

January 16, 2022

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 16, 2022 30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Veneration of the Precious Chains of the Holy and All-glorious Apostle Peter. Bl. Maxim of Tot'ma, Fool-for-Christ (Vologdá—1650). Martyred brothers Speusippus, Eleusippus, Meleusippus, and those with them, in Gaul (161-180). Martyr Danax the Reader, in Macedonia (2nd c.). St. Honoratus, Archbishop of Arles and founder of the Abbey of Lérins (429). Hieromartyr Damascene the New (Mt. Athos—1771).

TROPARIA

Tone 5 Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious 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 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 fifth tone: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us / from this generation forever.
(Psalm 11:7)

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly. *(Psalm 11:1a)*

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS (3:4-11) Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Alleluia, Tone 5

v. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. *(Psalm 88:1-2)*

v. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens. *(Psalm 88:3)*

THE READING IS FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (17:12-19) At that time, as Jesus entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

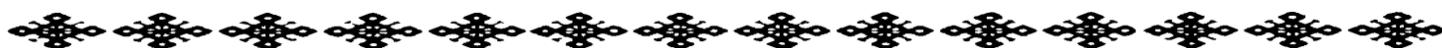
COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! *(Psalm 148:1)* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The holy Gospel according to John 20:11-18 (8th Matins Gospel)

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

The veneration of the precious chains of the holy, all-glorious apostle Peter (January 16) In about the year 42, on the orders of Herod Agrippa, the Apostle Peter was thrown into prison for preaching about Christ the Savior. In prison he was held secure by two iron chains. During the night before his trial, an angel of the Lord removed these chains from the Apostle Peter and led him out from the prison (Acts 12:1-11). Christians who learned of the miracle took the chains and kept them as precious keepsakes. For three centuries the chains were kept in Jerusalem, and those who were afflicted with illness and approached them with faith received healing. Patriarch Juvenal (July 2) presented the chains to Eudokia, wife of the emperor Theodosius the Younger, and she in turn transferred them from Jerusalem to Constantinople in either the year 437 or 439. Eudokia sent one chain to Rome to her daughter Eudoxia (the wife of Valentinian), who built a church on the Esquiline hill dedicated to the Apostle Peter and placed the chain in it. There were other chains in Rome, with which the Apostle Peter was shackled before his martyrdom under the emperor Nero. These were also placed in the church. On January 16, the chains of Saint Peter are brought out for public veneration. from oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

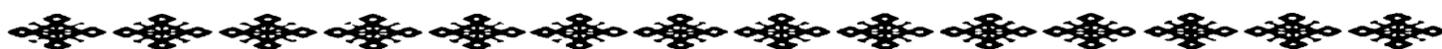
Happy birthday Chris (January 26)	Sandy Taylor
Andrew Foster, speedy recovery	Joe Tome
A blessed & healthy Happy New Year to Marcia & Dennis, helping Fr. Matthew keep our church family together and informed with their labor of love	
Natalya Andreeva	Kira Rabkina
Health & blessings Madelyn Rose	Stephanie & Ian
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted, Joseph, Marlene, Mary, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends	
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Nadja, Sean & Auden health and blessings	Lucy Hogg

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Dina Tasevska	Lena Grousopoulos
Natsa, Peter & Spirotza	Angelo & Helen Popoff
Evdokia-Mother, Baba & Great Baba, love from her children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren	Laurie Brock
Dušan Jevtich Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal	Dorothy Goodman
Dušan, Pater & Marsia	Svetlana DeShaw
Alex, Kosta & Demitra Georgopoulos	Mary Batzos
Sophie Tula Stavridis, Alex, Vasa & Larry Karatza, Sophie & Angleo Stavridis, Tom Sekuloff, Tula & John Nastos	Teddy & Jessica Stavridis
Dina Tasevska & all other deceased church family	Tasevski family

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Luba & Don Stevens	Kira Rabkina
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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](#).

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by the Tasevski family in memory of Dina Tasevska. Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.

THEOPHANY DINNER thank you to all of you who participated & helped make this a wonderful dinner.

10th ANNIVERSARY WINTER DINNER supporting Holy Dormition Monastery:

CLICK [HERE](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EQ7jkhZ8SCOmSPjDbs1cg) https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EQ7jkhZ8SCOmSPjDbs1cg to

REGISTER for the 10th Annual Dormition of the Mother of God Winter Micro-Retreat (*known in previous years as the Winter Dinner for Dormition Monastery*):

- Thursday, Jan 20 starting at 4:45 PM
- A Zoom Event you can attend from your computer, pad, smartphone or telephone or Smart TV (YouTube link to be provided)
 - The evening begins at 4:45 with a video tour of the monastery. The full agenda is at the registration site. SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Archbishop Nathaniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America (OCA) (followed by Q&A)

Notes: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar including a YouTube Link for easier viewing on a large screen (Smart TV)

Please use the following links for:

- [PRAYER REQUESTS](https://dormitionmonastery.org/prayer_requests) https://dormitionmonastery.org/prayer_requests
- [MONASTERY GIFT SHOP](https://dormitionmonasterygiftshop.squarespace.com/) <https://dormitionmonasterygiftshop.squarespace.com/>
- [MONASTERY DONATIONS](https://dormitionmonastery.org/donate) <https://dormitionmonastery.org/donate>

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Officers elected for 2022 are Sharon Jernigan, president; Paul Brayan, vice-president; Ellyn Serra, secretary; Stephanie Price, treasurer; Susie Ford, non-officer for executive committee. 2022 the parish finances ended in the black. God bless everyone for their continued financial stewardship. Stephanie Price is preparing a budget for the February meeting. Theophany banquet netted \$581. Meatfare is planned as a turkey dinner on February 27. Cheesefare is planned with pierogies, strata and French toast on March 6. People are needed to help prepare these dinners. Maintenance: Dave Houser removed the birch and lilac trees. Someone offered to replace the lilac with a new one in the spring Garage: John Borkovich and family offered to do the repair work on the garage. Pavilion: Painting is still needed. Cookers: Front siding needs to be replaced Defibrillator: Lena Bakousidis will ask her daughter-in-law Kelly, a nurse, if she will come in to teach parish council members how to use it. Old church photos: Would like poster boards to display past church events. Father suggested the photos can be uploaded on YouTube for display on the monitor during coffee hour.

ANNUAL MEETING The annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23, 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.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9-3. This schedule is subject to change.

HOUSE BLESSINGS If you would like your home blessed with the new holy water, please fill out the form at the candle stand and return it to the office.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, January 17 *Father in Toledo*

Wednesday, January 19

- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
- 11:15 am adult education - kontakion "on Theophany" by St Romanos the Melodist

Thursday, January 20

- 4:45 pm virtual 10th Annual Dormition of the Mother of God Winter Micro-Retreat

Saturday, January 22

- 11 am Parastas for Dušan Jevtich at church followed by Trisagion at Evergreen Cemetery
- [5 pm Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#) followed by *Confessions*

Sunday, January 23

- 9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
- [10 am Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)
annual parish meeting

Offerings for the week January 9, 2021

68 persons in attendance on January 9

Weekly Offerings	\$ 6,491.02
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 3,387.02

Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon - Sanctity of Life Sunday January 16, 2022
To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, Dear Beloved Children in the Lord, As we witness our society becoming increasingly polarized and divided, we approach the anniversary of one of the most bitter of these divisions: the legalization of abortion in the United States of America. We grieve on this anniversary for

the many lives cut short, the emotional and psychological devastation done to so many women, the numerous wounded families, and the persistent hostility embittering our society.

The Orthodox Church continues to hold fast to its ancient belief that all human life, from conception in the womb to our very last moment, is sacred to God. For the Holy Scripture tells us that “God did not make death, and He does not delight in the death of the living. For He created all things that they might exist” (Wis 1:13–14). So we say, humbly but firmly, that the willful destruction of a person in the womb is an evil act and a rejection of a gift of God.

For Orthodox Christians, the darkness of abortion transcends the political. It extends even beyond morality and ethics. It cuts to the heart of our faith in the Resurrection. On that bright morning of Great and Holy Pascha, Christ forever destroyed death, the last enemy of mankind (cf. 1 Cor 15:26). The empty tomb ennobles humanity and transforms us into a people forever dedicated to life, utterly opposed to death in all its forms. All people, even those still unborn, are created for eternity with God, and it is our unshakable conviction in the Risen Christ which makes the thought of the termination of a child unimaginable.

We also know that the unequivocal message of the New Testament is that followers of Christ are to “love one another” with the same self-sacrifice with which Christ loved us (cf. Jn 13:34). I encourage all Orthodox Christians to show that Christ-like, self-sacrificial love in the face of this darkness. I ask that we assist mothers in every way possible to relieve them of the temptation to abortion. Likewise, support the fathers as they step up to embrace their new and blessed family responsibility.

As we “speak the truth in love” (Eph 4:15) we must not condemn others but leave judgment to the Lord. Our call is a call to repentance, beginning with ourselves, so that we might restore the likeness of God and become bright mirrors reflecting the light of Christ to a wounded, confused, and anxious people. Let the only thing that our society sees in us be overflowing love, piety, and forgiveness to all. We remember with gratitude that the Lord always gives us, personally and as a nation, a path out of our sin through repentance – even sin as devastating and horrific as abortion. Let our parishes and communities become beacons of that divine love and forgiveness, where all human life is valued as deeply as Christ values it, as we forever speak with a Paschal voice: “Christ is risen and life reigns.”

May the Holy Spirit, whom we confess in the Creed as “the Lord, the Giver of life,” ever inspire us with love, humility, and conviction as we speak to this issue. Yours in Christ,

+Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada