

***February 2, 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, 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, FEBRUARY 2, 2025** 32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. The Meeting of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple.

**FIRST ANTIPHON – PSALM 44**

My heart is indicting a good matter, I speak of the things which I have made to the King. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

My tongue is the pen of a ready writer, full of grace are your lips. Therefore God has blest you forever. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

**SECOND ANTIPHON**

Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O mighty one, in Your glory and in Your beauty!

**O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

The scepter of Your kingdom is a righteous scepter. **O Son of God, carried in the arms of Simeon the righteous, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and was crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

**THIRD ANTIPHON**

**Hear, O daughter, consider, and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house.**

**Tone 1 Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace! / From you shone the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, / enlightening those who sat in darkness. / Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder: / you accepted in your arms the Redeemer of our souls, / Who grants us the Resurrection!**

**Even the rich among the people shall entreat your favor.**

**Tone 1 Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace...**

**I will make your name to be remembered in all generations.**

**Tone 1** Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace...

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright!

**Priest:** The Lord has made known his Salvation, before all the nations he has revealed his Righteousness. Son of God, who were borne in the arms of the righteous Simeon, save us who sing to you: Alliluia!

**TROPARIA** **Tone 7** By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen, granting the world great mercy.

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**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** By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb! And blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

**The prokeimenon in the third tone: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.** (Luke 1:46-47)

**v: For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.** (Luke 1:48)

**THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (7:7-17)** Brethren: Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron. For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For He testifies: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

**Alleluia, Tone 8**

**v: Master, now set free Your servant, according to Your word, in peace.** (Luke 2:29)

**v: Light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the Glory of Your people Israel.** (Luke 2:32)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (2:22-40)** Now when the days of Mary's purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: "Now set free Your servant, Master, according to Your word in peace, for my eyes have seen Your Salvation, whom You have prepared before the face of all peoples—Light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the Glory of Your people Israel." And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not

depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

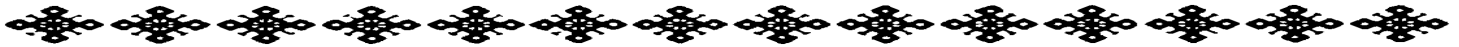
### **IN PLACE OF “IT IS TRULY MEET TO BLESS THEE”**

O Virgin Theotokos, hope of all Christians! Protect, preserve and save those who hope in you! We faithful saw the figure in the shadow of the Law and the Scriptures: ev’ry male child that opened the womb was holy to God. Therefore, we also magnify the first begotten Son of the unoriginated Father, the first born Son of the unwedded Mother!

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (*Psalm 115:4*) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

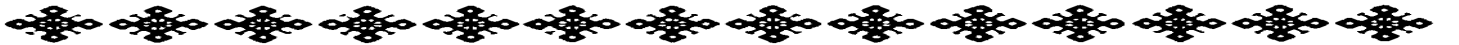
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Special Intention

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Bosa, Milan, Mira, Radmila, Jeff, Jim, Nikke, Miroslav, Alex, Tatiana, Hannah, Nikolas,  
Ashley, Gracie, and Allie

Bosa Kantor



**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 2 CANDLESTAND:** Christine Panoff

**HOURS:** Angelo Panoff

**READER:** Phil Wiles

**Feb 9 CANDLESTAND:** Dennis Goodman

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**READER:** Alexander Gonser

### **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. The class meets in the library.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES** on Wednesdays, at 11:15 am. We are reading - *Wounded by Love*, a transcription of conversations with Saint Porphyrios (1906-1991).

**CHURCH SCHOOL** - lesson is: [St Innocent - Apostle to America](#)

**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.

**YOUR HELP NEEDED!** today after coffee social. We need to put away the Christmas decorations.

**CATECHUMENS** the following persons will be made catechumens prior to the Divine Liturgy on Sundays:  
February 2 - Madison Kassiane Green (godfather Reader Alexander Gonser, her cousin; godmother Matushka Lisa), February 9 - Jeff James & Jeffrey David Muma, February 22 - Sebastian & Sadie Roberts & Mark Choate.

**MEMORY ETERNAL!** **Ellyn Gail Serra** fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at Beaumont Troy Hospital. She is the daughter of parishioner Connie Maxim and the wife of parishioner Michael Serra. Visitation and funeral were held at church on Saturday, February 1. You may view Ellyn's obituary [here](#). Remember Ellyn in your prayers that she rest in the light of Christ's face. Also remember her family that the Lord sustain them in their time of grief. Memory eternal! Christ is risen!



**PRE-LENT DANCE** February 15 from 6 pm – 9 pm at St. Nicholas. A DJ will be playing cd's. The cost is \$10/under 10 free. There will be a freewill offering for food. All ages are welcome! Please join us for an evening of fun, dancing, fellowship & food



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

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Today** Christmas decorations taken down and put away after coffee social

**Monday, Feb 3** Communion calls in the morning - *afternoon-Fr. in Toledo*

**Tuesday, Feb 4** *Fr. in Toledo*

**Wednesday, Feb 5**

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

**Thursday, Feb 6**

9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

**Saturday, Feb 8**

11 am Baptism of Elliot James Prusac and Adeleine Mira Prusac  
1 pm – 4 pm open house in memory of Ellyn Serra at The Oakley 11035 Fish Lake Rd, Holly, MI, with lite refreshments and drinks

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

**Sunday, Feb 9**

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**9:30 am** [Hours-live-streamed](#)

**10 am** [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)

Church School - [Dormition](#)

**Offerings for the week January 26, 2025**

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,378.34
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,001.66

69 persons in attendance on January 26