

**February 19, 2023**

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America*

**2143 S. Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519**

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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, FEBRUARY 19, 2023 SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 3. Sunday of the Last Judgment. Apostles of the Seventy Archippus (Arkhipp) and Philemon, and Martyr Apphia (1st c.). Martyrs Maximus, Theodotus, Hesychius, and Asclepiodota, of Adrianopolis (305-311). Ss. Eugene and Macarius, Presbyters and Confessors, at Antioch (363). Ven. Dositheus of Palestine, disciple of Ven. Abba Dorotheus (7th c.). St. Rabulas of Samosata (ca. 530). Ven. Theodore of Sanaxar (1791).**

**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 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 1** When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory, / all things shall tremble, and the river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat; / the books shall be opened, and hidden things disclosed; / then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, // and make me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Righteous Judge!

***The prokeimenon in the third tone: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure. (Ps. 146:5)***

***v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Ps. 146:1)***

**THE READING IS FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (8:8 - 9:2)** Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I

not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

**Alleluia, Tone 8**

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

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (25:31-46)** At that time Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

**COMMUNION HYMN**

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 147/148:1)

**Meatfare Sunday** The foregoing two parables – the Tax Collector & the Pharisee, especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God’s extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day’s feast commemorating Christ’s impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds.

It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam’s exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today’s is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end. All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday. from [goarch.org](http://goarch.org)

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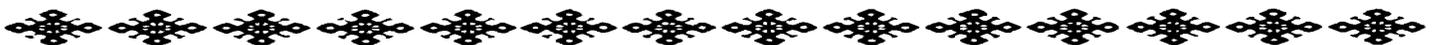
**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

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



**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:** Dennis Jernigan

**HOURS:** Alexander Gonser

**READER:** Angelo Panoff

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### CHURCH SCHOOL - [Last Judgment](#)

**ADULT EDUCATION** classes are on Wednesday at 11:15 am. We will be reading 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.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** is Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm. Parish council members, please check your email for the reports. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact the office.

**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.

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#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today                                      Meatfare luncheon

Monday, February 20                      *Fr. in Toledo*

**Tuesday, February 21**

6:30 pm Parish council meeting

**Wednesday, February 22**

10:30 am Lenten Hours

11:15 am Adult education class

**Saturday, February 25**

**5 pm** **Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel** *Confessions*

**Sunday, February 26** **Cheesefare Sunday**

9:30 am Third & Sixth Hours

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

Church School - **Transfiguration**

Cheesefare luncheon

**Forgiveness Vespers**

**Offerings for the week February 12, 2023**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,678.47
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -425.53

*47 persons in attendance on February 12*