

February 12, 2023

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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 2. St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch (381). St. Aleksy (Alexius), Metropolitan of Moscow, Wonderworker of All Russia (1378). St. Meletius, Archbishop of Khar'kov and Akhtyrsk (1840). Ven. Mary (who was called Marinus), and her father, Ven. Eugene, at Alexandria (6th c.). St. Anthony, Patriarch of Constantinople (895). St. Kristo the Gardener (Albania—1752). The “Ivéron” (Iberian) Icon of the Mother of God.

TROPARIA

Tone 2 When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

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 I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You had given me. Therefore I cry to You like the Prodigal: / “I have sinned before You, O compassionate Father; / receive me a penitent, and make me as one of Your hired servants!”

The prokeimenon in the second tone: The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation.
(Psalm 117:14)

v. The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. *(Psalm 117:18)*

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (6:12-20) Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the

body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

Alleluia, Tone 2

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the Name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Psalm 19:1)

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Psalm 19:9)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (15:11-32) At that time Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.’” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. “Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! *(Psalm 147:1)*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON Through the parable of today's Gospel, our Saviour has set forth three things for us: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The divine Fathers have put this reading the week after the parable of the Publican and Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own wretched condition -- inasmuch as we are sunken in sin, far from God and His Mysteries -- we might at last come to our senses and make haste to return to Him by repentance during these holy days of the Fast. Furthermore, those who have wrought many great iniquities, and have persisted in them for a long time, oftentimes fall into despair, thinking that there can no longer be any forgiveness for them; and so being without hope, they fall every day into the same and even worse iniquities. Therefore, the divine Fathers, that they might root out the passion of despair from the hearts of such people, and rouse them to the deeds of virtue, have set the present parable at the forecourts of the Fast, to show them the surpassing goodness of God's compassion, and to teach them that there is no sin -- no matter how great it may be -- that can overcome at any time His love for man. From goarch.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health of Tony Branoff

Dennis & Eileen Goodman

Health & God's blessings for the Elieff & Krigner family

Nancy Krigner

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

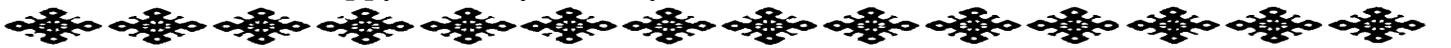
CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Memory Eternal Janet Kurtz

Nancy Krigner

Tom & Stella Branoff. Happy heavenly birthday 2/18 & 2/16.

Linda Branoff



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: Susie Ford

HOURS: Calvin Conrad

READER: Ruth Conrad

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 donuts & coffee and/or serve in the coming weeks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL - [Prodigal Son](#)

ADULT EDUCATION classes are on Wednesday at 11:15 am. We will be reading [Our Daily Report to God](#) by Elder Aimilianos.

In February and through Lent the plan is to read Fr Silviu Bunta's talks on the Liturgy of St Basil and the Presanctified Liturgy in [Your Life Will Be Hung Before Your Eyes!: Meanings of Our Life in Orthodox Liturgy](#). The book is available for purchase through the parish office. The cost is \$24 per book.

MEATFARE is February 19. The menu is roast beef, chicken, baked potatoes, coleslaw & a vegetable. The cost is \$15 per adult and children are free. Donuts will be served in lieu of desserts in memory of Helen Ethington. There is a signup sheet in the parish hall for those who can help with setup, serving and/or cleanup.

CHEESEFARE is February 26. The dinner will include pierogies, strata and French toast. The Fundraising Committee is asking for your help in preparation, serving and clean-up. A freewill offering will be collected. Everyone is invited to attend. There is a signup sheet in the parish hall and you can contact Sharon Jernigan with any questions at 810-877-1766.

EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE You may donate to assist the people suffering in the aftermath of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria through IOCC, the Antiochian Archdiocese at Antiochian.org/earthquake, the Greek Archdiocese at goarch.org/earthquake. Pray for those who have died and those who suffer and help.

MEMORIAL SATURDAY / SOULS' SATURDAY The first Memorial Saturday of 2023 is February 18 which we will observe with 10 am Divine Liturgy followed by a Trisagion for the fallen asleep. We pray for the dead because it is handed on to us from the Scriptures. As members of the Church, the Body of Christ, we are exhorted to pray for one another ([James 5:16](#)). Whether we live or die, "we belong to the Lord" ([Romans 14:8](#)). For we are "members of His Body, of His flesh and of His bones" ([Ephesians 5:30](#)). The Church is "the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God". As such, she includes "tens of thousands of angels" and "the spirits of righteous people completed (in death)" as well as those of us alive on earth ([Hebrews 12:22-24](#)). Death does not end our membership in the Body of Christ. For neither "death nor life [...] will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" ([Romans 8:38-39](#)). We remember that God "is not the God of the dead, but of the living - for all are alive to Him" ([Luke 20:38](#)). Therefore, we pray for both the living and for the "dead in Christ" ([1 Thessalonians 4:16](#)).

God bless Irene Batcos for making the kollyva/kutya/phentsa/zhito for this Memorial Saturday.

HOUSE BLESSINGS Please fill out the form (at the candle stand) and return it to the office if you would like your home to be blessed with the new holy water by Father Matthew.

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

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

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, February 13 *Fr. in Toledo*

Wednesday, February 15

9:30 am Divine Liturgy - served by Fr Michael Bassett & sung by Fr Matthew
11:15 am Adult education class

*Happy
Valentine's Day!*



Saturday, February 18 **Memorial Saturday**

[10 am](#) [Divine Liturgy with Trisagion](#)

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

Sunday, February 19 **Meatfare Sunday**

9:30 am Third & Sixth Hours

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

Church School - [Last Judgment](#)

Meatfare luncheon

Offerings for the week February 5, 2023

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 3,780.10
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 676.10

56 persons in attendance on February 5