

November 28, 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 28, 2021 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Monastic Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New of Mt. St. Auxentius, Martyrs Basil, Stephen, two Gregories, John, Andrew, Peter, Anna, and many others (767). Martyr Irenarchus and Seven Women Martyrs at Sebaste (303). St. Theodore, Archbishop of Rostov (1394). Martyrs Timothy and Theodore – Bishops; Peter, John, Sergius, Theodore, and Nikēphoros – Presbyters; Basil and Thomas – Deacons; Hierotheus, David, Chariton, Socrates, Comasius, and Eusebius – Monks; and Etymasius, at Tiberiopolis (8th c.).

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 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 3 The Virgin comes today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word Eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth, at the message, with the angels and shepherds give glory to Him Who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He Who is from eternity God.

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 (18:18-27) At that time a ruler asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Psalms 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.

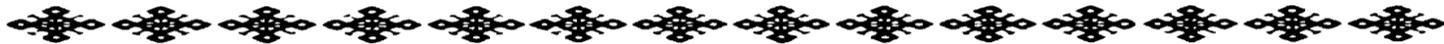
Monk Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New (November 28), The righteous Stephen was born in Constantinople in 715 to pious parents named John and Anna. His mother had prayed often to the most holy Theotokos in her church at Blachernae to be granted a son, and one day received a revelation from our Lady that she would conceive the son she desired. When Anna had conceived, she asked the newly-elected Patriarch Germanus (see May 12) to bless the babe in her womb. He said, "May God bless him through the prayers of the holy First Martyr Stephen." At that moment Anna saw a flame of fire issue from the mouth of the holy Patriarch. When the child was born, she named him Stephen, according to the prophecy of Saint Germanus.

Stephen struggled in asceticism from his youth in Bithynia at the Monastery of Saint Auxentius, which was located at a lofty place called Mount Auxentius (see Feb. 14). Because of his extreme labours and great goodness, he was chosen by the hermits of Mount Auxentius to be their leader. The fame of his spiritual struggles reached the ears of all, and the fragrance of his virtue drew many to himself.

During the reign of Constantine V (741-775), Stephen showed his love of Orthodoxy in contending for the Faith. This Constantine was called Copronymus, that is, "namesake of dung," because while being baptized he had soiled the waters of regeneration, giving a fitting token of what manner of impiety he would later embrace. Besides being a fierce Iconoclast, Constantine raised up a ruthless persecution of monasticism. He held a council in 754 that anathematized the holy icons. Because Saint Stephen rejected this council, the Emperor framed false accusations against him and exiled him. But while in exile Saint Stephen performed healings with holy icons and turned many away from Iconoclasm. When he was brought before the Emperor again, he showed him a coin and asked whose image the coin bore. "Mine," said the tyrant. "If any man trample upon thine image, is he liable to punishment?" asked the Saint. When they that stood by answered yes, the Saint groaned because of their blindness, and said if they thought dishonouring the image of a corruptible king worthy of punishment, what torment would they receive who trampled upon the image of the Master Christ and of the Mother of God? Then he threw the coin to the ground and trampled on it. He was condemned to eleven months in bonds and imprisonment. Later, he was dragged over the earth and was stoned, like Stephen the First Martyr; wherefore he is called Stephen the New. Finally, he was struck with a

wooden club on the temple and his head was shattered, and thus he gave up his spirit in the year 767. *from* goarch.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & blessings for my family

Lucy Hogg

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

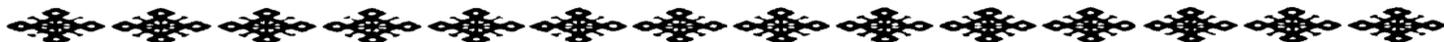
Special Intention

Joe Tome

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Helen Bibilikow (7 yrs.)

Christine, Jerry, Jen,
Josh & Sara



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.

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 bagels & coffee or just help.

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.

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. Fr. Matthew will be interviewed on ABC 12 on Friday, December 10 at 9:15 am.**

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 they 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 contact 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 & DESSERT 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 today November 28th. For more information or to place an order call 810-771-4611.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9-3.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, November 30

10 am Russian tea cookie workshop

Wednesday, December 1

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Adult education - kontakion "Nativity of our Lord" by St Romanos

Thursday, December 2

9 am-1 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, December 4

5 pm Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel

Confessions

Movie night featuring "Martin the Cobbler"

Sunday, December 5

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

10 am Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel

Church School

St. Nicholas visits - luncheon

Offerings for the week November 21, 2021

72 persons in attendance on November 21st

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,237.97
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -1,866.03