

November 19, 2023

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, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Prophet Obadiah (Abdia – 9th c. B.C.). Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea in Cappadocia (ca. 304). Ven. Varlaam, Abbot of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 1065). Finding of the relics of Monastic Martyr Adrian of Poshekhonsk (Yaroslavl' – 1625). Martyr Azes of Isauria and 150 soldiers with him (3rd c.). Martyr Heliodorus in Pamphylia (ca. 273). Ven. Hilarion the Wonderworker, Monk of Thessalonica (Georgian – 875). Repose of St. Philaret (Drozdov), Metropolitan of Moscow (1867). Saints Barlaam the monk and Prince Ioasaph of India (4th c.).

TROPARIA

Tone 7 By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are 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 The Most Pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the glory of God, is presented today to the House of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, whom the angels of God do praise: "Truly this woman is the abode of heaven!"

The prokeimenon in the seventh tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (Psalm 28:11)

v. Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord sons of rams. (Psalm 28:1a)

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (2:14-22) Brethren, Christ Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into

a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Alleluia, Tone 7

v. It is good to confess to the Lord, to chant to your name, O Most High. (Psalm 91:1)

v. So that to proclaim your mercy in the morning and your truth through the night. (Psalm 91:2a)

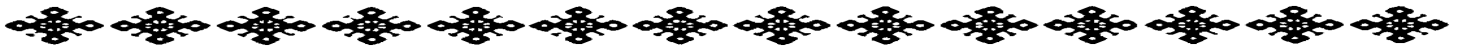
THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (12:16-21) And Jesus told the crowd a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! *(Psalm 148:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & blessings for Heather, Chris & Raegan

Lucy Hogg

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome



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](#).

Nov 19 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie Price **HOURS:** Phil Wiles

READER: Alexander Gonser

Nov 26 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

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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 ED CLASS No class on November 22. Class resumes on November 29.

CHURCH SCHOOL Confessions today and lesson - [Romans – Members of One Body](#)

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.

CHEESE TRIANGLES pick-up is today, Sunday, November 19th.



ANGEL TREE Our parish will participate in this program for Christmas as part of our Advent fast, helping those in need. **Out of 50 children's names, only 10 remain on the Angel Tree in the parish hall.** Gifts do need to be placed in a gift bag or wrapped but you must include the child's names and code number on the gifts. Gift range is between \$25 and \$35. It's important to keep the amounts spent for kids in the same family the same. Please return the gifts by December 6. If there are any questions, contact Eileen Branoff at (810) 232-5132.

COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 9th from 10 am to 1 pm. This year the Cookie Walk will be chaired by Lucy Hogg and requires help from many people. Please call Lucy at 810-695-3110 with any questions. The baked goods need to be delivered by Friday, December 8th before 3 pm. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall to volunteer to bake cookies & to set-up and/or the clean up the day of the sale. Donations are also appreciated if you cannot bring cookies so some pre-made goodies can be purchased.



ANGEL WING ORNAMENTS are available for purchase from Christine Panoff or can be picked up in the office. Cost is \$5 per ornament. These are for families to put in photos of fallen asleep family members. The ornaments will then be placed on a Christmas tree in the church annually. **Sunday, December 3 a Trisagion will be held in memory of all those fallen asleep remembered on tree.**

2024 CALENDARS are available in the narthex.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS If you would like to have your name(s) included on the annual Christmas greetings list please call or email the office no later than December 1st. Donations are appreciated.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for the deceased. Forms are also in the narthex. The sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP meets in the fellowship hall every Monday 10 am - 1 pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact Pam Pitlanish at 248-854-6351 with any questions.

MAKE YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING EASY AND CONVENIENT WITH GIVELIFY Go to the website and on the home page click on the box **Give now with Givelify** which will walk you through the donation process; this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). **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.**

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Prayer at 6:55 pm and minutes approved as submitted. **Financial Report** Financial stewardship is slightly behind 2022, everyone is encouraged to keep up with their financial pledge. **Endowment Report** down \$4,500 since September. **Community Outreach** 100 people (parishioners and visitors) participated in the Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 21. Looking forward to doing it again next year. We now have a contact at Lockwood (the executive director) next door to bring fliers of events there regularly. **Fundraising** *Triangle sale* on Sunday, November 19 to raise funds for band at August picnic. *Cookie Walk*, Saturday, December 9 - 10 am to 1 pm. The ABC 12 interview on Thursday, December 7 at 9:45 am on "Good Morning Mid-Michigan," Stephanie Price will do the interview in place of Father Matthew. *Theophany banquet* on Sunday, January 14 - lamb dinner. *Meatfare dinner*, Sunday, March 10 - turkey dinner. Stephanie Price has prepared a list of activities for 2024. **Charity ministries** North End Soup Kitchen, Thursday, December 7 from 9 am to 12 pm. Angel Tree is up in the hall to take children's names for Christmas gifts. Gift range is between \$25 and \$35. Please see Eileen Branoff with questions about the Angel Tree. The diocese offers a matching charity grant of up to \$1,000 for the fiscal year of Sept 1, 2023 to Aug 31, 2024 and offers this every year. Our parish has received this grant every year since it has been available and used it for purchasing Meijer gift cards for those in need. **Church Building and Grounds** New parts ordered for the furnaces. Furnaces have been prepped, serviced, and cleaned for winter. Dennis Jernigan will meet the state inspector on Friday, November 17 between 9 am to 12 noon, a licensed contractor (Dennis) must be present for the inspection. Repairs done to the bathrooms. Extra material/plumbing supplies were bought for the bathrooms to save time and money. Storage room needs new light bulbs - LED (12 bulbs - brighter and longer life) and fixtures need to be re-wired (by Dennis) will be \$144. Zone valves, thermostats and controls work to begin in January to be completed in summer 2024 by Dennis Jernigan. \$5,000 already approved for this. Charlie Jernigan looked over the dumpster contract for the church and cemetery. Cemetery dumpster - can have 55 gallon drums for trash to maintain ourselves instead of paying for dumpster at cemetery. We can get 3 drums for free that can be secured. A few more cameras can be added for security. *Need a volunteer to look over the monthly invoices every quarter to keep an eye on variations in expenses.* **Old Business** No update on possibility of a dishwasher for kitchen, tabled for December's meeting. **New Business** *Community Outreach* Fannia Young presented the idea of the parish sponsoring an article about the parish in the Flint magazine "On the Town" (50th anniversary issue in January - a double issue) - cost \$1,500 full page, 750 words with photographs (old and new). Motion passed unanimously.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS made by church school children from decades ago and signed are on the table in the fellowship hall. If you or a family member made one, take it home to place on your tree!

HOLIDAY PASTRY SALE at Assumption is taking orders until December 1. Fliers are in the parish hall.

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

Matushka Loretta Karpelenia fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, November 6 and was being buried in Tampa, FL on November 13. She is the widow of Father Basil Karpelenia and both are known to many in the Flint Orthodox churches. Their daughter Denise Ghattas lives locally here. Please remember Matushka Loretta in your prayers that she rest in the light of Christ's face. God sustain her family in their time of grief. You may read her obituary [here](#). Christ is risen!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, November 20

10 am Knitting/Crochet group meets
6 pm **Vespers and Liturgy for Entrance of the Theotokos at Assumption Church**
Special visitor – Bishop Earl Boyea of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing

Wednesday, November 22 *Office Closed*

No Divine Liturgy, No adult education

Friday, November 24 *Office Closed*



Saturday, November 25

[5 pm](#) [Vespers](#) *Confessions*

Sunday, November 26

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

Church School - [1 Thessalonians - Giving Thanks](#)

Offerings for the week November 12, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 6,473.14
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ 2,373.14

52 persons in attendance on November 12