

January 1, 2023

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 circumcision of Christ Jesus today.

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, JANUARY 1, 2023 29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 4. Forefeast of the Theophany. Sunday before the Theophany. THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (379). Martyr Basil of Ancyra (ca. 362).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! (*Psalm 65:1*)
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You! (*Psalm 65:1*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your name, O Most High! (*Psalm 65:3*)
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

Let the heavens rejoice, and the earth be glad. O sing unto the Lord a new song. (*Psalm 95:11, Psalm 96:1*)
O Son of God, circumcised in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Out of Sion is the magnificence of His beauty. (*Psalm 49:2*) **O Son of God, circumcised in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Sing to the Lord, bless His Name! (*Psalm 95:2*) **O Son of God, circumcised in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Our God is in Heaven and earth; all things He has willed, He has done. (*Psalm 113:11*) **O Son of God, circumcised in the flesh, 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

I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever. (*Psalm 88:1*)

Tone 1 Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and Your Divine Spirit, O Jesus, You willed to be born on earth of the unwedded handmaid, your Mother. Therefore You were circumcised as an eight-day-old Child. Glory to Your most gracious counsel; glory to Your dispensation; // glory to Your condescension, O only Lover of mankind!

I will declare Your truth with my mouth. (*Psalm 88:1*)

Tone 1 Enthroned on high...

You hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity. (*Psalm 44:8*)

Tone 1 Enthroned on high...

THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Deacon: Wisdom! Upright!

Choir: Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, who rose from the dead, O Son of God, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

TROPARIA

Tone 4 When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 1 Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and Your Divine Spirit, O Jesus, You willed to be born on earth of the unwedded handmaid, your Mother. Therefore You were circumcised as an eight-day-old Child. Glory to Your most gracious counsel; glory to Your dispensation; // glory to Your condescension, O only Lover of mankind!

Tone 1 Your proclamation has gone out into all the earth, which was divinely taught by hearing your voice. You expounded the nature of creatures and ennobled the manners of men. Venerable Father of royal priesthood, // entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved!

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 3 The Lord of all accepts to be circumcised, thus, as He is good, He excises the sins of mortal men. Today He grants the world salvation, while light-bearing Basil, high priest of our Creator, // rejoices in heaven as a divine initiate of Christ.

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

v. Hear this, all nations; give ear, all inhabitants of the world. (*Psalm 48:1*)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (7:26-8:2)

Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, You who led Joseph's flock. (*Psalm 79:1*)

v. The just man's mouth utters wisdom and his lips speak what is right. (*Psalm 36:30*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (2:20-21, 40-52) At that time the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET ... ,": All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

COMMUNION HYMN

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

INSTEAD OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

Tone 1 Enthroned on high with the Eternal Father and Your Divine Spirit, O Jesus, You willed to be born on earth of the unwedded handmaid, your Mother. Therefore You were circumcised as an eight-day-old Child. Glory to Your most gracious counsel; glory to Your dispensation; // glory to Your condescension, O only Lover of mankind!

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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

Special Intention

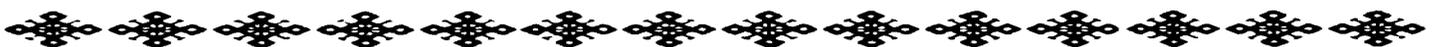
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

My father Milton Economou & my godfather Bill Gogas

Bill Economou



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: Susie Ford

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Alexander Gonser

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL no class today

ADULT EDUCATION classes will resume January 11. On **January 11** we will resume *Fools for Christ* by Elder Aimilianos. Then we will turn to the last of these homilies available in English - *Our Daily Report to God*.

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*. 11 copies of the book are available for purchase through the parish office. The cost is \$24 per book.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on January 5 from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

THEOPHANY BANQUET AND OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATER will be held on Sunday, January 8th following the Divine Liturgy. Bring your empty bottles to fill with Holy Water. Dress for the weather. The menu will consist of Lamb, Chicken, Rice, Vegetables, Bread & Butter, Salad, Dessert & Drinks. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall for volunteers for set-up, clean-up, your meal, and if you would like to bring a dessert. **Adult tickets are \$15, children's meals are free. Please see Sharon Jernigan or call her 810-877-1766 to purchase a ticket & reserve your dinner. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.**

CHARITY PLATE for the OCA's Diocese of Alaska collected a grand total of \$952 (\$581 on Dec 11 and \$371 on Dec 18-21). The Lord God repay you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS are on the table in the fellowship hall. Please check to see if there is one there for you.

DORMITION DINNER is Thursday, January 19 at Assumption from 5 pm - 9 pm. We are providing the desserts. There is a sign-up sheet & fliers in the fellowship hall. The deadline is January 15. You can register online (www.stgeorgeflint.org), by calling St George (810-732-0720) or by giving the form & payment to Susie Ford. Make checks out to **DORMITION MONASTERY**.

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2023 PLEDGE CARDS If you haven't already done so, please return your pledge card so the parish council can budget accordingly. Remember in order to be considered a member here at St. Nicholas you must return a signed pledge card even if you don't enter a pledge amount.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES are at the candle stand. Please pick yours up today and start using them January 1 as they are very helpful when counting weekly tithes & offerings. If you didn't receive a box but wish to, call the church office. The numbers on the envelopes change each year so discard any old envelopes.

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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, January 3

6:30 pm Prayer service for the sick & suffering at St. Mary Magdalene

Wednesday, January 4

10 am Pan-Orthodox priests' meeting No Divine Liturgy or adult education class

Thursday, January 5 EVE OF THEOPHANY

9 am -12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

6 pm Compline with Lity & blessing of water at St. Mary Magdalene

Friday, January 6 THEOPHANY

10 am Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene

Saturday, January 7

11:30 am 6 month memorial for Ivanka Želevarovska at Evergreen Cemetery

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

Sunday, January 8, 2023 SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

9:30 am Third & Sixth Hours

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

Church School - no class Water blessing & banquet

3 pm 6 month memorial for Stojan Prusac at Evergreen Cemetery

Offerings for the week December 25, 2022

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,885.40
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ - 218.60

12 persons in attendance on December 24

27 persons in attendance on December 25