

March 23, 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 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, 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, MARCH 23, 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 6. Veneration of the Cross. Martyr Nikon and 199 disciples with him in Sicily (251). Ven. Nikon, Abbot of the Kiev Caves (1088). Martyrs Philetas the Senator, his wife, Lydia, their sons Macedon and Theoprepis, Chronides the Notary, and Amphilochius the Captain, in Illyria (117-138). Righteous Basil of Mangazea in Siberia (1600). Monastic Martyr Luke of St. Anne's Skete (Mt. Athos – 1802).**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

The light of Your countenance, O Lord, has been signed upon us. (*Psalm 4:6*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

You have given a sign unto them that fear You, that they may flee from before the face of the bow. (*Psalm 59:4*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

You have ascended on high, You led captivity captive. (*Psalm 67:18*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

You have given an inheritance to them that fear Your Name. (*Psalm 60:5*) **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**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (*Psalm 97:3*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Let us worship at the place where His feet have stood. (*Psalm 131:7*) **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!**

God is our King before the ages, He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (*Psalm 73:12*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

High above all nations is the Lord; You are Lord Most High over all the earth. (*Psalm 112:4*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

**THIRD ANTIPHON**

**Exalt you the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet. (*Psalm 98:5*) Tone 1 O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Your Cross, // preserve Your habitation!**

**O God, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. (*Psalm 27:9a*) Tone 1 O Lord, save Your people...**

**Shepherd them and bear them up unto the ages. (*Psalm 27:9b*) Tone 1 O Lord, save Your people...**

## 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 1** O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Your Cross, // preserve Your habitation!

**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!

## IN PLACE OF THE TRISAGION, WE SING:

Before Your Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Your holy Resurrection, we glorify.

**The prokeimenon in the sixth tone: O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. (Psalm 27:9)**

*v.* To you, O Lord, I cried, O my God, do not keep silent from me. (Psalm 27:1a)

## **THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (4:14-5:6)**

Brethren, because then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a Priest to the age, according to the order of Melchisedek."

## *Alleluia, Tone 8*

*v: Remember your assembly which you obtained from of old. (Psalm 73:2)*

*v: God is our king from before the ages, he worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (Psalm 73:13)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (8:34-9:1)** At that time Jesus called to him the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

**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** The light of Your countenance is signed upon us, O Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (Psalm 4:6)

## **INSTEAD OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT":**

**Tone 1** O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Your Cross, // preserve Your habitation!

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

Cycless Gorlewski for good health & healing for his mother

Paul Brayan

God's blessings & many years for Joshua & Lisa Brucksch on their marriage, Mar 24

Krigner family

Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Joan, Peggy, Bob,

Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Allison, Jeanette,  
Kathryn, David, Ted, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends  
Special Intention

Joe Tome  
Joe Tome

### CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Germanos Batcos (6 yrs.)

Irene Batcos & family



**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 23 CANDLESTAND:** Ian & Stephanie

**HOURS:** Barry Cavett

**READER:** Katherine Gonser

**Mar 30 CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford

**HOURS:** Lucy Hogg

**READER:** Angelo Panoff

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS** Father Matthew after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith. The class meets in the library.

**ADULT EDUCATION** class schedule during Lent:

- **Friday, March 28** – 9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy followed by class

**CHURCH SCHOOL** – lesson is: – [St Patrick](#)

**COFFEE SOCIAL** is provided today by Lucy Hogg in memory of her brother, Mykola (Nick) Ponomarenko. Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a signup sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate and/or serve.

**COIN BOXES** during Lent we collect coins to help support the Orthodox missions here in the US and around the world through the Orthodox Christians Mission Center (OCMC). Boxes are found on the tables in the church hall. Please be generous!

**FLOWERS FOR PASCHA & ITEMS FOR LENT** donations this year are not specified by a certain amount. Give as you are able to. Please fill out the form (at the candle stand) & return it to the office. Sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

**LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER** Pray daily for the person on the card you 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.

**WREATH FOR THE CROSS** on the Third Sunday of Lent was sponsored by Christine & Angelo Panoff in memory of their grandsons Andrew & Matthew and the other angels.

**GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY** Go to our website [www.saintnicholasburton.org](http://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 a little extra to your donation to cover the fee we are charged. 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.

**YOUTUBE CHANNEL** subscribe to our YouTube channel [Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#) to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services. Livestreams begin at 9:30 with Hours.

**FACEBOOK PAGE** Please visit, like, and follow our parish page: [www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton](http://www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton) Please share posts to your page. This increases the number of people who know about our church. Those who have been at coffee fellowship have seen the number of inquirers who have been coming to Sunday Divine Liturgy. 2,100 people have liked our Facebook page and 2,200 people have followed it.

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

**KOLBASA** Please see Joe Tome if you would like to pre-order kolbasa for the Palm Sunday bake sale (April 13) and for details. Pre-orders only! **Deadline for making an order is April 6.**

**LAZARUS SATURDAY April 12 at 9:30 am** we are hosting the pan-Orthodox Liturgy.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Today** Trisagion for Mykola (Nick) Ponomarenko

**Monday, Mar 24**

**6 pm** [Great Compline at St. George](#)

**Tuesday, Mar 25**

**Annunciation of the Theotokos – fish, wine, and oil permitted**

10 am Pan-Orthodox Liturgy at Assumption

**Wednesday, Mar 26**

10 am Lenten Hours

1 pm *Fr Matthew leaves for Archbishop Alexander's*

**6 pm** [pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church, Fenton followed by lenten potluck](#)

**Thursday, Mar 27**

11 am Diocesan Spiritual Council meeting at Archbishop Alexander's  
*Father Matthew returns in the late afternoon*

**Friday, Mar 28**

9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy

11:15 am Adult education class

**Saturday, Mar 29**

**4:45 pm** [Trisagion & Vespers - live-streamed](#) *Confessions*

**Sunday, Mar 30** St John of "The Ladder"

**9:30 am** [Hours-live-streamed](#)

**10 am** [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)

Church School - [St Cyril of Alexandria](#)

**Offerings for the week March 16, 2025**

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 5,199.47
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ 819.47

66 persons in attendance on March 16