

November 21, 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, NOVEMBER 21, 2021 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. THE ENTRY OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE.

FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; in the city of our God. (*Psalm 47:1*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. (*Psalm 86:3*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Within her citadels, God has shown Himself a sure defense. (*Psalm 47:3*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of Hosts, in the city of our God. (*Psalm 47:8*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved. (*Psalm 45:5*) **Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. (*Psalm 95:6*) **Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall enter through it. (*Psalm 117:20*) **Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple. (*Psalm 64:4*) **Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the holy

Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and was crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Even the rich among the people shall entreat your favor. (*Psalm 44:12*)

Tone 4 Today is the preview of the good will of God, of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the Temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her:// "Rejoice, O divine Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation!"

The King's daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is of wrought gold. (*Psalm 44:9*)

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Virgins shall be brought to the King after her; her companion shall be brought to You. (*Psalm 44:14*)

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TROPARIA

Tone 5 Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

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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, which the angels of God do praise. Truly this woman is the abode of heaven!

The prokeimenon in the third tone: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Luke 1:46-47) v: For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. (Luke 1:48)

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (9:1-7)

Brethren: even the first testament had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the testament overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the testament; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the errors of the people.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear. (*Psalm 44:11*)

v. Before your face the richest of people will pray. (*Psalm 44:13*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (10:38-42; 11:27-28) Now it happened as they went that Jesus entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Instead of "It is truly meet..." we sing: The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One and were amazed.// How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies? As you are a living Temple of God, let no impure hand touch you, O Theotokos! But let the lips of all believers sing, constantly magnifying you in joy with the angelic salutation: Truly you are above all creatures, O Pure One!

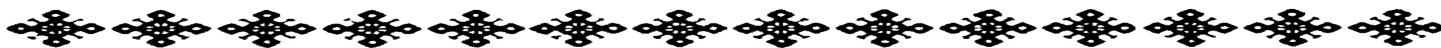
COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. (Ps. 115:4) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The holy Gospel according to Luke 1:39-49, 56 (festal Matins Gospel)

Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

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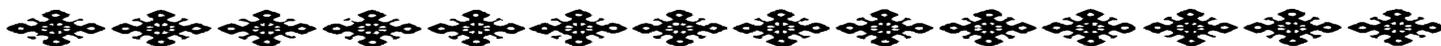


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Phillip Brown~blessings & good health on your name day dear brother	Dorothy
Nikolai Evanenko in the hospital. A speedy recovery & good health	his family
Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, 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	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Peter Samaras (2 yrs.)	Sandy Taylor
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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](#) for their livestreams.

ELECTION RESULTS OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS & LAY DELEGATES

Parish Council elected were Lena Bakousidis, Susie Ford, and Sharon Jernigan.

Auditor Linda Branoff

Lay Delegates - Oct. 2022 Diocesan Conference Susie Ford and J. Joseph Tome.

God bless those elected and those who were willing to be nominated.

Swearing in will take place on Sunday, December 19 after Liturgy. Those being sworn in – please receive Confession before that Sunday and prepare to receive Communion that Sunday.

COFFEE SOCIAL Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. Coffee today is provided by Barry Cavett. There is a signup sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate donuts & coffee or just help.

WINTER dinner supporting Dormition Monastery is scheduled in-person at St. George Church on Thursday, January 20. Fr. Michael Bassett will be coordinating the planning meetings. Each parish needs a coordinator to attend meetings, oversee the selling of tickets, and overseeing the parish's responsibility for the meal. **We need a coordinator from our parish. Please, consider volunteering and let Fr. Matthew know so that we can continue to make this gathering a source of support for the mothers and sisters of Dormition Monastery.**

COOKIE WALK is December 11th. This year it is chaired by Lucy Hogg and requires help from many people. There are signup sheets on a table as you go into the parish hall to volunteer to bake cookies & desserts, set-up or the break-down of the hall following the sale. **Please call Lucy at 810-695-3110 if you have any questions. **Cookies can also be made ahead of time, frozen and kept here at the church.**

ANGEL WING ORNAMENTS are available for purchase from Christine Panoff or Linda Branoff. The 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. A Trisagion will be held in memory of all those fallen asleep remembered on the tree on the Sunday Saint Nicholas is observed. People may take home their ornament(s) after Theophany to keep at home until the following year.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM Our parish is sponsoring 52 children as part of our Advent Fast, by helping those in need in our local community. The name tags are available in the parish hall. Gift range is between \$25 and \$35. **(*It's very important to keep the amounts spent for children in the same family the same amount.)** Gift cards are ok for 15 yrs. to 17 yrs. old. Please return the gifts to the church by December 3. Wrapping gifts is optional or can be placed in a (gift) bag but must have the child's name and code number on the gifts, using a separate bag for each child. **Also, if you would like to adopt a child and are unable to attend services in person, please contact Connie or the office. You can call Connie Maxim with any questions at (810) 603-7717.**



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.

VISIT WITH ST. NICHOLAS & POTLUCK on December 5th. We are having baked mostaccioli for the meal. Please bring lenten desserts to share.

HOLIDAY PASTRY SALE at Assumption is Thursday, December 9th. This is by pre-order only and the deadline is November 28th. For more information or to place an order call 810-771-4611.

2022 CALENDARS are available in the narthex. Please, one per family.

OFFICE HOURS this week are Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9-3. **Closed Thursday & Friday.**

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, November 22

Father in Toledo

Wednesday, November 24

No Divine Liturgy
No Adult education

Friday, November 26 Office Closed

Saturday, November 27

5 pm [Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

No confessions

Sunday, November 28

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

10 am [Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Church School

Offerings for the week November 14, 2021

54 persons in attendance on November 14th

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 2,828.09
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -275.91