

February 13, 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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022 34TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE.

Tone 1. [Beginning of the Lenten Triodion]. Saints Martinian, Zoe, and Photina of Caesarea in Palestine (5th c.). St. Seraphima (Sezhenovo, Russia—1877). Ven. Stephen (in monasticism Simeon), the Myrrhusher, Prince of Serbia (1199). St. Eulogius, Archbishop of Alexandria (607-608). Appearance of Christ to Saint Martin of Tours (316).

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 4 Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: “Have mercy on us, // O only merciful One!”

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 in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Psalm 32:1)

THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (3:10-15)

Timothy, my son, now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the holy scriptures which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Psalm 17:48)

v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Psalm 17:51)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (18:9-14)

At that time Jesus spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me the sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

COMMUNION HYMN

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

The holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee The Pharisees were an ancient and outstanding sect among the Jews known for their diligent observance of the outward matters of the Law. Although, according to the word of our Lord, they “did all their works to be seen of men” (Matthew 23:5), and were hypocrites (Matthew 23: 13, 14, 15, etc.), because of the apparent holiness of their lives they were thought by all to be righteous, and separate from others, which is what the name Pharisee means. On the other hand, Publicans, collectors of the royal taxes, committed many injustices and extortions for filthy money’s sake, and all held them to be sinners and unjust. It was therefore according to common opinion that the Lord Jesus in His parable signified a virtuous person by a Pharisee, and a sinner by a Publican, to teach His disciples the harm of pride and the profit of humble-mindedness.

Since the chief weapon for virtue is humility, and the greatest hindrance to it is pride, the divine Fathers have set these three weeks before the Forty-day Fast as a preparation for the spiritual struggles of virtue. This present week they have called Harbinger, since it declares that the Fast is approaching; and they set humility as the foundation for all our spiritual labors by appointing that the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee be read today, even before the Fast begins, to teach, through the vaunting of the Pharisee, that the foul smoke of self-esteem and the stench of boasting drives away the grace of the Spirit, strips man of all his virtue, and casts him into the pits of Hades; and, through the repentance and contrite prayer of the Publican, that humility confers upon the sinner forgiveness of all his wicked deeds and raises him up to the greatest heights.

All foods are allowed the week that follows this Sunday. From goarch.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Mary Cameron-health & healing

For health of Nick & Millie George

Lucy Hogg

David, Kris, George &
family

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

God bless you Dorothy Goodman with His love; for your strength & good health

Connie

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Josephine & Peter Sredich

their family &
grandchildren



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](#).

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.

MEATFARE will be February 27 following Liturgy. We will be having Gordon Ramsay's holiday roasted turkey with gravy, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, tossed salad with feta cheese, bread rolls stuffed with cheese, and drinks. Please bring a dessert to share. The cost is \$15 per adult and children are free which can be paid for at the dinner but **please R.S.V.P. with the office by February 20**. There is a signup sheet in the parish hall for those who are willing to help, bring a dessert and/or join us for lunch.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Parish finances remain stable. God bless everyone for your continuing financial stewardship and prayers for our parish. Budget is being worked on for 2022. Fourteen visitors on Sunday, February 6. **Sunday school needs some helpers to teach.** Fundraising: Meatfare dinner February 27, Cheesefare dinner March 6. Charity ministry: North End Soup Kitchen on Thursday, March 3 from 9 am to 11:30 am - food served out the door by staff. Church building and grounds - hall roof was cleaned of snow to keep water from leaking inside. Once gutter covers put on perhaps put heat tape on the north-facing gutters in the courtyard. Tabled investing the funds from the sale of the Grand Blanc property until the March meeting. Flower donations - create a format so they can be tax-deductible. Parish directory - way to have parishioners update their own information and perhaps a picture directory through our website. Retreat luncheon on March 19 - strict fasting foods.

MEMORIAL SATURDAY is February 26. There will be Divine Liturgy with Trisagion at 10 am. Please fill out the form at the candle stand if you would like names included. The list of names will be used for all of the Souls' Saturdays in 2022.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9-3. This schedule is subject to change.

CHEESEFARE DINNER will be March 6 following Liturgy. There is a signup sheet in the parish hall for those who are willing to help or join us for lunch. The menu is pierogies, strata & French toast. A freewill offering will be collected and everyone is welcome to attend.

LENTEN RETREAT is March 19. Please sign up using the sign-up sheet and take a flier to friends.

PAN-ORTHODOX MOVIE OUTING - "Man of God" about Saint Nektarios of Aegina on one day and time - Monday, March 21 at 7 pm - at Emagine Cinema in Hartland and Emagine Cinema in Birch Run. Limited seats so reserve your tickets today at Emagine Hartland [here](#) (be sure to select "Emagine Hartland") or Emagine Birch Run [here](#). Faithful from the four area parishes and St Vladimir Church, Dexter, are going to see this movie.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE: **Fast-free week**

Wednesday, Feb 16

No Divine Liturgy
No Adult education

Saturday, Feb 19

5 pm **Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel** followed by *Confessions*

Sunday, Feb 20

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

10 am **Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel**

Offerings for the week February 6, 2021

63 persons in attendance on February 6th

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 3,692.37
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 588.37