

**March 13, 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, MARCH 13, 2022 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 5. Sunday of Orthodoxy. Translation of the relics of St. Nikēphoros, Patriarch of Constantinople (846). Martyr Sabinus (Abibus) of Egypt (287). Martyrs Africanus, Publius, and Terence, of Carthage (3rd c.). Martyr Alexander of Macedonia (305-311). Martyr Christina of Persia (4th c.). Ven. Aninas of the Euphrates.**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

The Lord reigns; He has clothed Himself with honor; the Lord has clothed and girded Himself with strength. (*Psalm 92:1a*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

For He has established the world, which shall not be moved. (*Psalm 92:1b*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Who shall tell of the mighty acts of the Lord, and cause all His praises to be heard? (*Psalm 105:2*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy. (*Psalm 106:2*) **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**

Let them give thanks to the Lord for His mercies, and for His wonderful works for the sons of men. (*Psalm 106:31*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Let them exalt Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the seat of the elders. (*Psalm 106:32*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

The eyes of the Lord are upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy. (*Psalm 32:18*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

To hear the groaning of those in fetters, to loosen the sons of the slain. (*Psalm 101:20*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, 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 were 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**

**Let the heavens and the earth praise Him.** (*Psalm 68:34*) **Tone 2** We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One; / and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. / Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh / and deliver Your creatures from bondage to the Enemy. / Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to You: / “You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, // by coming to save the world.”

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.** (*Psalm 117:24*) **Tone 2** We venerate...

**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You to the ages.** (*Psalm 29:12*) **Tone 2** We venerate ...

### **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.

**Tone 2** We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One; / and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. / Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh / and deliver Your creatures from bondage to the Enemy. / Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to You: / “You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, // by coming to save the world.”

**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 8** O victorious leader of triumphant hosts! We, your servants, delivered from evil, sing our grateful thanks to you, O Theotokos! As you possess invincible might set us free from ev'ry calamity so that we may sing: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride!

**The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Your Name forever!** (*Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3*)

**v. For You are just in all that You have done for us!** (*v. 4*)

### **THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (11:24-26, 32-12:2)**

Brethren: by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in

two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, having around us a cloud of witnesses, laying aside all weight and the sin which surrounds us, we also in forbearance run the race set before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus the source and perfecter of the faith, who instead of the joy set before Him forbore the cross, despising shame, and sat at the right side of the throne of God. Think then of the such one who forbore onto himself hostility from the sinners, so that you are not hard pressed weary in your souls!

**Alleluia, Tone 4**

**v: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.**

*(Psalm 98:6)*

**v: They called to the Lord and He answered them.** *(Psalm 98:7a)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (1:43-51)** At that time Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathaniel, and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathaniel said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathaniel answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

**INSTEAD OF "IT IS TRULY MEET ... ,":** All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

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

**COMMEMORATION OF THE RESTORATION OF THE HOLY ICONS**

*After the Prayer behind the Ambo, the procession begins:*

**Choir:** **Tone 2** We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One; / and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. / Of Your own will You were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh / and deliver Your creatures from bondage to the Enemy. / Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to You: / "You have filled all with joy, O our Savior, // by coming to save the world."

***Petitions for the living:***

**Deacon:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

**Deacon:** Again we pray for our father and Archbishop \_\_\_\_\_, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy, and for all our brethren in Christ.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

**Deacon:** Again we pray for all pious and right-glorifying Christians.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

**Priest:** For you are a merciful God and love mankind, and to you we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

**Choir:** *We venerate Your most pure image...*

***Petitions for those who have reposed in the faith:***

**Deacon:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

**Deacon:** Let us pray for the blessed, ever-memorable and pious rulers, right-glorifying kings and queens, patriarchs, bishops, and for all our fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

**Choir:** Memory eternal! Memory eternal! Memory eternal!

**Priest:** for you, Christ our God, are the resurrection, the life, and the rest of your fallen asleep servants, and to you we send up glory, together with your unoriginate Father and your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

**Choir:** *We venerate Your most pure image...*

***Petitions for the community:***

**Deacon:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

**Deacon:** Again we pray for this city, for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, and care for the builders and benefactors of our holy temple, for all those gathered here and for all the inhabitants of this city, and for all pious and right-glorifying Christians who dwell and are to be found here and throughout the world.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

**Deacon:** Again we pray for those who bring offerings and those who make acceptable sacrifices in this holy and all-venerable temple, for those who labor, those who sing, and all the people standing here, awaiting the great and rich mercy that is from you.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

**Priest:** For you are a merciful God and love mankind, and to you we send up glory: to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

**Choir:** *We venerate Your most pure image...*

***Petitions for the world:***

**Deacon:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your great mercy, we pray you, hear and have mercy.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

**Deacon:** Again we pray for the civil authorities of this country and those serving in its armed forces.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

**Deacon:** Again we pray that this holy house, and every monastery, city, and countryside be kept from pestilence, famine, earthquake, flood, fire, sword, invasion of enemies, civil war, and sudden death; that our good God who loves mankind be gracious, favorable, and conciliatory, and turn away and dispel all the wrath and illness stirred up against us, and deliver us from his looming righteous threat, and have mercy on us.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**Deacon:** Again we pray that the Lord God will hear the voice of our supplication, of the sinners, and have mercy on us.

**Choir:** Lord, have mercy. (x3)

**Priest:** Hear us, God, our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of those who are far off upon the sea; and be gracious, Master, be gracious to us, upon our sins, and have mercy on us. For you are a merciful God and love mankind, and to you we send up glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

**Choir:** Amen.

As the prophets beheld, / as the Apostles have taught, / as the Church has received, / as the Teachers have declared, / as the world has agreed, / as Grace has shown forth; / as Truth has been revealed, / as falsehood has been dissolved, / as Wisdom has become manifest, / as Christ awarded / - thus we declare, / thus we assert, / thus we preach Christ our true God, / and honor His Saints / in words, / in writings, / in thoughts, / in sacrifices, / in churches, / in Holy Icons; / on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; / and on the other hand honoring the saints as true servants of the same Lord of all and accordingly offering them veneration. / This is the Faith of the Apostles, / this is the Faith of the Fathers, / this is the Faith of the Orthodox, / this is the Faith which has established the universe. / These preachers of true piety, we praise as brothers and as those we long to have as our fathers, to the glory and honor of the true Faith for which they struggled, and we say: To the champions of Orthodoxy, pious Emperors, most-holy Patriarchs, Hierarchs, Teachers, Martyrs, and Confessors:

**Choir:** Memory eternal! Memory eternal! Memory eternal!

**Priest:** The Holy Trinity has glorified them. By their contests and struggles and teachings for the sake of the true Faith to the point of death, we entreat God that we may be guided and strengthened and beg that we may be shown to be imitators of their inspired way of life until the end, by the mercies and grace of the great and first high-priest, Christ our true God; through the intercessions of our All-glorious Lady, the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, of the Angels, and all the Saints.

**People:** Amen.

### **The Great Prokeimenon - Tone 7 - Psalm 76**

Who is so great a God as our God? You are the God Who does wonders!

*v:* You have made known your Power among the peoples.

*v:* And I said, "Now have I begun. This is the change of the Right hand of the Most High."

*v:* I remembered the works of the Lord, for I will remember his wonderful things from the beginning.

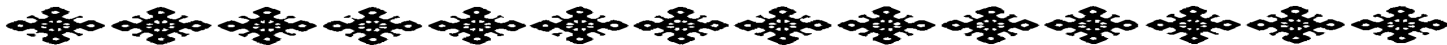
### **The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:12-35 (5th Matins Gospel)**

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see. Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY** For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy. *from [goarch.org](http://goarch.org)*

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

Taras & Natalie

Victor Dorohov

Health & recovery for David Vuckovich; health & blessings for Barbara &

Joshua

Victor Dorohov

Maddie Rose

Ian & Stephanie Price

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**

Nikolai & Valentina Evanenko

Victor Dorohov

My loving husband Nicholas Maxim (4 yrs.) I love & miss you sweetheart

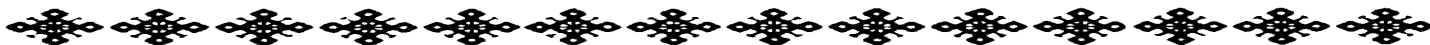
Connie

Harry Price (1 yr.) of his passing

Ian & Stephanie Price

Special Intentions

Batcos & Lukens family



**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](#).

**FUNDS FOR UKRIANIAN REFUGEES** \$1,301.29 - the total proceeds from the Meatfare and Cheesefare dinners - was donated to ELEOS, the humanitarian agency of the Polish Orthodox Church, to assist the 1.4 million refugees from Ukraine now in Poland. Today and next Sunday we have a special tray to assist refugees from Ukraine. Donate here <https://www.oca.org/donate?c=Ukrainian%20Refugee%20Relief> through March 16. As of March 8, the OCA has received \$433,000 which will be sent to ELEOS.

**PARASTAS** for Nikolas Maxim (4 yr.) will be served after the distribution of the antidoron. Connie Maxim is providing bagels & coffee today in Nick's memory.

**PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT** on Saturday, March 19 will be hosted at our parish. Fr. Bogdan Bucur, professor of patristics at St Vladimir Seminary and a former student of Archbishop Alexander, will give the retreat. **Please RSVP by signing up in our fellowship hall, calling, or e-mailing the office.** A lenten lunch will follow the Divine Liturgy that morning. Please see the fliers in the fellowship hall for more information and pass some fliers along to friends.

**PAN-ORTHODOX MOVIE OUTING - "MAN OF GOD"** about Saint Nektarios on Mon., Mar. 21 at 7 pm at Emagine Cinema Hartland and Emagine Birch Run. Reserve your tickets today [here https://www.emagine-entertainment.com/movies/man-of-god](https://www.emagine-entertainment.com/movies/man-of-god). There is a showing on Mon., Mar. 28.

**HALL/PAVILION RENTAL** please make your reservations as soon as possible if you are planning on using St. Nicholas. Call or email the office to see if your preferred date is available.

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**OFFICE HOURS** are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9-3. This schedule is subject to change.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, March 14**

6 pm Great Compline at St. George Church

**Tuesday, March 15**

11:15 am Adult education – to the indolent soul by St Ephrem

**Wednesday, March 16**

10:30 am Lenten hours

6 pm Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy @ St. George – please bring a lenten dish to share

**Saturday, March 19 Memorial Saturday**

10 am Liturgy followed by Lenten Retreat

4 pm [Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel](#) followed by *Confessions*

**Sunday, March 20 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – St. Gregory Palamas**

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

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

**Offerings for the week March 6, 2022**

*43 persons in attendance on March 6<sup>th</sup>*

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,722.12
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	<b>\$ -381.88</b>

**Archbishop Alexander’s pastoral letter for Great Lent 2022**

Dearly beloved in the Lord,

Two years ago, as the coronavirus began to spread across the United States, I spoke in my Lenten message about unprecedented times and the need for increased prayer and faithfulness as we entered our journey to Pascha. This year we find ourselves in times, not unprecedented, but for many unexpected nonetheless. Once again, I urge you to redouble your Lenten efforts.

In my previous letter concerning Ukraine, I called upon our parishes and monastic communities to include a special petition in the Litany of Fervent Supplication. I urge our clergy to not neglect this petition in the Divine services. I also encourage our faithful to include the following prayer for peace, based on the Moleben for Peace from the Orthodox Peace Fellowship, in their personal prayer rules:

"Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, uproot in me hatred, envy and jealousy and all other passions which destroy brotherly love. Kindled in me the fervent love of God and neighbor, that I may not love the world and that which is in the world, but rather have true love for you and for your glory. Grant that I may truly love, not only my friends and family, but following your command my enemies too, and do good to those who hate me. May I examine and humble myself before you and before everyone, never judging my brothers and sisters, but loving them as my very self, by the power, action, and grace of the Most-Holy Spirit. Amen."

Finally, a word of caution to our faithful. History has demonstrated time and again that, when faced with threats in other parts of the world, there is a temptation to take out our anxieties and fear on people from that part of the world who are in our communities. This is wrong. I cannot be any clearer than that. The Russians and people of Russian descent in our parishes and communities had no part in the aggression in Ukraine. They are as anxious and afraid as everyone else and we must stand together, brothers and sisters in faith, calling upon the Lord "with one heart and one mind."

A much-loved saying of St. Seraphim of Sarov is, "Acquire the Spirit of Peace and thousands around you will be saved." Cultivating a peaceful heart is the most significant act any believer can do for the world. May this Lenten season, as uncertain as our-times may be, find inner stillness growing within us through a deeper communion with the One who promises a "peace that passes human understanding." (Philippians 4:7)

with love in Christ,

**+Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo**