

January 7, 2024

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 7, 2024 31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Theophany . Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. Sunday after Theophany.

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, 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

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, O Son of God, **who rose from the dead**, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

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 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!

Tone 2 The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, / but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner. / You were shown in truth to be the most honorable of the prophets, / for you were deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him whom they foretold. / Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, / you proclaimed to those in hell God who appeared in the flesh, / who takes away the sin of the world, and grants us great mercy.

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 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 seventh tone: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall hope in Him.
(*Psalm 63:10*)

v: Hear, O God, my voice when I implore you. (*Psalm 63:1*)

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (19:1-8)

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would

come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all. And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

Alleluia, Tone 5

v. Light dawned to the righteous one, and to the upright in heart - gladness. (Psalm 96:12)

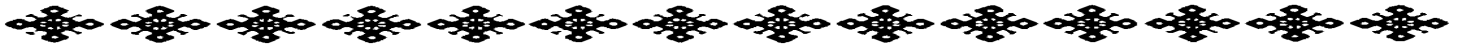
v. Be gladdened, righteous, in the Lord, and confess to the memory of his holiness. (Psalm 96:13)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (1:29-34) At that time John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes up the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

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

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev & Irina
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan,
Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, 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

Irina Sivergina

Special Intention

Joe Tome

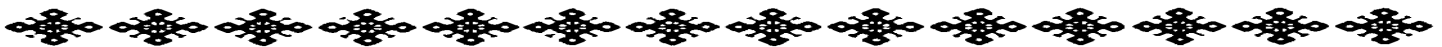
Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Adelaïda, Feodosiy, Galina, Nikolay, Vasiliy, Andrey & Vitaliy
The soul of Mark Huebler who fell asleep in the Lord Dec. 4, 2023

Irina Sivergina

Dcn. Luke



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 7 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff

HOURS: Angelo Panoff

READER: Alexander Gonsler

Jan 14 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Angelo Panoff

COFFEE SOCIAL Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a signup sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate and/or serve in the coming weeks.

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.

ADULT ED CLASS resumes January 10.

CHURCH SCHOOL Lesson - [2 Corinthians - Light of the World](#)

THEOPHANY DINNER and outdoor blessing of water January 14th. Tickets can be purchased from Sharon Jernigan. Adults \$18, children under 12 free.

12th ANNUAL DORMITION FUNDRAISER DINNER will be held at the *newly renovated* St. George Banquet Center on January 18th from 5 pm – 8:30 pm. Register, volunteer or donate by Sunday, January 7th. There are 4 ways to register: online at www.saintgeorgeflint.org, the QR code to the right and found on the registration form, by paper (fill out form and give to Katherine Gonser) or by phone (810-732-0720). Forms are in the parish hall. *The talks that will start around 7:30 will be on YouTube. **Our parish is to prepare the main course for the event. Katherine Gonser is our contact person.**



PLEDGE CARDS 150 pledge cards were mailed out for 2024. Only 52 have been returned. **If you have not turned in yours 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.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are 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). Please let Marcia know if you haven't received envelopes and would like to have them. Using envelopes is very helpful to those who count the stewardship collection & for the auditors.

2024 CALENDARS are in the narthex. Thank you to Swartz Funeral Home for sponsoring them again.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday & Wednesday 9-3 & Friday ****10-3.**

GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY Go to our website 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). 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.

Well-wishes for Archbishop Alexander may be sent to
Archbishop Alexander
519 Brynhaven Dr
Oregon, OH 43616-2809

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, January 8 - Fr. in Toledo

Tuesday, January 9

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

Wednesday, January 10

11:15 am No Divine Liturgy
adult education

Saturday, January 13

5 pm Vespers - live-streamed Confessions

Sunday, January 14

9:30 am Hours & 10 am Divine Liturgy- live- streamed
Church School - Blessing of Water & lamb dinner

Offerings for the week December 31, 2023

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| Weekly Offerings | \$ 2,558.24 |
| Estimated Average Weekly Expenses | \$ 4,100.00 |
| | \$ - 1,541.76 |

62 persons in attendance on December 31