

January 8, 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 8, 2023 30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Afterfeast of the Theophany. Sunday after Theophany. Ven. George the Chozebite, Abbot (6th c.). Ven. Domnica of Constantinople (474). St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus (9th c.). Ven. Gregory, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 1093). Ven. Gregory the Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 13th-14th c.). Hieromartyr Isidore and 72 others at Yuriev (Estonia – 1472). St. Paisius of Uglich (1504). Hieromartyr Carterius of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (304). Martyrs Theophilus the Deacon, and Helladius, in Libya (4th c.). Martyrs Julian and his wife, Basilissa, and with them Marcionilla, her son Celsus, Anthony, Anastasius, 7 children and 20 soldiers, at Antinoë in Egypt (313). Ven. Elias the Hermit, of Egypt (4th c.). Martyr Abo the Perfumer, of Tiflis (Georgia – 790).

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

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever! (*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!

Let the house of Israel say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever! (*Psalm 117:2*)

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

Let the house of Aaron say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever! (*Psalm 117:3*)

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

Let those who fear the Lord say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever! (*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 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.

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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 first tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us /as we have set our hope on You!
(*Psalm 32:22*)

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (*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: 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 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 Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Psalm 148:1*) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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. 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

Special Intention

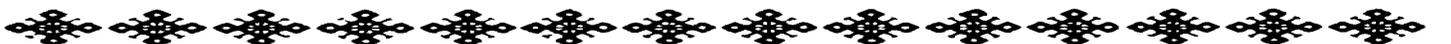
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Evdokie & Ivan Ponomarenko

Lucy Hogg



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CANDLESTAND: Dennis Jernigan

HOURS: Angelo Panoff

READER: Katherine Gonsler

THEOPHANY BANQUET AND OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATER is today Sunday, January 8th Adult tickets are \$15, children's meals are free. Please see Sharon Jernigan to pay for your ticket.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL no class today

ADULT EDUCATION classes will resume January 11. On **January 11** we will resume [*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*](#). 11 copies of the book are available for purchase through the parish office. The cost is \$24 per book.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING January 10 at 6:30 pm. Please contact the office if you are unable to attend. Parish council members look for the files in your e-mail. Meetings are open to attend.

DORMITION DINNER is Thursday, January 19 at Assumption from 5 pm - 9 pm. We are providing the desserts. There is a sign-up sheet & fliers in the fellowship hall. The deadline is January 15. You can register online (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.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS and offering envelopes are on the table in the fellowship hall. Please check to see if there is one there for you.

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
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."

2023 PLEDGE CARDS If you haven't already turned yours in yet, please do so today.

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UKRAINIAN REFUGEES You can support International Orthodox Christian Charity's (IOCC) humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis through ioccc.org/ukraine22 or by calling 877.803.4622.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, January 9 *Fr. Matthew in Toledo*

Tuesday, January 10

6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

9:30 am Divine Liturgy served by Fr. Michael Bassett sung by Fr. Matthew

11:15 am Adult education class

Saturday, January 14

5 pm [Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#) *Confessions*

Sunday, January 15

9:30 am Third & Sixth Hours

10 am [Divine Liturgy- streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Church School - [Parable of the Sower](#)

Offerings for the week January 1, 2023

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 7,378.65
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 4,274.65

34 persons in attendance on January 1