

March 17, 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, MARCH 17, 2024 SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE – Tone 8. The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. Ven. Aleksy (Alexius) the Man of God (411). Ven. Macarius the Wonderworker, Abbot of Kalyázinsk (Tver' – 1483). Martyr Marinus. St. Patrick, Bishop of Armagh, Enlightener of Ireland (ca. 461).

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 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 Now the season of virtues has come, and the Judge is at the door. Let us not hold back with a darkened face, but offering tears, contrition and giving of alms let us keep the fast, and let us cry: Our sins are more in number than the sands of the sea, but forgive each of us, that we may receive an incorruptible crown, O Savior of all!

The prokeimenon in the eighth tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!

(Psalm 75:10a)

v. God is known in Judea, in Israel great is his name. (Psalm 75:1)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS

(13:11 - 14:4) Brethren, you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

Alleluia, Tone 6

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)

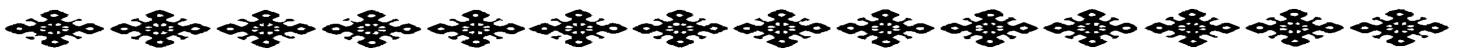
THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (6:14-21) The Lord said: "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

Sunday of Cheesefare, the expulsion of Adam from Paradise The Holy Fathers have appointed the commemoration of Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight here, on the eve of the holy Forty-day Fast, demonstrating to us not by simple words, but by actual deeds, how beneficial fasting is for man, and how harmful and destructive are unbridled desire and the transgressing of the divine commandments. For the first commandment that God gave to man was that of fasting, which the first-fashioned received but did not keep; and not only did they not become gods, as they had imagined, but they lost even that blessed life which they had, and they fell into corruption and death, and transmitted these and innumerable other evils to all of mankind. The God-bearing Fathers set these things before us today, that by bringing to mind what we have fallen from, and what we have suffered because of the unbridled desire and disobedience of the first-fashioned, we might be diligent to return again to that ancient bliss and glory by means of fasting and obedience to all the divine commands. Taking occasion from today's Gospel (Matthew 6:14-21) to begin the Fast unencumbered by enmity, we also ask forgiveness this day, first from God, then from one another and all creation. *from goarch.org*

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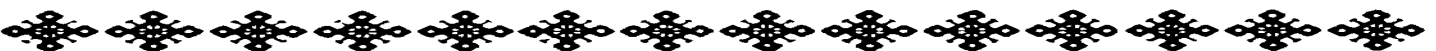


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & blessings for Tony Branoff	his family
Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev & Irina	Irina Sivergina
Health & blessings for Tony Branoff	Linda, Peter & Marilyn
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Les, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted, Joseph, Marlene, Mary, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENETION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Germanos 5 yr. memorial March 19. Loving husband, father & grandfather	his family
Adelaïda, Feodosiy, Vitaliy, Galina & Vasiliy	Irina Sivergina
Sgt. William Andringa~Memory Eternal	Ralph, Debbie, Sarah, Joe Neely & Katelyn Dunn



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](#).

Mar 17 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff	HOURS: Angelo Panoff	READER: Phil Wiles
Mar 24 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford	HOURS: Lucy Hogg	READER: Katherine Gonser

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 EDUCATION class schedule during Lent:

- week of March 17 - no class
- Tuesday, March 26 - 10 am
- week of April 1 - no class
- Tuesday, April 9 - 10 am
- Friday, April 19 - 9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy followed by class
- Friday, April 26 - 9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy followed by class

CHURCH SCHOOL Lesson - [Hebrews - Faith & Hope](#)

PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT on Saturday, April 6 at St Mary Magdalene Church welcoming Father Andrew Stephen Damick of the Lord of Spirits podcast at Ancient Faith. Register and see more information [here](#). There is also a signup sheet in the parish hall. Please take the time during the great forty days' fast to be spiritually renewed through our annual pan-Orthodox retreat. Livestreaming will be available for those who register. **The deadline to register is Friday, March 29 at 3 pm.**

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER We will have our Lenten Prayer Partners again this year. If you are out of town for Lent or are homebound and would like to participate, please call the office: 810-744-0070. Here's how the Lenten Prayer Partner works: prayer cards are printed with a blank space for your name. It is then folded in half and returned to the office. On Cheesefare Sunday (March 17), everyone participating will draw a card. Then everyone will pray daily for the person on the card they drew. Remember to keep it secret! At Pascha, you can let your prayer partner know you remembered them in prayer during Lent by giving them a card or a red egg or sending them a card.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Opening prayer at 6:30 pm. Secretary's report was presented with corrections made. Endowment fund is at \$422,797.95, a diversified portfolio in various sectors of the economy with high-quality, dividend-paying stocks. Average return is a little more than 3%. Cash in money market \$22,051.29 available to be invested or if the church needs - this amount is only interest and dividends that have come in over time. Fund is up \$10,092 since the end of January. **Finances** remain stable. God bless everyone for your continued stewardship. **Macedonian Open Committee** \$3,000 transferred for furnace work. Funds are for capital improvements. The committee will begin meeting soon - Macedonian Open is Monday, June 17. **Rector's report** Father Matthew updated on Communion calls and also the list of pan-Orthodox services through Ascension of the Lord (June 13). **May parish council meeting** has been moved to Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 pm. No meeting in April (during Lent). **Youth ministry/church school** March 24 will be the icon procession. Adults and youth invited to participate - bring icons from home and there are icons at church to be carried. **Community outreach** Tracy Dan Productions (the DJ) was very generous to the church for the Meatfare Dance on March 9 and prepped very well with the music. **May 18** - family game night, **May 27** - Burton Memorial Day parade. Planning to hand out a "coming events" flier at the parade. We give out candy. Candy is already bought for Easter egg hunt. **Fundraising** Cheesefare on March 17, Turkey Dinner on May 19. **Charity ministries** Thursday, April 24 at the North End Soup Kitchen from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Meijer food cards are given out on the third Wednesday of the month. Last month 22 people received cards. **Building and grounds** AC in conference room and offices is over 30 years old. It will need to be addressed as there are issues. Shingles on north side of building came off, Dennis Jernigan will check on it. When the furnace goes down for the season, repairs/replacement on old piping can be done. Looking into doing lawn treatments on the front lawn. Phil Wiles will be sexton for church cemetery. Making a checklist for what needs to be done regularly - monthly, quarterly, bi-annually, yearly. Pussy willows need to be checked if they need to be cut in advance of Palm Sunday (April 28). Pavilion - caulking can be done to seal seams, raising the concrete can be put off for a little bit. **Old business** Stephanie Price mentioned the text messaging app Project Broadcast (\$180 per year) 6,000 messages per year, 500 per month. Will go ahead with this. It is not a group chat. It is for use if there is a special event coming up, a weather-related change of schedule, etc. **New business** Stephanie Price suggested we have a vision meeting - what is our vision for 5 years, 3 years, 1 year from now (2029, 2027, 2025) so that our decisions reflect that, and our actions are more intentional. Do this exercise after Lent - a separate meeting rather than at regular parish council meeting and get input from parishioners - to be added to May's agenda at the beginning of May's parish council meeting. Endowment fund - The parish council president and a member of the endowment committee have been signatories in the past for any paperwork from the company that handles the endowment fund. This will be formalized through the endowment fund bylaws. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:35 pm.

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). ***Please consider adding the extra fee we are charged to your donation.** 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.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Cheesefare Dinner & pickup your Lenten prayer card followed by **Forgiveness Vespers**
afternoon Father leave for Toledo

Monday, March 18 **Great Lent Begins** *afternoon Father returns from Toledo*

6 pm [Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete](#)

Tuesday, March 19

6 pm [Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete](#)

Wednesday, March 20

10 am Lenten Hours

No Adult education

6 pm [Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete](#)

Thursday, March 21

6 pm [Compline w/Canon of St. Andrew of Crete](#)

Friday, March 22

9:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy served by Fr Michael Bassett with responses led by Fr Matthew
if you would like to make the koliva, please let Fr Matthew know

Saturday, March 23 **St Theodore Tyro** *if you would like to make the koliva, please let Fr Matthew know*

9:30 am Confessions

10 am Divine Liturgy

5 pm [Vespers - live-streamed](#) *Confessions*

Sunday, March 24 **1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - please bring icons from home for the procession**

9:30 am [Hours & 10 am Divine Liturgy- live- streamed](#)

procession with icons

6 pm Vespers at Assumption

Offerings for the week March 10, 2024

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,605.17
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ -2,494.83

65 persons in attendance on March 10