

March 8, 2026

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 (those received into the Orthodox Church through baptism or chrismation), 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 8, 2026 SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – Tone 6. St. Gregory Palamas. St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia (842-845). Ven. Lazarus (1391) and Athanasius (15th c.), of Múrom. Apostle Hermes of the Seventy (1st c.). Hieromartyr Theodoretus of Antioch (4th c.). Ven. Dometius (363). Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. The “KURSK-ROOT” Icon of the Mother of God.

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: The one who dwells in the help of the Most High, in the shelter of the God of heaven will be abiding. (*Psalms 90:1*)

v: He will say to the Lord, You are the one who takes hold of me and my refuge, my God, and I will hope in him. (*Psalms 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! (*Psalms 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

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| Health and protection for my family | Lucy Hogg |
| Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted, Kathryn, David, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family And friend | Joe Tome |
| Special Intention | Joe Tome |

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

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| Patricia Ralich | friends |
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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](#).

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| Mar 8 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford | HOURS: Lucy | READER: Staci |
| Mar 15 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff | HOURS: Angelo | READER: Katherine |

PLEASE JOIN US for our coffee social in the fellowship hall after the Liturgy!

2026 PLEDGE CARDS If you haven't already done so, please return your pledge card so the parish council can budget accordingly. To be a voting parishioner of St. Nicholas Church you must receive Confession and Communion within the past year and return a signed pledge card even if you don't enter a pledge amount

VISIT FROM SLOVAKIA God-willing, Saturday evening and Sunday, March 14 & 15 Fr Martin Halík, a Czech priest who ministers in Slovakia, will be visiting our parish. Fr Martin is fluent in English and works among the Roma population in Slovakia. He will make a presentation on his work on Sunday, March 15. I met Fr Martin in 2024 when he was a deacon. He is travelling with his wife and four children with the blessing of his bishop Archbishop Juraj. Archbishop Alexander also gives his blessing.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Today | Church School - Saul (elementary) Saul (high school) |
| 12:15 pm | inquirers, catechumens, neophytes class with Deacon Luke - <i>Your Life Will Be Hung Before Your Eyes - Meanings of Our Life in Orthodox Liturgy</i> Pages vi to page 8 |

Monday, March 9 Fr Matthew returns from Archbishop Alexander's

Wednesday, March 11

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| 10 am | lenten Hours |
| 6 pm | our own Presanctified Liturgy |

Please, please bring a lenten dish to share!

Friday, March 13

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| 9:30 am | our own Presanctified Liturgy at our church |
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Saturday, March 14

4:30 pm Trisagion for Souls' Saturday
5 pm Vespers Confessions

Sunday, March 15 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast/ of the Cross

9:30 am Third & Sixth Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy
Church School - David/Goliath ([elementary](#)) David/Jonathan ([high school](#))

Offerings for the week March 1, 2026

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| Weekly Tithes & Offerings | \$ 1,702.00 |
| Estimated Average Weekly Expenses | \$ 4,380.00 |
| | \$ -2,678.00 |

81 persons in attendance on March 1



PAN-ORTHODOX

Lenten Retreat

WITH FR. BARNABAS POWELL

*“Be Watchful- Be Sober:
St. Paul’s Wisdom for Spiritual Maturity”*

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

5:00pm Registration & Lenten Meal
6:00pm 4th Salutations to the Theotokos
7:00pm First Talk with Fr. Barnabas

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

8:30am Registration & Lenten Breakfast
9:30am Second Talk with Fr. Barnabas
Q & A to follow

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