

March 31, 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 the greeter at the candlestand in the narthex.

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 12, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 6. St. Gregory Palamas. St. Gregory Palamas. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. Repose of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to the Americas (1879). St. Hypatius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gangra (ca. 336). Repose of St. Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1461). Ven. Hypatius the Healer, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 14th c.). Ven. Apollonius, Ascetic, of Egypt (4th c.). Hieromartyr Avdas, Bishop of Persia, and Martyr Benjamin the Deacon (418-424). Ven. Hypatius, Abbot of Rufinus in Chalcedon (ca. 446). Appearance of the “Ivêron” (Iberian) Icon of the Mother of God.

TROPARIA

Tone 2 When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, 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 2

v: The Lord hear you in the day of affliction, the name of the God of Jacob shield you. (Psalm 19:1)

v: Lord, save the king and hear us, on whichever day we call upon you. (Psalm 19:9)

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!"

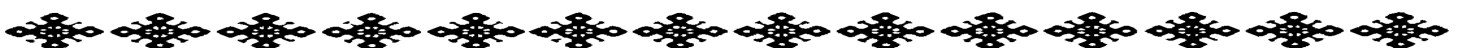
Instead of "It is truly meet ... ,": All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, 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! (*Psalm 148:1*)

St. Gregory Palamas - the 2nd 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. from oca.org and goarch.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

God's blessings to our grandson James on his 3rd birthday March 26th
Isabella & Andy Bakousidis
Tony Branoff
The family of Mary Abu-Aita, Amir, Amira, Jacob & Jordan and grandchildren
Zayn & Isabella
Tony Branoff
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, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family
and friends
Special Intention

Baba & Dedo Panoff
Bakousidis family
Dennis & Eileen Goodman

Paul Brayan
Paul Brayan

Joe Tome
Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENETION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Blessed Repose to our grandsons Andrew & Matthew & other angles
Mounirah Abu-Aita "Mary"
Joseph Goodman on his 90 birthday Mar. 29~Memory Eternal

Baba & Dedo Panoff
Paul Brayan
Ralph, Debbie, Joe & Sarah



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 31 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford **HOURS:** Calvin Conrad **READER:** Alexander Gonser
Apr 7 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman **HOURS:** Phil Wiles **READER:** Angelo Panoff

COFFEE SOCIAL 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 in the coming weeks.

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 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 - [James - the Mighty Tongue](#)

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER has asked **Father Matthew to drive him** Sunday, March 31 for the spring session of the Synod spring session in Springfield, VA, from April 1 to April 5. Father Michael Bassett will serve the Souls' Saturday Liturgy on March 30 and Father Robert Royer will serve Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 31 and Presanctified Liturgy on April 3. The diocese will cover the honoraria for Fr Michael and Fr Robert.

IN EMERGENCY ONLY March 29 through April 5 contact Father Gabriel Bilas at 810-750-1401 or Father Peter Bistolarides at 810-771-4611.



CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING CLEAN UP April 20th starting at 10 am. There will be something for everyone to do no matter your age or ability. Lunch will be provided. Bring your yard & garden tools & gloves. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call the office so Dennis Jernigan can coordinate the jobs beforehand. He will have everything needed for the painting projects.

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.

GENESEE CO. PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES please see the calendar in the newsletter & online and note that services and times are subject to change.

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.

COIN BOXES Each 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 & return it to the office. Sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

PASCHA on Pascha night we would like to light all the 7 days candles in church. The cost is \$250. If you would like to contribute and have candles lit, please contact the office.

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 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. **2,239 people have liked our Facebook page and 2,294 people have followed it.**

OFFICE HOURS this week are **Monday & Friday from 9-3.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, April 1

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

Wednesday, April 3 ****Office Closed**

No Lenten Hours - No Adult education class

[6 pm](#) [Presanctified Liturgy](#) followed by **lenten potluck**

Thursday, April 4

9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, April 6

4 pm Lenten Retreat at St. Mary Magdalene Church.
Vespers at St Mary Magdalene Church – no Vespers at St Nicholas Church

Sunday, April 7 **VENERATION OF THE CROSS**

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

Church School - [Revelation - Jesus Knocks at the Door](#)

Offerings for the week March 24, 2024

Weekly Offerings	\$ 4,856.20
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ 756.20

68 persons in attendance on March 24