

November 20, 2022

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 20, 2022 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Forefeast of the Entry Into the Temple of the Most-holy Theotokos. Ven. Gregory Decapolites (816). St. Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople (446-447). Ven. Diodorus of Yuregórsk (1633). Martyr Dasius of Dorostorum (3rd c.). Martyrs Eustace, Thespesius, & Anatolius of Nicea (312). Hieromartyrs Nerses & Joseph; John, Saverius, Isaac, & Hypatius, Bishops of Persia; Martyrs Azades the Eunuch, Savonius, Thecla, Anna, & many other men and women who suffered in Persia (343).

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 4 Today Anna bequeaths joy to all instead of sorrow by bringing forth her fruit, the only ever-Virgin. / In fulfillment of her vow, / today with joy she brings to the temple of the Lord / the true temple and pure Mother of God the Word.

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 Today the universe is filled with joy / at the glorious feast of the Mother of God, and cries out: / "She is the heavenly tabernacle."

The prokeimenon in the sixth tone: O Lord, save Your people / and bless Your inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)

v. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)0

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (2:4-10)

Brethren, God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God -- not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Alleluia, Tone 6

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God. (Ps. 90:1)

v: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust!" (Ps. 90:2)

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 Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE (November 21) According to Holy Tradition, this took place in the following manner. The parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anna, praying for an end to their childlessness, vowed that if a child were born to them, they would dedicate it to the service of God. When the Most Holy Virgin reached the age of three, the holy parents decided to fulfill their vow. They gathered together their relatives and acquaintances, and dressed the All-Pure Virgin in Her finest clothes. Singing sacred songs and with lighted candles in their hands, virgins escorted Her to the Temple (Ps. 44/45:14-15). There the High Priest and several priests met the handmaiden of God. In the Temple, fifteen high steps led to the sanctuary, which only the priests and High Priest could enter. (Because they recited a Psalm on each step, Psalms 119/120-133/134 are called "Psalms of Ascent.") The child Mary, so it seemed, could not make it up this stairway. But just as they placed Her on the first step, strengthened by the power of God, She quickly went up the remaining steps and ascended to the highest one. Then the High Priest, through inspiration from above, led the Most Holy Virgin into the Holy of Holies, where only the High Priest entered once a year to offer a purifying sacrifice of blood. Therefore, all those present in the Temple were astonished at this most unusual occurrence.

After entrusting their child to the Heavenly Father, Joachim and Anna returned home. The All-Holy Virgin remained in the quarters for virgins near the Temple. According to the testimony of Holy Scripture (Exodus 38; 1 Kings 1: 28; Luke 2: 37), and also the historian Josephus Flavius, there were many living quarters around the Temple, in which those who were dedicated to the service of God dwelt.

The earthly life of the Most Holy Theotokos from Her infancy until She was taken up to Heaven is shrouded in deep mystery. Her life at the Jerusalem Temple was also a secret. "If anyone were to ask me," said Saint Jerome, "how the Most Holy Virgin spent the time of Her youth, I would answer that that is known to God Himself and the Archangel Gabriel, Her constant guardian."

But there are accounts in Church Tradition, that during the All-Pure Virgin's stay at the Temple, She grew up in a community of pious virgins, diligently read the Holy Scripture, occupied Herself with handicrafts, prayed constantly, and grew in love for God. From ancient times, the Church has celebrated the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. Indications that the Feast was observed in the first centuries of Christianity are found in the traditions of Palestinian Christians, which say that the holy Empress Helen (May 21) built a church in honor of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple. from oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health, blessings for Hannah Smith

Anonymous

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

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Valentina Evanencko (1 yr.)

Taras Evanencko



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors! 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](#) [St George Church](#) or [Dormition Monastery](#).

CANDLESTAND: Dennis Jernigan

HOURS: Calvin Conrad

READER: Ruth Conrad

COFFEE SOCIAL today is provided by Taras Evanenko in memory of his mother, Valentina Evanenko for her one year memorial. 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 donuts & coffee and/or serve in the coming weeks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL today [Temptations](#)

ADULT EDUCATION No daytime or evening classes this week. We resume on Wednesday, November 30 at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm. We are reading Elder Aimilianos' homily [Fools for Christ](#). Copies are on the table under the clock in the parish hall. **Evening adult education** - on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 pm will resume reading Geronda Aimilianos' homily ["On Prayer: Problems and Temptations"](#)

This is the text we read for our morning classes in September/October.



The sign-up sheets are available in the fellowship hall. If you are unable to bake or help, you can donate toward the purchase of baklava & other baked goods. **Please help us get the word out!** Share our parish [Facebook page event](#) and [posting](#) on the Cookie Walk, take fliers to share, let your friends and neighbors know!

BAKING WORKSHOPS for the Cookie Walk at church are:

Tuesday, November 29 at 10 am - vanilla crescents

Tuesday, December 6 at 10 am - Russian tea cookies

To those who bake nut rolls, poppyseed rolls, apricot rolls - please bake some at home and freeze them to bring on Friday, December 9.

VISIT TO ST ROMANOS HERMITAGE is scheduled for **Monday, November 28** at 11 am. Those who would like to carpool, Fr Matthew will be leaving the church at 10 am. The visit will include a tour, Akathist hymn, and lunch concluding around 1:15 or 2pm. Directions are printed out and are on the table in the fellowship hall. For those who cannot make a weekday trip, another visit is scheduled on Saturday, December 17 at 11 am. **Please sign up so Fr Cosmas has enough food for lunch. Please make a donation to the hermitage for their hospitality. This is customary whenever visiting a monastery.**

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM Our parish is participating in this program for Christmas as part of our Advent



Fast, by helping those in need in our local community. **There are many names left on the tree that haven't been sponsored yet, which are located in the parish hall.** Gift range is between \$25 and \$40. (*It's very important to keep the amounts spent for children in the same family the same.) [Please return the gifts to the church by December 4.](#) Also, if you would like to adopt a child and are unable to attend services in person, or you have questions contact Eileen Branoff at (810)232-5132. **1 - please sign your name on the sheet by the tree and include the tag information, also. 2 - Please staple or tape the child's tag to your gift before returning it to the church.**

STEWARDS OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA Metropolitan Tikhon issued a letter for this Sunday concerning the [Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America](#). Your donations make possible various aspects of the work of the Church such as music, texts, brochures, etc. You may read his letter [here](#). Become a Steward by donating [here](#).

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 2nd. Donations are appreciated.

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. **On Sunday, December 4 a Trisagion will be held in memory of all those fallen asleep remembered on the tree.**

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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.**

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES You can support International Orthodox Christian Charity's (IOCC) humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis through iocc.org/ukraine22 or by calling 877.803.4622.

OFFICE HOURS this week are Monday and Wednesday 9-3. **The office is closed Friday, November 25.**

CAREGIVER Stephanie Kosman is looking for someone to be paid as a private caregiver. Please contact her at 810-835-5450 for details.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today

1 year Parastas for Valentina Evanenکو following the distribution of the antidoron
12:30 pm Great Vespers for the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple
*Fr. Matthew away through November 27 – only if there is an **emergency**, contact Fr Joe Abud 810-444-9108*

Wednesday, November 23

No Divine Liturgy
No Adult education class morning or evening

Friday, November 25 *The office is closed

Saturday, November 26

5 pm [Vespers- streaming on our YouTube channel](#) No Confessions

Sunday, November 27

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
10 am [Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)
Church School - [Woman at the Well](#)

Monday, November 28

10 am *For those who would like to carpool, Fr Matthew will leave from church at 10 am.*
11 am Visit to our Diocesan Hermitage of St Romanos 804 S Putnam St, Williamston, MI

Offerings for the week November 13, 2022

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,232.40
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ - 871.60

42 persons in attendance on November 13

