

*March 20, 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 20, 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 6. St. Gregory Palamas. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. The Holy Fathers who were slain at the Monastery of St. Savva: Ven. John, Sergius, Patrick, and others (796). Monastic Martyr Euphrosynus of Sinozérsk (Novgorod – 1612). Martyr Photiné (Svetlana, Fatíma), the Samaritan woman, and her sons: Martyrs Victor and Joses, and two others (ca. 66). Virgin Martyrs Alexandra, Claudia, Euphrasia, Matrona, Juliana, Euphemia and Theodosia, of Amisus (310). St. Niké́tas the Confessor, Archbishop of Apollonias in Bithynia (ca. 813-820).**

**TROPARIA**

**Tone 6** The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Your grave, / seeking Your most pure body. / You captured hell, not being tempted by it. / You came to the Virgin, granting life. / O Lord, Who rose from the dead, // glory to You.

**Tone 8** O light of Orthodoxy, teacher of the Church, its confirmation, / O ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians, / O wonderworking Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace, // always intercede before the Lord 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 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 fifth tone: You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.** (*Psalm 11:7*)

**v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!** (*Psalm 11:1*)

**THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (1:10-2:3)**

Brethren: "You, Lord, founded the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle you will roll them up, and they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies a stool for your feet"? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

*Alleluia, Tone 6*

**v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.** (*Ps. 90:1*)

**v: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust!"** (*Ps. 90:2*)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (2:1-12)** At that time, when Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" -- he said to the paralytic -- "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

**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!

**The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36-53 (6th Matins Gospel)**

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the

Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

### **St. Gregory Palamas – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

This Sunday was originally dedicated to Saint Polycarp of Smyrna (February 23). After the glorification of St Gregory Palamas in 1368, a second commemoration of Saint Gregory (November 14) was appointed for the Second Sunday of Great Lent as a second “Triumph of Orthodoxy.”

This divine Father, who was from Asia Minor, was from childhood reared in the royal court of Constantinople, where he was instructed in both religious and secular wisdom. Later, while still a youth, he left the imperial court and struggled in asceticism on Mount Athos, and in the Skete at Beroea. He spent some time in Thessalonica being treated for an illness that came from his harsh manner of life. He was present in Constantinople at the Council that was convened in 1341 against Barlaam of Calabria, and at the Council of 1347 against Acindynus, who was of like mind with Barlaam; Barlaam and Acindynus claimed that the grace of God is created. At both these Councils, the Saint contended courageously for the true dogmas of the Church of Christ, teaching in particular that divine grace is not created, but is the uncreated energies of God which are poured forth throughout creation: otherwise it would be impossible, if grace were created, for man to have genuine communion with the uncreated God. In 1347 he was appointed Metropolitan of Thessalonica. He tended his flock in an apostolic manner for some twelve years, and wrote many books and treatises on the most exalted doctrines of our Faith; and having lived for a total of sixty-three years, he reposed in the Lord in 1359.

His holy relics are kept in the Cathedral of Thessalonica. A full service was composed for his feast day by the Patriarch Philotheus in 1368, when it was established that his feast be celebrated on this day.

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

God’s blessing on the Gonser family Dn. Kerry, Katherine, Alex & Noah	Connie Maxim
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**

Loving husband & father Germanos (3 yrs.)	his family
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**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** Anyone who wishes to support International Orthodox Christian Charity's (IOCC) humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis is asked to pray for all those affected and the people serving them, to share what IOCC is doing in order to spread the word, and to give as they are able financially. To make a donation directly toward these efforts, please visit [ioccc.org/ukraine22](http://ioccc.org/ukraine22) or call 877.803.4622.

**MEMORY ETERNAL - CHRIST IS RISEN!** Gladys Edwards (age 91), sister of the late Gloria Zelenko, fell asleep in the Lord in St. Clair, MO on April 6, 2021. She was long on our list of daily intercession for the sick and homebound. Christ God grant her rest in the light of His Face and comfort to her family.

**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](http://www.emagine-entertainment.com/movies/man-of-god) <https://www.emagine-entertainment.com/movies/man-of-god>. There is a showing also for 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.

**A SPECIAL THANKS** to everyone who helped clean out & organize the kitchen and supply room as well as moving the tables, chairs & furniture. May God richly bless you. As you may have noticed the floors have been waxed so be careful not to slip on any wet spots!

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER** crew will meet March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall to get the newsletter ready to go out in the mail. We need more volunteers if this is something you are interested in doing.

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, March 21** Fr. in Toledo

7 pm "Man of God" pan-Orthodox movie outing

**Tuesday, March 22**

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

**Wednesday, March 23**

10:30 am Lenten hours

6 pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by potluck- please bring a lenten dish to share

**Friday, March 25** **ANNUNCIATION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

6 pm pan-Orthodox Liturgy at Assumption w/3<sup>rd</sup> Stasis of the Akathist

**Saturday, March 26** Leavetaking of Annunciation

10 am Divine Liturgy

**5 pm** **Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel** followed by *Confessions*

**Sunday, March 27** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - VENERATION OF THE CROSS

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

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

1 yr. Parastas for Josephine Sredich

*Offerings for the week March 13, 2022*

*41 persons in attendance on March 13<sup>th</sup>*

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 3,592.09
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 488.09