

March 14, 2021

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 14, 2021 SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE – Tone 7. The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. Ven. Benedict of Nursia (543). St. Theognostus, Metropolitan of Kiev and All Russia (1353). Rt. Blv. Great Prince Rostilav (Michael), Prince of Kiev and Smolensk (1167). St. Euschemon the Confessor, Bishop of Lampsacus (9th c.). The "FEODOROVSKAYA" Icon of the Mother of God.

TROPARIA

(Tone 7) By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy. And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, // granting the world great mercy.

(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!
v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (13:11 - 14:4)

Brethren: besides this 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 give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your Name, O Most High.
v. To declare your mercy in the morning, and your truth by night.

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!

The holy Gospel according to John 20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

Sunday of Cheesefare, the expulsion of Adam from Paradise As we begin the Great Fast, the Church reminds us of Adam's expulsion from Paradise. God commanded Adam to fast (Gen. 2:16), but he did not obey. Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden and lost the life of blessedness, knowledge of God, and communion with Him, for which they were created. Both they and their descendents became heirs of death and corruption.

Let us consider the benefits of fasting, the consequences of disobedience, and recall our fallen state. Today we are invited to cleanse ourselves of evil through fasting and obedience to God. Our fasting should not be a negative thing, a mere abstention from certain foods. It is an opportunity to free ourselves from the sinful desires and urges of our fallen nature, and to nourish our souls with prayer, repentance, to participate in church services, and partake of the life-giving Mysteries of Christ.

At Forgiveness Vespers we sing: "Let us begin the time of fasting in light, preparing ourselves for spiritual efforts. Let us purify our soul, let us purify our body. As we abstain from food, let us abstain from all passion and enjoy the virtues of the spirit..." *from oca.org*

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Happy Anniversary Kumovi Stojan & Mira Prusac
Timothy, Larisa, Veniamin, Tanya, Veniamin & Vladislav
Health & God's blessings for Milica & Janja Beslach
Health & God's blessings for Milan, Radmila, Bosa & family
Health & blessings for Karen Pavia
Blessings for good health to all our grandkids & their parents

Special Intention

Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Larry, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends.

Special Intention

Pavlina Grešová Högerová

Kuma Bosa
Svetlana DeShaw
Bosa Kantar
Bosa Kantar
Ian & Stephanie Price
Baba & Dedo
Christine & Angelo

Joe Tome
Joe Tome
the Butries

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal Reggie Jehnsen
Rade Beslach
Blessed Repose to our grandsons Andrew & Matthew Panoff
Blessed Repose to Rade & Reggie
Blessed Repose for Harry Price
Germanos Batcos

Dorothy Goodman
Bosa Kantar
Baba & Dedo
Christine & Angelo
Ian & Stephanie Price
His family



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](#) or [St George Church](#) or [Assumption Church](#) for their livestreams.

PARISH COUNCIL met on Tuesday, March 9 with both in-person and virtual attendance. The parish finances were in the red by \$3,000 for the month of February. The relay switch for the air handling unit will be replaced on March 12. The thermostats which are original and failing will need to be replaced, preferably after the need for heat is past. The two linden trees will need to be trimmed back to prevent damage to the roof. An outdoor rummage sale is scheduled June 11 and 12 with set-up on June 10 – persons to help are needed. Contact info for our young adults is being sought to pair them up with a mentor from the parish. An online youth retreat will take place on April 11, open to children from kindergarten through grade 12. You may register [here](#). As is customary, no meetings will take place during Great Lent. The next parish council meeting is Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 pm.

VIRTUAL ADULT EDUCATION CLASS on Tuesdays during Lent at 6:30 pm beginning on Tuesday, March 23. A link was sent by e-mail. Please e-mail the office if you would like to receive the link. We will be reading the kontakion by Saint Romanos the Melodist, *on the prodigal son*, during these lenten classes. A copy of the text will be sent by e-mail.

YOUNG ADULTS Parish council is looking to help our youth, in college and those beginning their careers, remain engaged in their life in Christ, especially during the complexities of the pandemic and the stresses of college life. To do this we need your help. Specifically, we need the contact information (e-mail) for our young adults so that we can reach out to them. You can call the parish office 810-744-0070 or have your child, grandchild, or godchild send an email to stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com

MISSION SUNDAY is today, March 14. By praying for OCMC, financially supporting its ministries, serving as a missionary, or volunteering for a short-term mission team, you are helping reach the more than one billion people worldwide who have never heard the Gospel and hunger and thirst for salvation in Jesus Christ. You are also impacting our local communities by being shining beacons of Christ's Good News. Visit ocmc.org to learn more about the ministry of our Mission Center and support the work that they accomplish throughout the world. To send a donation directly to the their address it is 220 Mason Manatee Way St. Augustine, FL 32086, Phone: (904) 829-5132, E-mail: missions@ocmc.org. You can also include a donation with your giving to St. Nicholas earmarked for OCMC.

PARKING LOT ADDITION Bumper safety guards have been placed on the north end of the parking lot. Thank you Dennis Jernigan, Charlie Jernigan, Collin Howard (Charlie's friend) & McClellan Aircraft Maintenance (use of their tractor) for making this happen. Many blessings to you.

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CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS can be emailed to the office at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or called in.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 – 3.

Weekly schedule: **Forgiveness Vespers following Liturgy**

Monday, March 15 **GREAT LENT BEGINS**
6:30 pm Compline w/part 1 of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Tuesday, March 16
6:30 pm Compline w/ part 2 of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
[7 pm](#) [OCA online church school](#)

Wednesday, March 17
10:30 am Lenten 3rd & 6th Hours
 No Adult education
6:30 pm Compline w/ part 3 of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Thursday, March 18 *Fr Matthew in Toledo*
6:30 pm Compline w/ part 4 of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Friday, March 19
[6 pm](#) [Presanctified Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Saturday, March 20 **St. Theodore Saturday**
[10 am](#) [Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)
[5 pm](#) [Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Sunday, March 21

1st Sunday of Lent – restoration of the icons

9:30 am

Third and Sixth Hours

10 am

Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel

Offerings for the week March 7th, 2021

30 persons in attendance on March 7th

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 5,417.90
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 2,313.90

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The following are our brothers and sisters of St. Nicholas who are currently homebound, suffering from chronic illness, in recovery or in need of special prayers. Please remember them in your prayers and reach out to them with a card, or a phone call! Please call the office to schedule a visit for Holy Communion.

**Larry Bladecki
Deacon John Bocek
Linda Branoff**

**Gladys Edwards
Paul Ellis
Bill Haw**

**Mary Karayanis
Nick Karayanis
Macy Lemmen**

**Ron Salhany
Bill Tadrick
Wendy Tadrick**

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of our Homebound:

Larry Bladecki	3254 E. Midland Rd	Bay City, MI 48706
Gladys Edwards	2 Harbor Dr.	St. Clair, MO 63077
Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr.	Flint, MI 48532
Vasilka Karatza	Regency 1330 Grand Pointe Ct	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Eleni Servinis	Regency 1330 Grand Pointe Ct	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Jo Sredich	Victoria's House 1219 N. Dye Rd.	Flint, MI 48532