

November 24, 2024

**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, 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, NOVEMBER 24, 2024 **22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Afterfeast of the Entry Into the Temple. Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria (305-313). Great Martyr Mercurius of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (3rd c.). Martyr Merkúry of Smolensk (1238). Ven. Mercurius, Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 14th c.). Empress Augusta, Porphyrius the General, the 50 philosophers and the 200 Soldiers martyred with the Great Martyr Catherine (305-313). Virgin Mastridia of Alexandria. Ven. Simon, Abbot of Soiga Monastery (Vologdá – 1562).**

**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*) Today...

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

**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** By your virtues, as by rays of the sun, you enlightened the unbelieving philosophers; and like the most bright moon you drove away the darkness of disbelief from those walking in the night; you convinced the queen, and also chastised the tyrant, God-summoned bride, blessed Catherine. You hastened with desire to the heavenly bridal chamber of the fairest Bridegroom Christ, and you were crowned by him with a royal crown; standing before him with the angels, pray for us who keep your most sacred memory.

**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 seventh tone: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall hope in Him.** (*Psalm 63:10*) *v: Hear, O God, my voice when I implore you.* (*Psalm 63:1*)

#### **THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (3:23-4:5)**

Brethren: before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

#### ***Alleluia, Tone 5***

*v. Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing to the age, to generation and generation I will declare your truth in my mouth.* (*Psalm 88:1*)

*v. For you said, To the age mercy will be built, in the heavens your truth will be prepared.* (*Psalm 88:2*)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (16:19-31)** At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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

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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

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

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Special Intention



**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 24 **CANDLESTAND:** Ian & Stephanie      **HOURS:** Alexander Gonser      **READER:** Angelo Panoff  
Dec 1 **CANDLESTAND:** Dennis Goodman      **HOURS:** Phil Wiles      **READER:** Katherine Gonser

**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. The class meets in the library.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES** are on Wednesdays at 11:15 am. We are reading - *Wounded by Love*, a transcription of conversations with Saint Porphyrios (1906-1991). The cost of the book is \$30. You may purchase them at the kiosk.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** Lesson - [Greece- Archbishop Athenagoras](#)

**COFFEE SOCIAL** is provided today by the family Kosta Todorovsky in his memory. Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a sign-up sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate and/or serve.

**MEMORY ETERNAL** Mother Apolinaria of Holy Dormition Monaster, Rives Junction, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, November 22. Funeral with burial at the monastery cemetery takes places on Saturday, November 23. May she rest in the light of Christ's Face! *Vešnica pomenire!*



**ANGEL TREE** Our parish will participate in this program for Christmas as part of our Advent fast, helping those in need. The tags with children's names are 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 11. If there are any questions, contact Eileen Branoff at (810) 232-5132 or Cindy Branoff at (810) 714-1104.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Donations are appreciated.



**DECK THE HALLS AT ST. NICHOLAS!** On Saturday, December 7 at 10am we will arrange the flowers & put up and decorate the trees and Nativity scenes in the church and the hall.

**COOKIE WALK** will be held on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm. The Cookie Walk will be chaired by Lucy Hogg this year 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 13<sup>th</sup> before 12 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale. Donations are also appreciated if you cannot bring cookies so some pre-made goodies can be purchased. \*There are flyers in the parish hall that need to be put up in the surrounding communities. Please fill out the sign-up sheet where you've posted them.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** Friday, December 13 on ABC 12 Good Morning Mid-Michigan, Father Matthew will be interviewed about the Cookie Walk. The interview will air between 9 and 10 am.

**HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS RAFFLE** Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. You can see the 3 beautiful baskets in the parish hall. See Connie Maxim to purchase tickets. Proceeds will go toward Saint Nicholas' visit. The drawing will be on December 8 but the winner does not need to be present.

**CHEESE TRIANGLES** with and without leeks will be available to pick up on December 14 & 15. The deadline to pre-order is December 8. The sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. The cost is 1@ \$3, 4@ \$10 & 8@ \$20. Please indicate how many of each that you want on the order form.

**2025 CALENDARS** are available in the narthex. Thank you to Swartz Funeral Home for sponsoring them.

**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.

**HOLIDAY PASTRY SALE** at Assumption Thursday, December 12. Order forms with all the details are in the parish hall. The deadline for pre-orders is December 1.

**KITCHEN USE** Please call the office to check on availability before planning to use the kitchen. **If you would like to have a workshop of the cookie walk in the kitchen, please contact the office.**

**KROGER/COSTCO COMMUNITY REWARDS** Remember to use your Community Rewards when checking out at the register. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores. This is an easy way to give to your church.

**GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY** Go to our website [www.saintnicholasburton.org](http://www.saintnicholasburton.org) and click on the box **Give now with Givelify**; this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). **\*Please consider adding a little extra to your donation to cover the fee we are charged.** 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.

**YOUTUBE CHANNEL** subscribe to our YouTube channel [Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services. Livestreams begin at 9:30 with Hours.

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

**NEW ADDRESS** for: Paul Ellis c/o Beaconsire, 21630 Hessel Ave., Detroit, MI 48219 (313-534-8400). When we are notified of a further change of address, it will be published

*Fr. Matthew is out of town from November 23-Dec 2. In emergency ONLY contact Father Gabriel 330-285-1740, Father Amin 810-732-0720 or Father Peter 989-928-3455.*

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Wednesday, Nov 27** Office Closed  
No Divine Liturgy or Adult ed class

**Saturday, Nov 30**  
**5 pm** [Vespers - live-streamed](#) *No Confessions*

**Sunday, Dec 1**  
**9:30 am** [Hours-live-streamed](#)  
**10 am** [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)  
Church School - [St. Barbara](#)



**Offerings for the week November 17, 2024**

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,079.02
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	<b>\$ -2,300.98</b>

70 persons in attendance on November 17

**PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES & EVENTS - DECEMBER 2024**

**December 5** 6 pm Vespers with Divine Liturgy for our patron, Saint Nicholas, at our church.