

January 2, 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 2, 2022 28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Forefeast of the Theophany. Sunday before Theophany. Repose of Ven. Seraphim, Wonderworker of Sarov (1833). St. Sylvester, Pope of Rome (335). Ven. Sylvester of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 12th c.). Righteous Juliana of Lazarévsk (Múrom – 1604). Hieromartyr Theogenes, Bishop of Parium on the Hellespont (ca. 320).

TROPARIA

Tone 3 Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

Tone 4 Prepare, O Zebulon, and adorn yourself, O Naphtali! River Jordan, cease flowing, and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized! Adam, rejoice with our first Mother, and do not hide yourselves as you did of old in Paradise; for having seen you naked, He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment. // Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

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 4 Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John: “Do not be afraid to baptize me. // For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man.”

The prokeimenon in the sixth tone: O Lord, save Your people / and bless Your inheritance! (Psalm 27:9a)

v. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Psalm. 27:1a)

THE READING IS FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (4:5-8) Timothy, my son: as for you, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v: God have pity on us and bless us, show His Face to us and have mercy on us. (*Psalm 66:2*)

v: That we may know Your Way upon the earth, and Your Salvation among all nations. (*Psalm 66:3*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (1:1-8) The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare the way' the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight-" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the county of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36-53 (6th Matins Gospel)

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & God's blessings for Amy Wiedemer

Nancy Krigner

Health & blessings for Madelyn Rose

Stephanie & Ian

For comfort for our friends the St. Juliana family

Economou family

For my friends the George family

Bill Economou

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

My father Milton Economou & my God father 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](#) for their livestreams.

MEMORY ETERNAL - CHRIST IS RISEN

DUŠAN JEVTICH fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, December 24. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery on December 29. Please remember Dušan in your prayers that he rest in the light of Christ's face.

Remember his family, also, that God sustain them in their grief. His memory be eternal in God! Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by Teddy & Jessica Stavridis in memory of their daughter Sophie Tula Stavridis. 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 refreshments and/or to help serve.

OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATER & THEOPHANY DINNER will be held on Sunday, January 9 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, Coleslaw, Dessert and Drinks. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall for volunteers for set-up, clean-up, your meal and also if you would like to make a dessert. Adults \$15, children are free. Today is the last day to buy tickets.

OFFERING ENVELOPES can be picked up at the candle stand. If there are boxes for family members who have not been attending whom you will be seeing this month, please deliver them to help save on postage costs (\$5 per box of envelopes).

10th ANNIVERSARY WINTER DINNER supporting Holy Dormition Monastery is scheduled on Thursday, January 20 at Saint George Church. Archbishop Nathaniel of the Romanian Episcopate (Orthodox Church in America) will be the guest speaker. This will be a zoom only event this year. The information for that will be available soon.

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Parish 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.

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PLEDGE CARDS were mailed out in November. If you haven't returned yours yet please do so as it helps the parish board set a budget for the new year. Even if you don't know the amount you want to pledge you can return the card with your signature, which is one of the requirements to be considered a member in good standing.

HOUSE BLESSINGS If you would like your home to be blessed with the new holy water by Father Matthew please fill out the form that is available at the candle stand and return it to the office.

CALENDARS are available in the narthex as well as small tri-fold calendars to carry in your purse or wallet.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today 40 day memorial for +Valentina Evanenko

Wednesday, January 5

No Divine Liturgy
No Adult education
6 pm Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil

Saturday, January 8

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

Sunday, January 9

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
10 am **Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel**
1 yr. Trisagion for Sophie Tula Stavridis
Out door blessing of water & Theophany dinner

Offerings for the week December 26, 2021

*16 persons in attendance on December 24th
23 persons on December 25th &
27 on December 26th*

Weekly Offerings	\$ 703.90
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -2,400.10