

**January 12, 2025**

**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 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, JANUARY 12, 2025 29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after Theophany. Martyr Tatiana of Rome and those who suffered with her (226-235). Ven. Martinian, Abbot of Belozersk (1483). Martyr Mertius of Mauretania (284-305). Martyr Peter Apselamus of Palestine (309-310). Ven. Eupraxia of Tabenna, in Egypt (393). The "AKATHIST" and "THE MILKGIVER" Icons of the Mother of God. Icon of the Mother of God, the "Priestly". Virgin Martyrs Neollina, Domnina, and Parthena (1375).**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

When Israel went forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language. *(Psalm 113:1)*

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion. *(Psalm 113:2)* **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

The sea looked and fled, Jordan turned back. *(Psalm 113:3)* **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? *(Psalm 113:5)* **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**

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication. *(Psalm 114:1)* **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. *(Psalm 114:2)* **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the name of the Lord. *(Psalm 114:3-4a)* **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Gracious and righteous is the Lord, and our God is merciful. *(Psalm 114:5)* **O Son of God baptized in the Jordan, 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...

**THIRD ANTIPHON**

**Confess to the Lord, that he is good, that his mercy is to the age.** *(Psalm 117:1)*

**Tone 1** When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. For the voice of the Father bore witness to You, calling You His Beloved Son; and the Spirit in the form of a dove

confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, You have revealed Yourself, // and have enlightened the world, glory to You!

**So then let the house of Israel say, that he is good that his mercy is to the age.** (*Psalm 117:2*)

**Tone 1** When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan...

**So then let the house of Aaron say, that he is good that his mercy is to the age.** (*Psalm 117:3*)

**Tone 1** When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan...

**So then let all who fear the Lord say, that he is good that his mercy is to the age.** (*Psalm 117:4*)

**Tone 1** When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan...

### **THE SMALL ENTRANCE**

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright!

**Choir:** Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ,...risen from the dead...

**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!"

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**KONTAKION Tone 4** Today You have shone forth to the world, O Lord, and the light of Your countenance has been marked on us. Knowing You, we sing Your praises: "You have come and revealed Yourself, // O unapproachable Light."

**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, O righteous ones, in the Lord. To the upright is due praise.** (*Psalm 32:1*)

### **THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (4:7-13)**

Brethren, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

**Alleluia, Tone 5**

**v: Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing to the age, to generation and generation I will declare your truth in my mouth.** (*Psalm 88:1-2*)

**v: For you said, To the age mercy will be built, in the heavens your truth will be prepared.** (*Psalm 88:3*)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (4:12-17)** At that time when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caper'na-um by the sea, in the territory of Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles -- the people who sat in darkness have seen a great Light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**Instead of "It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos..."** Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable than the heavenly hosts! No tongue knows how to praise you worthily, O Theotokos; even angels are overcome with awe praising you. But since you are good, accept our faith; for you know our love inspired by God! You are the defender of Christians, and we magnify you.

**COMMUNION HYMN** The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all people. (*Titus 2:11*)

**The outdoor blessing of water will take place after the prayer behind the amvon. Everyone, please join us for our annual Epiphany banquet following the distribution of the antidoron.**

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### CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Fr. Joseph Abud & his wife Khouriya Leslee

St. Nicholas

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

### CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Evangelos Papadopoulos

Eleni Papadopoulos

Alex & Peter Popoff, Eleni and Angelo

Magda Popoff

Ivan & Evdokia Ponomarenko

Lucy Hogg

### ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Angelo Popoff

Helen 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](#).

**Jan 12 CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford

**HOURS:** Barry Cavett

**READER:** Phil Wiles

**Jan 19 CANDLESTAND:** Christine Panoff

**HOURS:** Lucy Hogg

**READER:** Katherine 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** - No church school

**THEOPHANY BANQUET AND OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATER** on Sunday, January 12. Bring your empty bottles to fill with Holy Water. Dress for the weather. The menu is: lamb, chicken, potatoes, salad, vegetables, bread & butter, dessert & drinks. Tickets can be purchased from Sharon Jernigan. Adults \$18, children under 12 are free.

**ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Church will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025, beginning with a short prayer service after the Divine Liturgy. The meeting will then reconvene in the fellowship hall. The nominating committee will also be elected. **All parish organizations must present a report, oral or written, to be given at this meeting. Please email reports to [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com)** From the parish bylaws: "A quorum for membership meetings shall consist of 25 per cent of the total number of members in good standing on record...If at a time fixed for the meeting; the present parish members should fail to constitute the required quorum, another membership meeting shall be convened one hour later on the same day which meeting shall be considered valid in the presence of any number of attending members. This provision should be included in the text of the notice convening the general membership meeting."

**PLEDGE CARDS** If you have not turned in your pledge card yet please do so this week. There are blank cards available at the candle stand. It is important to sign a card as it's one of the requirements to be considered a member in good standing. Pledging an amount will help the parish council set a budget and also ensures your donations are applied to your new pledge.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available to be picked up in the narthex. If there are boxes for family who have not been attending whom you will be seeing, please deliver them to help save on postage costs (\$5 per box of envelopes). It helps a great deal when you use the envelopes & fill out the information on each one.

**13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WINTER DINNER FOR THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD MONASTERY** On Thursday January 23. Our event will be held at St. George Orthodox Church (5191 Lennon Rd, Flint, MI 48507):



- 5 pm Vespers led by the Monastic Community followed by a time to visit, appetizers and the Monastery Gift Shop
- 7 pm Dinner & program: *What Does it Mean to be an Orthodox Christian*
- 8:30 PM Closing prayer and good night!

Please register or to give a donation go online at: [www.saintgeorgeflint.org](http://www.saintgeorgeflint.org) or use the QR code to the right. Our parish is responsible for the drinks this year. You can also be a part by providing beverages for the dinner: 2 liter sodas-any type, Bottled water & Leelanau Cellars Witches Brew Spiced Red Wine. The deadline to leave drinks is noon on Jan 22 which can be left in the 1<sup>st</sup> church school classroom. Susie Ford is our contact person. If writing a check, make it out to Dormition Monastery.

**GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY** Go to our website [www.saintnicholasburton.org](http://www.saintnicholasburton.org) and click on the box **Give now with Givelify**; this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). \*Please consider adding a little extra to your donation to cover the fee we are charged. If you do not wish to donate online, you may write a check to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and send it to the parish address: 2143 S Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519.

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Today** Water blessing and banquet after Liturgy

**Tuesday, Jan 14**

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

**Wednesday, Jan 15**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy - *Father Matthew leaves for Toledo after Liturgy*  
**No Adult education (please note this change in schedule)**

**Saturday, Jan 18**

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

**Sunday, Jan 19**

**9:30 am** [Hours-live-streamed](#)  
**10 am** [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)  
Church School - [St Peter](#)

**Offerings for the week January 5, 2025**

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 4,225.37
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	<b>\$ -154.63</b>

84 persons in attendance on January 5

**GLORIFICATION OF MATUSHKA OLGA MICHAEL** Meeting in its regular Fall Session under the presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America made several decisions related to the upcoming canonization of Matushka Olga.

The Holy Synod has decided that Matushka Olga's liturgical glorification will take place at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Kwethluk, AK, with the Vigil and Glorification taking place on the evening of Thursday, June 19, 2025. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in Kwethluk on Friday, June 20, 2025.

Celebrations of the glorification will continue with services at St. Innocent Cathedral in Anchorage for the Sunday of All Saints of North America, Saturday, June 21 - Sunday, June 22. Finally, a capstone celebration will take place of the 21st All-American Council in Phoenix, AZ, on July 16 - 17, 2025.

Additionally, the Holy Synod has clarified and confirmed that Matushka Olga's feast day will henceforth be celebrated annually on October 27 (Revised Julian; Julian October 27 / November 9), with the first celebration taking place in temples of the Orthodox Church in America on October 26 - 27, 2025. The Synod further decreed that our righteous mother Olga shall be commemorated with a Doxology-rank celebration, except in the Diocese of Sitka and Alaska, where her memory may be celebrated with a Vigil. [oca.org](http://oca.org)