

**February 5, 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.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE – Tone 1. Afterfeast of the Meeting, Repose of St. Theodosius of Chernigov (1696). Beginning of the Lenten Triodion. Holy Martyr Agatha of Palermo in Sicily (251). Martyr Theodula of Anazarbus in Cilicia, and with her Martyrs Helladius, Macarius and Evagrius (ca. 304). Icon of the Mother of God "Seeker of the Perishing".**

**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...**

## **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 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!

**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](http://goarch.org)

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### CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Helen, Angelo & Pat

Magda Popoff

Matushka Mary Donahue 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, founder of St. Andrew's Church in East Lansing, MI

Joe Tome

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

Alex, Peter, Eleni & Eva

Magda Popoff

Harry Price on his birthday

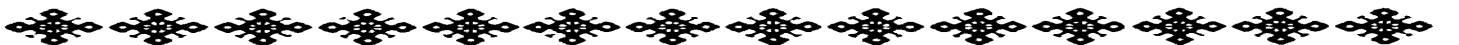
Ian & Stephanie Price

Nicholas Brock on the anniversary of his passing

Laurie Brock

Nick Brock for the anniversary of his repose

Ian & Stephanie Price



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:** Ian & Stephanie Price

**HOURS:** Angelo Panoff

**READER:** Katherine Gonser

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL - [Publican and Pharisee](#)

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.

**COFFEE SOCIAL** Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a sign-up sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate donuts & coffee and/or serve in the coming weeks.

**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 sign-up 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 sign-up sheet in the parish hall and you can contact Sharon Jernigan with any questions at 810-877-1766.

**DORMITION DINNER - final tally** from Fr Michael Bassett: Donations to Dormition: \$7,159. Gift Shop Sales: \$1,341. Amazingly that is the 2nd highest grossing event we have had in the 11 years. It was pushed up by several very generous individual donations (several anonymous) ranging from \$300 to \$500. Love to all again, thanking you for all your hard work! Fr. Mike • **Confession** - you may [watch](#) or [listen](#) to the panel discussion on Confession from the Dormition Dinner. Thank you to Fr Michael Bassett. Lent is a time for us to come to God in Confession. Confessions are on Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment.

**TRIODION** We begin the [Triodion](https://www.ponomar.net/data/lenten_triodion.pdf) [https://www.ponomar.net/data/lenten\\_triodion.pdf](https://www.ponomar.net/data/lenten_triodion.pdf) today. This book of hymns and services will be used at the divine services through these next weeks and all of Lent and into Holy Week.

**LOST & FOUND** A red prayer book was left in the hall last Sunday. It is in the office waiting to be claimed.

**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 [ioc.org/ukraine22](http://ioc.org/ukraine22) or by calling 877.803.4622.

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

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Tuesday, February 7**

6:30 pm Prayer Service for the sick & suffering will be held at St. Mary Magdalene. Email names to [smmocafernton@gmail.com](mailto:smmocafernton@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, February 8**

No Divine Liturgy No Adult education class

**Friday, February 10**

11:15 am Adult education class

Saturday, February 11

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

Sunday, February 12      Sunday of the Prodigal Son

9:30 am      Third & Sixth Hours

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

Church School - [Prodigal Son](#)

Offerings for the week January 29, 2023

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 2,405.10
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	<b>\$ - 698.90</b>

*43 persons in attendance on January 29*