

February 1, 2026

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 (those received into the Orthodox Church through baptism or chrismation), 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 1, 2026 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE –
Tone 1. Beginning of the Lenten Triodion. Forefeast of the Meeting. Martyr Tryphon of Lampsacus near Apamea in Syria (250). Martyrs Perpetua, a woman of Carthage, and the Catechumens: Saturus, Revocatus, Saturninus, Secundulus and Felicitas (202-203). Ven. Peter Galata, Hermit, near Antioch in Syria (429). Ven. Vendemianus (Bendemianus), Hermit, of Bithynia (ca. 512). Ven. Bridget (Brigid) of Ireland (523).

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 The celestial choir of heavenly angels / bends down to the earth / and sees the First-born of all creation / being carried into the Temple as a babe / by a Mother who has not known man, / and in amazement sings with us / a pre-festal hymn.

Tone 4 Your holy martyr Tryphon, O Lord, / through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. / For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. / Through his intercessions, save our souls!

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 6 The Word, unseen with the Father, / now is seen in the flesh, ineffably born of the Virgin, / and is given into the arms of the priest and Elder. / Let us worship Him, our True God.

The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: To the saints who are in His land / the Lord has shown the wonders of all His will in them. (Psalm 15:3)

v. I keep the Lord before me, for He is at my right hand, and I will not be moved. (Psalm 15:8)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (8:28-39) Brethren, whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v: God who gives me vengeance and subdues peoples to me. (Psalm 17:48)

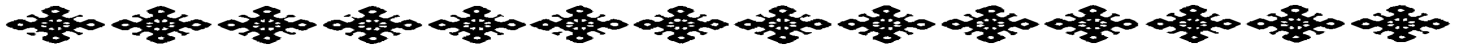
v: Magnifying the salvations of the king, and making mercy to his anointed, to David and to his seed to the age. (Psalm 17:51)

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! (Psalm 148:1) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

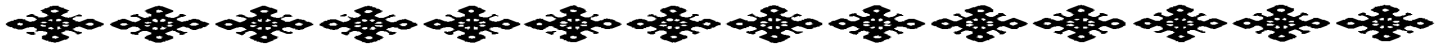
The Popoff Family, The Naum Family, The Papalazarou Family
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Joan, Peggy, Bob,
Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted,
Kathryn, David, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends
Special Intention

Magda Popoff
Joe Tome
Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Natse, Peter, Angelo & Eleni

Magda Popoff



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 1 **CANDLESTAND:** Dennis Goodman **HOURS:** No Hours **READER:** Madison
Feb 8 **CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford **HOURS:** Madison **READER:** Staci

BAPTISMS of Jeff (Nicholas) Muma and Jeffrey (Gabriel) Muma will take place at 9 am on Sunday, February 1, 2026. Paul Brayan is godfather to both Nicholas and Gabriel.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT on fast-free Friday, February 6 at 6 pm. Come and join us!

POSTURE & ETIQUETTE AT DIVINE SERVICES

Posture

The traditional posture for prayer and worship in the Orthodox Church is standing. In the Orthodox “old countries”, there are usually no pews in the churches. Chairs or benches on the side walls are usually reserved for the elderly and infirm. In North America, we have tended to build our churches with pews, and since we have them, we stand and sit. It is fully acceptable to stand for the entire service.

When should we stand? Always during these times:

- The beginning of Liturgy & Great Litany
- The Little Entrance with the Gospel book
- The Epistle Reading
- The Gospel Reading
- The Cherubic Hymn
- The Great Entrance with the gifts
- The Anaphora through to Holy Communion and to the final blessing
- Whenever the priest or bishop gives a blessing

If health or a medical condition makes it difficult to stand for the entire Liturgy, then we can be seated for a time. Please do not chew gum during the divine services. If you must because of a medical condition, please speak with Father Matthew

Attire

Dress should be modest, neither drawing attention to oneself nor reflecting fads and practices found in the culture.

Men, including boys seven years and older, should wear long pants at all times.

Women, at all times tops must be modest: neither low cut nor revealing.

Cell phones

Please turn off or mute all cell phones during the divine services. If you need to answer, please go to the fellowship hall, not in the narthex or nave. Please stow away your cell phones during the divine services, i.e. do not use them in church.

2026 PLEDGE CARDS If you haven't already done so, please return your pledge card so the parish council can budget accordingly. To be a voting parishioner of St. Nicholas Church you must receive Confession and Communion within the past year and return a signed pledge card even if you don't enter a pledge amount

MAILING LIST as our mailing list is updated, if you would like to receive a physical copy of the monthly newsletter rather than an electronic copy, please notify the office.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE (on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:39 pm prayer) **present:** Lena Bakousidis, Eileen Branoff, Bill Economou, Dennis Jernigan, Connie Maxim, Stephanie Price, Staci Shank, Christopher Taylor, Bruce Watson. **elected:** Christopher Taylor - president; Eileen Branoff - vice president; Stephanie Price - treasurer; Staci Shank - secretary; Bill Economou - non-officer of the executive committee. **minutes:** motioned Bill Economou, seconded Connie Maxim - unanimous. **financial reports:** Some months are up, some are down. **endowment fund:** realized loss of \$16,833.26 in 2025. **rector's report:** a written report was given. **youth ministry/church school:** consistent attendance which is an upswing. **outreach:** calendar will be updated and printed this Sunday. Friday, February 6 - fast free - family game night. **fundraising:** the QR code for the cookie walk for people to pay by PayPal, etc. was used well. **charity ministries:** North End Soup Kitchen on Thursday, February 5 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Come join us serving our neighbors! **church building and grounds:** Dennis Jernigan suggests we get prices on snow plowing, snow-blow sidewalks, salt/grass cutting, etc. 3 or 4 estimates would be good. Dennis will call Ace. Bill will check on a company. Eileen will check on it, too. Connie also will provide a phone number. Dennis changed the filters for ventilators in the church. He ordered an extra set of gaskets for the bearing on the big pump so we have as backup. Bookshelf for church school classroom was repaired and will be fastened to the wall. Small bell (solenoid) is in the process of being repaired. **old business:** budget for 2026 will be planned on February 6. No updated on cell phone. Parish vision subcommittee will be scheduling a meeting, **new business:** parish council meeting date in February is changed to Monday, February 9 at 6:30 pm. Dormition Dinner is maxxed out - at capacity at Assumption - 185 people. This is the MOST we have ever had in-person in fourteen years! Father Matthew thanked Dennis Jernigan, Connie Maxim, and Susie Ford for all the help on Tuesday, January 20 prepping the produce for the cabbage, onions, and dumplings. Thank you to Philip Bakousidis for making the salad and picking up the rolls & butter. Thank you to Matushka Lisa for prepping the flatware and napkins and picking up the plates. Meatfare Dinner - February 15, Cheesefare Dinner - February 22, Palm Sunday paska bread bake sale - April 5. Adjourned at 7:46 pm - motion made by Eileen Branoff.

FATHER GABRIEL UPDATE Fr. Gabriel Bilas of St Mary Magdalene Church, Fenton, had successful surgery on Thursday, January 29. From their parish e-mail: "everything is best case scenario and by the grace of God they were able to remove the tumor completely while only taking about 10% of the kidney tissue with it. Everything looked good. Pending pathology, it looks like no other intervention will be needed. Truly a miracle. The family is thankful for all of your prayers! Now Fr. Gabriel and the family will need rest and healing. Please do not reach out to them directly and more updates will be posted as we know more."

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today **1 year Trisagion for Ellyn Gail Serra**
Church School: Ruth ([elementary](#)) ([high school](#))
12:15 pm class for inquirers, catechumens, neophytes

Monday, February 2 *Father Matthew with Archbishop Alexander*
10 am **pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy for the Encounter of our Lord in the Temple**

Wednesday, February 4
9:30 am No Divine Liturgy
adult education class
[6 pm Google Meet class for inquirers, catechumens, and neophytes](#)

Thursday, February 5
9 am we serve at the North End Soup Kitchen

Friday, February 6
6 pm **Family Game Night**

Saturday, February 7
5 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, February 8
9:30 am Third & Sixth Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy and Trisagion for Ivan, Evdokia, and Mykola Ponomarenko
Church School: Hannah/Samuel ([elementary](#)) ([high school](#))
12:15 pm class for inquirers, catechumens, neophytes

Offerings for the week January 25, 2026

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 622.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -3,758.00

56 persons in attendance on January 25