

**January 15, 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 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, JANUARY 15, 2023 31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Ven. Prochorus, Abbot, in the Vranski desert on the River Pshina in Bulgaria (10th c.). Ven. Gabriel, founder of Lesnovo Monastery in Bulgaria (11th c.) Ven. Paul of Thebes (341) and John Calabytes (“the Hut-dweller”—5th c.). Ven. Pansophius of Alexandria, Martyr (ca. 249-251).**

**TROPARIA**

**Tone 6** The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Your grave, / seeking Your most pure body. / You captured hell, not being tempted by it. / You came to the Virgin, granting life. / O Lord, Who rose from the dead, // glory to You.

**Tone 4** O God of our Fathers who ever deals with us according to Your tender compassion, withdraw not Your mercy from us, but by the intercessions of our Fathers Gabriel and Prochorus direct our lives in peace.

**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** By Your Nativity You sanctified the Virgin's womb! And blessed Simeon's hands, O Christ God. Now You have come and saved us through love. Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of Man!

*The prokeimenon in the seventh tone: Let the saints exult in glory, / let them sing for joy on their couches! (Psalm 149:5)*

**v. Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the faithful! (Psalm 149:1)**

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (5:22-6:2)** *Brethren:* the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

***Alleluia, Tone 6***

**v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Psalm 90:1)**

**v: He will say to the Lord: “My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust!” (Psalm 90:2)**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (17:12-19)** At that time as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

**The holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31 (9th Matins Gospel)**

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed

on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

**Saint Prochorus of Pshina (January 15)** pursued asceticism in the Bransk wilderness at the River Pshina, and he founded a monastery there. He is renowned as one of the great ascetics of monastic life. He died at the end of the tenth century. Miracles occurred from the saint's relics. According to the Serbian Chronicles, the pious King Milutin (1276-1320) built a church in honor of Saint Prochorus.

**Saint Gabriel of Lesnovo (January 15)**, founder of the Lesnov monastery near the city of Kratov. Receiving a large inheritance after the death of his parents, he rejected marriage and became a monk on a mountain at Lesnov. There he built a church in the name of the Archangel Michael, and gathered many monks around him. He appointed an igumen, and left all his inheritance to the monastery. He then hid himself in a mine, where he lived in asceticism for thirty years, conquering demonic temptations through prayer and fasting.

He then returned to the Lesnov monastery and ended his life in peace. After thirty years, his relics were uncovered, and healings worked through them. Long afterwards, they were transferred to Trnovo [Tirnova] in Bulgaria. *from [oca.org](http://oca.org)*

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#### CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

The Vuckovich family; Dave, Josh & Barb. Dave & Josh have Covid	Barb Vuckovich
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

Nikolai Evanenko (1 yr. January 15)	Taras Evanenko
Evdokia, George, Harold, Nicholas, Robert & Samuel	Laurie



**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](#).

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

##### CHURCH SCHOOL - [Parable of the Sower](#)

**ADULT EDUCATION** classes are on Wednesday. We will be reading [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](#). The book is available for purchase through the parish office. The cost is \$24 per book.

**ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB** from Fr Michael Bassett - we'll be reading [Great Lent](#) by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann. This would be an excellent to deepen your participation in this most significant season in the life of the Church. We will meet twice to discuss the book via both ZOOM and LIVE formats:

##### **January**

- o ZOOM: Sunday evening, 1/29 @ 7:00 PM
- o LIVE: Monday evening, 1/30 @ 6:00 PM at St. George

##### **February**

- o ZOOM: Sunday evening, 2/19 @ 7:00 PM
- o LIVE: Monday evening 2/20 @ 6:00 PM at St. George

1. The book can be ordered via through any number of online used book sellers for a reasonable price
2. To register for either the ZOOM or LIVE meetings OR if you need help ordering a book please contact Fr. Michael at [frdnmike@gmail.com](mailto:frdnmike@gmail.com) or 989-627-9580

**CANDLESTAND:** Dave Houser

**HOURS:** Calvin Conrad

**READER:** Ruth Conrad

**COFFEE SOCIAL** is provided by Taras Evandenko in memory of his dad, Nikolai Evandenko (1 yr. Jan. 15). Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome!

### **DORMITION DINNER**

**WHERE:** Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Grand Blanc, Michigan

**WHEN:** Thursday January 19 at 5:00 PM

**WHAT:** Vespers, Appetizers, Dinner and our Panel Discussion on Confession

#### **SPONSORED BY:**

The Orthodox Churches of Genesee County (St. George, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Nicholas and Assumption) We are providing the desserts, which need to be individual finger foods such as cookies, brownies, baklava. We are plating one dessert tray for each table at the dinner. If you are not attending the dinner, please bring your dessert to St. Nicholas by 1 pm on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who will be attending the dinner you can take your dessert to Assumption's fellowship hall by 5 pm on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

There is a signup sheet & fliers in the fellowship hall. **The deadline is January 15.** You can register online ([www.stgeorgeflint.org](http://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**.

**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.

**OLD TELEVISION** Anyone who would like to purchase the old television set that was in the hall, please contact the office and make an offer.

**PARISH CEMETERY** We need a new sextant for the cemetery - if you are interested, please contact the parish office.

**ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Church will be held on Sunday, January 29, beginning with a short prayer service after the Divine Liturgy. The meeting will then reconvene in the Parish Hall. All parish organizations must present a report, oral or written, to be given at this meeting. Please email reports to Ellyn Serra, parish council secretary at [eserra@vellohealth.com](mailto:eserra@vellohealth.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."

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Election of parish council officers** - those elected are Sharon Jernigan, president; Paul Brayan, vice-president; Ellyn Serra, secretary; Susie Ford, treasurer; Stephanie Price, non-officer for the executive committee. **Finances** - the balance sheet of all the church accounts (excluding the endowment fund) ended 2022 with \$173,822.77. We ended 2021 with \$140,396.66. **Rector's report** - a flier will be coming out with the schedule for lenten services. Lenten retreat will be hosted by our church on Saturday, March 18 with Archbishop Alexander and, tentatively, Bishop Anthony (Antiochian) each giving one talk. **Church School** - classes resume on January 15. **Fundraising** - *Theophany banquet* 84 dinners, profit was \$750 that is being earmarked for maintenance. *Meatfare dinner* is Sunday, February 19; *Cheesefare dinner* is Sunday, February 26. **Charity** - The North End Soup kitchen will be February 2 from 9 to 12:30 pm. \$952 was collected in December for the OCA Diocese of Alaska. God bless everyone for their generosity. **Maintenance** - a new clothes hanger was put in the back closet for vestments. The sensor in the men's bathroom went out so it was replaced. Outdoor light was added on the northwest corner, another will be added in the southwest corner. The lock on the door going into the narthex was repaired. The light in the courtyard was replaced. Anyone who would like to purchase the old television set that was in the hall, please contact the office and make an offer. Need a new sextant for the cemetery - if you are interested, please contact the parish office. Some gravestones were knocked over and the plan is to set them upright in the spring. **New Business** - website has been updated by Stephanie Price and Ellyn Serra. **Community activities** - Stephanie Price wants to plan social activities *including members of our local community* such as game nights, egg hunt, etc. Saturday, February 4 have a game night. Sunday, May 21 a ham dinner. Monday, May 29 participate in the Burton Memorial Day parade. Saturday, July 22 have a bbq cook-off as a community picnic. Blessing of first responders. In September a vecherinka - dance. Saturday, October 21 as trunk or treat. Many ideas were brought up for 2023.

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

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Today** 1 yr. Parastas for Nikolai Evandenko after Liturgy

**Monday, January 16**      *Fr. Matthew in Toledo*

**Wednesday, January 18**

9:30 am      Divine Liturgy Fr. Michael Bassett will serve, Fr. Matthew will lead this singing.  
Thanks be to God for Fr. Michael's generosity come and serve the Liturgy.  
11:15 am      Adult education class

**Thursday, January 19**      **11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dormition Dinner at 5 pm.**

**Saturday, January 21**

**5 pm**      **Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel** *Confessions*

**Sunday, January 22**

9:30 am      Third & Sixth Hours  
**10 am**      **Divine Liturgy- streaming on our YouTube channel**  
Church School - **Zacchaeus**

**Offerings for the week January 8, 2023**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 4,051.62
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 947.62

*101 persons in attendance on January 8*