

**February 27, 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. **Again, welcome!**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022 SUNDAY OF MEATFARE — Tone 3. Repose of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn (1915). Sunday of the Last Judgment. Ven. Procopius the Confessor of Decapolis (8th c.). Ven. Titus, Presbyter, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1190). Ven. Titus the Soldier, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Thalelaeus, Hermit, of Syria (460).**

**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 1** Your proclamation has gone out through North America, calling the scattered sheep into the unity of the Church. Hearing your voice, they respond to your teaching, and through your writings you instructed them in piety. Now guided by your example, O Father Raphael, we sing hymns of praise to Christ our God: "Glory to Him Who gave you strength! Glory to Him Who granted you a crown! // Glory to Him Who, through you, grants healing to all!"

**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 first tone: My mouth shall speak wisdom, / the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (Psalm 48:3)**

**v: Hear this, all nations! Give ear, all inhabitants of the earth! (Psalm 48:1)**

**THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (13:17-21)**

Brethren: Obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal testament, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Alleluia, Tone 3**

**v. In You, O Lord, have I placed my hope; let me not be put to shame. (Psalm 30:1)**

**v. Be a God of protection for me, a house of refuge in order to save me. (Psalm 30:2)**

**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 -- 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**

Slava, Larisa & Nadezhda

Larissa Smith

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

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

Nancy Krigner

### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Rade Beslach (1 yr.)

sestra Bosa

Maria, Victor, Vasiliy, Sergey, Tamara, Irina & Alexander

Larissa Smith

### **ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Blessed Repose Rade Beslach (1 yr.)

sestra Bosa



**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](#).

**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.

**PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT** on Saturday, March 19 will be hosted at our parish. Fr. Bogdan Bucur, professor of patristics at St Vladimir Seminary and a former student of Archbishop Alexander, will give the retreat. **Please RSVP by signing up in our fellowship hall, calling, or e-mailing the office.** A lenten lunch will follow the Divine Liturgy that morning. Please see the fliers in the fellowship hall for more information and pass some fliers along to friends.

**PAN-ORTHODOX MOVIE OUTING - "Man of God"** about Saint Nektarios of Aegina (1846-1920) on one day and time - Monday, March 21 at 7 pm - at Emagine Cinema in Hartland (the closest movie theatre that is showing it). **Limited seats so reserve your tickets today** [here https://www.emagine-entertainment.com/movies/man-of-god](https://www.emagine-entertainment.com/movies/man-of-god) (be sure to select "Emagine Hartland").

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**LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER** We will have our Lenten Prayer Partners again this year. If you are out of town for Lent or are homebound and would like to participate, please call the office: 810-744-0070. On Cheesefare Sunday (March 6), everyone participating will draw a card. Then everyone will pray daily for the person on the card they drew. Remember to keep it secret! At Pascha, you can let your prayer partner know you remembered them in prayer during Lent by giving them a card or a red egg or sending them a card.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Today** Meatfare Dinner

**Tuesday, March 1**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Adult education – to the indolent soul by St Ephrem  
6:30 pm Parish Council meeting

**Wednesday, March 2**

10:30 am Lenten Hours  
No Divine Liturgy or Adult education

**Thursday, March 3**

9:30-11:30 am North End Soup Kitchen

**Saturday, March 5** **CHEESEFARE SATURDAY - remembrance of the holy ascetics**

10 am Divine Liturgy  
**5 pm** **Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel** followed by *Confessions*

**Sunday, March 6** **CHEESEFARE SUNDAY**

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours  
**10 am** **Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel**  
Cheesefare Dinner  
**Vespers for the first day of Lent**

**Offerings for the week February 20, 2022**

*31 persons in attendance on February 20<sup>th</sup>*

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

**ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER ON UKRAINE**

24 February 2022

*“Christ is our peace; he has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.” (Ephesians 2:14)*

Dear Clergy and Faithful of the Bulgarian Diocese,

The Lord’s blessing!

With the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian military, the eyes of the world are focused on a rapidly unfolding tragedy, one which threatens to engulf two nations that have very large Orthodox Christian populations. Our own parishes and missions have many Ukrainian and Russian faithful whom we embrace with affection, and who are naturally grieved over this conflict unfolding before our eyes, a conflict already inflicting suffering and death on many.

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Onufriy of Kyiv and All Ukraine, a beloved friend of the Orthodox Church in America, has issued an appeal on behalf of the Orthodox Church to pray for the army and soldiers guarding and protecting Ukraine and the Ukrainian people. He calls, as well, on the Russian President to stop the “fratricidal war.” Our own Metropolitan, His Beatitude Tikhon, has asked for prayer. I, therefore, ask the

clergy and faithful of the Bulgarian Diocese to offer prayers for peace in Ukraine.

We earnestly pray that hostilities will cease and that differences will be resolved between brothers rather than between enemies. This military action does not express the life and faith of the Orthodox Church. It is not the way of Christ who is our peace. In particular we urge the Church to offer prayers of repentance to God that He might have mercy on us all, and to preserve the tranquility of all nations so that, as the Church in all the world, we may lead a calm and peaceful life in all godliness and sanctity.

All parishes and missions should include the following petition in the augmented litanies through the duration of the present conflict:

“Again, we ask Your great mercy on our brothers and sisters who are presently involved in conflict. Remove from their midst all hostility, confusion and hatred. Lead everyone along the path of reconciliation and peace, we pray You, hear and have mercy.”

May God Himself have mercy on us all.

in Christ, and with the coming Fast,  
+ Alexander  
*Archbishop of Toledo and the Bulgarian Diocese*