

January 25, 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 25, 2026 33rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Sunday of Zacchaeus. St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople (389). New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. St. Moses, Archbishop of Novgorod (1362). Martyrs Felicitas of Rome, and seven sons: Januarius, Felix, Philip, Silvanus, Alexander, Vitalis and Martial (ca. 164). Ven. Publius, Ascetic, of Syria (ca. 380). St. Mares the Singer, of Syria (ca. 430). Icons of the Mother of God, “ASSUAGE MY SORROW” (translation to Moscow in 1640), and “THE UNEXPECTED JOY”. Saint Vetranton of Tomis (4th c.).

TROPARIA

Tone 8 You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 1 The sweet-sounding shepherd's pipe of your theology overpowered the trumpeting of the orators; for having searched the depths of the Spirit eloquence was also bestowed upon you. Pray to Christ God, Father Gregory, that our souls may be saved.

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 first tone: My mouth shall speak wisdom, / and the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (*Psalm 48:3*)

v. Hear these, all the nations, give ear, all inhabitants of the world. (*Psalm 48:1*)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (7:26-8:2)

Brethren, such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected to the age. Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a liturgizer of the holy of holies and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, raise a great shout to God our savior. (*Psalm 94:1*)

v. Let us come before his Face in confession, and in psalms let us raise a great shout to him. (*Psalm 94:2*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (19:1-10)

At that time Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

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

The Popoff Family, The Naum Family, The Papalazarou 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 & 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](#).

Jan 25 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford **HOURS:** Lucy **READER:** Barry
Feb 1 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman **HOURS:** No Hours **READER:** Madison

14TH DORMITION DINNER on Thursday, January 22 at Assumption Church fellowship hall was a joy. Drs Daniel and Jane Hinshaw spoke of the life of Father Roman (Braga) (1922-2015) who has been proposed to be canonized as a saint of the Church. You may see the Vespers [HERE](#) and the presentation on Father Roman [HERE](#). God bless everyone from our church who helped make the event go well for our part (main course): Harmony Vargo (parish contact), Matushka Lisa, Phil Bakousidis, Mike Donigan, Susie Ford, Dennis Jernigan, and Connie Maxim and to everyone who donated towards or attended the dinner.

from Father Michael Bassett:

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Attendees for dinner - **190**
Total registered for dinner or donating online - **217** (donors & diners)
Snow - **too much**
Temperatures - **too low**
Helpers - **Just exactly the right number!**

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| TOTAL Cash / Check | \$4,042 |
| TOTAL EasyTithe | \$5,441 |
| Donations direct to Nuns | \$636 |
| Gift Shop Purchases | \$2,868 |
| TOTAL TOTAL | \$12,987 |

While the financials were EXCELLENT they post only at the 4th best over the 14 years (though very close to 2nd place). As always the numbers are difficult to be exact with and often donations will continue to flow in. Please feel free to announce this to your parishes. Love, fm

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 as he is coordinating 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 today - 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 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."

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today annual parish meeting, no Church School, no class for inquirers, catechumens, and neophytes

Tuesday, January 27 *Father Matthew with Archbishop Alexander*

Wednesday, January 28

No Divine Liturgy

No adult education class

6 pm

Google Meet class for inquirers, catechumens, and neophytes

Friday, January 30 **Saints Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, and John Chrysostom**

9:30 am

Divine Liturgy

11:15 am

adult education class

Saturday, January 31

5 pm

Great Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, February 1

9 am

Baptisms of Jeff (Nicholas) Muma and Jeffrey (Gabriel) Muma

No Hours

10 am

Divine Liturgy and 1 year Trisagion for Ellyn Serra

Church School: Ruth ([elementary](#)) ([high school](#))

12:15 pm

class for inquirers, catechumens, neophytes

Offerings for the week January 18, 2026

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| <i>Weekly Tithes & Offerings</i> | \$ 1,652.00 |
| <i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i> | \$ 4,380.00 |
| | \$ -2,728.00 |

62 persons in attendance on January 18