robert, 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, FEBRUARY 11, 2024 36th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste (ca. 316). Greatmartyr George of Sofia. Ven. Dimitri (Demetrios), Wonderworker of Priluki (Vologdá – 1392). Rt. Blv. Great Prince Vsevolod (in Baptism Gabriel), Wonderworker of Pskov (1138). Righteous Theodora, wife of Emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast (ca. 867).

TROPARIA

Tone 3 Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

Tone 4 In much-tried patience, O blessed martyr George, you endured death by fire; and after your end you received with the choirs of the martyrs an imperishable crown from Christ. Dwelling now in the land of the meek, as is meet, unceasingly entreat Christ God in behalf of us who with faith bow down before the shrine of your relics.

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 6 Protection of Christians never failing, / Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. / Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, / but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. / Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, // interceding always for those honor you.

The prokeimenon in the seventh tone: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall hope in Him. (*Psalm 63:10*)

v: Hear, O God, my voice when I implore you. (*Psalm 63:1*)

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

TIMOTHY (2:1-10) Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Alleluia, Tone 3

v. In you, O Lord, I hoped, let me not be put to shame to the age. (Psalm 30:1)

v. Become for me a God who shields, and a house of refuge to save me. (Psalm 30:2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (25:14-30) At that time Jesus said to His disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Special Intention

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev & Irina
Health & blessings for Vladimir Akkerman

Sharon Jernigan
Irina Sivergina
Akkerman family

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

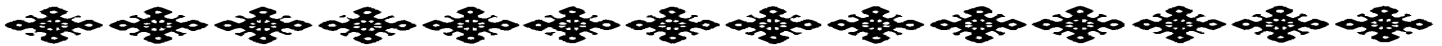
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CANDLE INTENETION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Adelaïda, Feodosiy, Galina, Nikolay, Vasiliy & Vitaliy

Irina Sivergina



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](#).

Feb 11 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff **HOURS:** Angelo Panoff **READER:** Alexander Gonser
Feb 18 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie Price **HOURS:** Lucy Hogg **READER:** Phil Wiles

COFFEE SOCIAL 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 and/or serve in the coming weeks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Reader Alexander Gonser after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

ADULT EDUCATION classes are on Wednesday at 11:15 am. We are continuing with [Psalms and the Life of Faith](#) by Elder Aimilianos looking at twelve of the one hundred and fifty Psalms.

CHURCH SCHOOL Lesson - [Colossians - Forgiveness](#)

FAMILY GAME NIGHT February 17 after Vespers. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship, pizza & playing board games. A free will offering will be collected which will be used to sponsor other social activities. Stephanie & Ian Price are hosting the event so you can contact Stephanie at (248) 396-3899 if you have any questions or to R.S.V.P. It isn't necessary to R.S.V.P. but it is helpful. Games are provided but you are welcome to bring your own.

KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP meets in the parish hall every Monday at 10 am. Come and share ideas, knowledge & fellowship. This is open to everyone who would like to attend.

GOD BLESS everyone who helped take down all of the numerous Christmas decorations, trees, and Nativity scenes on Sunday, February 4. The Lord repay you!

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP ENVELOPES in the bulletin is to support parish seminarians, those training to become catechists, and kiosk expense for theological materials for inquirers. Please be generous!

PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT on Saturday, April 6 at St Mary Magdalene Church welcoming Father Andrew Stephen Damick of the Lord of Spirits podcast at Ancient Faith. Register and see more information [HERE](#) or use the QR code to register. Please take the time during the great forty days' fast to be spiritually renewed through our annual pan-Orthodox retreat. Livestreaming will be available for those who register.



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YOUTUBE CHANNEL subscribe to our YouTube channel [Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#) to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services. Livestreams begin at 9:30 with Hours.

FACEBOOK PAGE Please visit, like, and follow our parish page: www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton Please share posts to your page. This increases the number of people who know about our church. Those who have been at coffee fellowship have seen the number of inquirers who have been coming to Sunday Divine Liturgy. 2,100 people have liked our Facebook page and 2,200 people have followed it.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, February 12

10 am Knitting/crochet group

Tuesday, February 13 - Fr. in Toledo and will return for parish council meeting

6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting. Please let Sharon or the office know if you cannot attend.

6:30 pm Prayer service at St. Mary Magdalene for the sick & suffering

Wednesday, February 14 falling asleep of our venerable father Cyril, teacher of the Slavs

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Adult education



Saturday, February 17

5 pm [Vespers - live-streamed](#) *Confessions*

Family Game Night

Sunday, February 18

9:30 am [Hours & 10 am Divine Liturgy- live-streamed](#)

Church School - [Romans - Obey civil authorities](#)

Offerings for the week February 4, 2024

Weekly Offerings	\$ 3,434.69
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ - 665.31

64 persons in attendance on February 4