

*January 18, 2026*

*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 narthex. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

**Holy Communion – for Orthodox Christians (those received into the Orthodox Church through baptism or chrismation)**, please note that there are specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion – fasting from midnight (unless you need to take medication) and recent Confession. 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

**For our visitors who are not Orthodox Christian:** we welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (antidoron) which will be given when coming forward to receive the final blessing from the priest at the conclusion of the Liturgy. **Again, welcome!**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026 32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Ss. Athanasius the Great (373) and Cyril (444), Archbishops of Alexandria. Ven. Afanásii (Athanasius), Abbot of Syandémsk (Vologdá – 16th c.). Righteous Afanásii of Novolótsk, Monk (16th-17th c.). Ven. Marcian of Cyrrhus in Syria (ca. 388). Ven. Schemamonk Cyril and Schemanun Maria, the parents of St Sergius of Radonezh (ca. 1337).**

**TROPARIA**

**Tone 7** By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen, granting the world great mercy.

**Tone 3** You shone forth with works of Orthodoxy and quenched all heresy, and became victorious trophy-bearers, hierarchs Athanasius and Cyril. You enriched all things with piety and greatly adorned the Church, and worthily found Christ God, who grants His great mercy to all.

**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 HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (13:7-16)**

Brethren, remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and to the ages. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

## ***Alleluia, Tone 7***

*v. It is good to confess to the Lord, to chant to your name, O Most High.* (*Psalm 91:1*)

*v. So that to proclaim your mercy in the morning and your truth through the night.* (*Psalm 91:2a*)

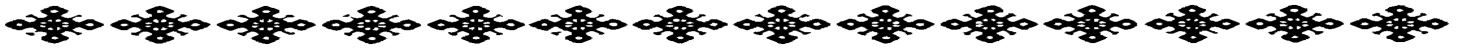
## **THE READING IS FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (17:12-19)**

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!

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

Kosta, Jessie, Helen, The Popoff Family, The Naum Family  
Bosa's daughter Radmila  
Special intentions for Health  
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Joan, Peggy, Bob,  
Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted,  
Kathryn, David, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends  
Special Intention

Magda Popoff  
Bosa  
Alex & Menka Nedanis  
  
Joe Tome  
Joe Tome

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF**

Natse, Peter, Angelo Popoff & Eleni

Magda Popoff



**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](#).

<b>Jan 18</b>	<b>CANDLESTAND:</b> Christine Panoff	<b>HOURS:</b> Angelo	<b>READER:</b> Phil
<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>CANDLESTAND:</b> Susie Ford	<b>HOURS:</b> Lucy	<b>READER:</b> Barry

**2026 PLEDGE CARDS** If you haven't already done so, please return your pledge card so the parish council can budget accordingly. To be a voting parishioner of St. Nicholas Church you must receive Confession and Communion within the past year and return a signed pledge card even if you don't enter a pledge amount

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are in the fellowship hall. Please check off your name on the list when you take your box. Please let Julie 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.

**"MOSES THE BLACK"** is a film by Yelena Popović telling the story of Saint Moses the Black in a modern setting. Ms Popović is the director of "Man of God", the life of Saint Nektarios of Aegina. You may see an interview with the director on Orthodox Christian Network (OCN) [HERE](#).  
The film will be shown from January 30 through February 5 at select theatres. The cinemas closest to church are AMC Star Great Lakes 25 at Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills and Emagine Birch Run. For a synopsis as well as other locations, times, and to purchase tickets, please see the Fathom Entertainment website [HERE](#).  
**Please see Barry Cavett next weekend. He is planning a carpool to see the movie on Saturday, January 31 after Vespers.**

**MAILING LIST** as our mailing list is updated, if you would like to receive a physical copy of the monthly newsletter rather than an electronic copy, please notify the office.

**ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, January 25, 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 [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.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 MEETING** has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:30 pm because of the funeral services for Father Andrew Moulton.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Today** Church School: [Gideon \(elementary\)](#) [Gideon \(high school\)](#)  
No class for inquirers, catechumens, and neophytes

**Tuesday, January 20**

9 am	Fr Matthew- kitchen to dice cabbage & sauté cabbage & onions for Dormition Dinner
6:30 pm	parish council meeting

**Wednesday, January 21**

- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy, No adult education class
- 11:30 am Fr Matthew- kitchen to mix & cook dumplings for Dormition Dinner
- 6:30 pm class for inquirers, catechumens, and neophytes on Google Meet

**Thursday, January 22**

- 12 noon meet at Assumption to prep and warm up cabbage, onions, & dumplings
- 5 pm Vespers led by the Monastic Community
- 7 pm Dinner & program: *The Saintly Life of Fr Roman Braga*
- 8:30 pm Closing prayer and good night!

**Saturday, January 24**

- 5 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions

**Sunday, January 25**

- 9:30 am Third & Sixth Hours
- 10 am Divine Liturgy - annual parish meeting begins in church and reconvenes in hall
- Church School: Job ([elementary](#)) ([high school](#))
- No class for inquirers, catechumens, neophytes

**Offerings for the week January 11, 2026**

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 3,167.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -1,213.00

105 persons in attendance on January 11

Pan-Orthodox  
Churches of  
Genesee Co.  
Present...

# “The Saintly Life of Fr. Roman Braga; Discovering the Church Within”

Join the Pan-Orthodox Churches of Genesee County, Michigan for our 14th annual charity dinner hosted on behalf of the Sisterhood of Holy Dormition Monastery.

Throughout this year’s reflections we will discuss the recent call for canonization of Fr. Roman Braga, of blessed memory, the Spiritual Father of this monastic community.

How can we use his saintly example within ourself amidst the chaos of this world?



Join in!

**22 Jan 2026**

5:00pm - 8:30pm

Holy Assumption Greek  
Orthodox Church  
2245 E. Baldwin Rd  
Grand Blanc, MI

\$ Free- Will Offering

**Program Details & Timeline**

- ✙ 5:00pm Vespers with the nuns leading the choir
- ✙ 6:00pm Appetizers, Fellowship & Meal  
Monastery Bookstore will be open
- ✙ 7:00pm Program- Reflections, Testimonials and Q & A



Keynote Speakers  
Dr. Daniel B. Hinshaw &  
Dr. Jane Hinshaw

**How can you support?**

- Pray for Fr. Roman and the community at Holy Dormition Monastery.
- Make a Donation as you are able.
- Volunteer through your parish for the meal.
- Purchase merchandise from the Monastery Bookstore.

For questions & more information contact:  
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Register Here  
for online or in person



Please see **Harmony Vargo** with any questions!  
If you cannot register with the QR code,  
please register by signing up on the registration form in the fellowship hall.