

November 5, 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 5, 2023 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Martyrs Galaction and his wife, Epistemis, at Emesa (3rd c.). Repose of St. Jonah, Archbishop of Novgorod (1470). Apostles Patrobus, Hermes, Linus, Gaius, and Philologus, of the Seventy (1st c.). St. Gregory, Archbishop of Alexandria (9th c.).

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.

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 6 Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

The prokeimenon in the fifth tone: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us / from this generation forever. (Psalm 11:7)

v: Save me, O Lord, for a venerable one is fading away. (Psalm 11:1a)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

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.'"

COMMUNION HYMN

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

The holy Gospel according to John 21:15-25 (11th Matins Gospel)

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (*agapas*) Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love (*philo*) You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (*agapas*) Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love (*philo*) You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (*phileis*) Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love (*phileis*) Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love (*philo*) You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish. This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me." Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me." Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?" This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

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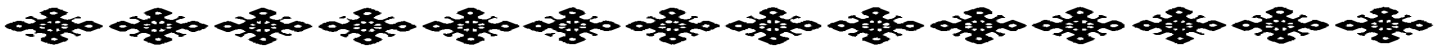
CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, 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 5 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Katherine Gonser

Nov 12 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Calvin Conrad

READER: Angelo Panoff

CHEESE & CHEESE/LEEK TRIANGLES sale Sunday, November 19th. This is Pre-order ONLY and they will be frozen. The sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. The cost is 1-\$3, 4-\$10, 8-\$20. This is a fundraiser for a band for next year's picnic. Contact Lena Bakousidis with any questions.

PARISH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITOR & LAY DELEGATE on Sunday, November 5. To vote you must have submitted a pledge card & received Confession and Communion within the past year. Only one vote per person: if you fill out an absentee vote please do not fill out a ballot on November 5.

The nominees are:

Parish Council (3 year term)
(3 will be elected)

Barry Cavett

Connie Maxim

Ian Price

Stephanie Price (term expiring)

Ellyn Serra (term expiring)

Auditor (3 year term)
(1 will be elected)

Calvin Conrad (term ending)

**Lay Delegate to the
2024 Diocesan Conference**
(1 will be elected)

Susie Ford

Joe Tome

(top vote-getter is the delegate, next in votes
is the alternate delegate)

Soup Luncheon (instead of potluck) to raise funds for the band at the picnic. Cost is by donation.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT November 11 after Vespers. Bring your own or use the ones that are provided. Pizza & drinks will be provided. Contact Stephanie Price with questions at 248-396-3899.

KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP meets in the fellowship hall every Monday 10 am - 1 pm. Whether you already knit/crochet, want to learn or just want to come and fellowship everyone is welcome. Contact Pam Pitlanish at 248-854-6351 with any questions.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP ENVELOPE in the bulletin is to support parish seminarians, those training to become catechists, and kiosk expense for theological materials for inquirers. Please be generous!

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 on Wednesdays at 11:15 am. [Psalms and the Life of Faith](#) by Elder Aimilianos looking at twelve of the one hundred and fifty Psalms.

CHURCH SCHOOL Lesson - [Requiem](#)

NOISY OFFERING \$321.23 was collected in October for the children to sponsor a child or children from the Angel Tree for Christmas. The name tags will be available November 12.

COLLEGE CONFERENCE AT THE ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE December 27th-30th. Information is available [HERE](#). Further, there are scholarships available to help cover costs! The application is [HERE](#). This would be a wonderful Christmas, Birthday, Baptism Day, Name's Day, etc. gift to a college student or a young adult!

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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!

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

Fr. Matthew will be in Chicago accompanying Archbishop Alexander Monday, November 6 through November 10 for the fall session of the Holy Synod of Bishops. For emergencies ONLY contact Father Gabriel Bilas at 330-285-1740 or Father Joe Abud at 810-444-9108 for emergencies ONLY.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Election and Soup Luncheon

Wednesday, November 8 SYNAXIS OF THE ANGELS

10 am Divine Liturgy at Saint Mary Magdalene Church for the synaxis of the angels
No Divine Liturgy or Adult education at St Nicholas Church

Saturday, November 11

[5 pm](#) [Vespers](#) Confessions Game Night

Sunday, November 12

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

[10 am](#) [Divine Liturgy - live- streamed](#)

Church School - [Confession](#)

Offerings for the week October 29, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,994.14
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ -1,105.86

66 persons in attendance on October 29

STATEMENT FROM THE PATRIARCHS AND HEADS OF CHURCHES IN JERUSALEM

The Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem, an ecumenical group of Christian leaders which includes Patriarch Theophilos of the Orthodox Patriarchate in Jerusalem, have issued a statement calling for peace and justice amidst unfolding violence.

Jerusalem, October 13, 2023 “God created mankind in his own image.” (Genesis 1:27)

The Holy Land, a place sacred to countless millions around the world, is currently mired in violence and suffering due to the prolonged political conflict and the lamentable absence of justice and respect for human rights. We, the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem, have time and again appealed for the importance of respecting the historic and legal Status Quo of the holy shrines. In these trying times, we come together to raise our voices in unity, echoing the divine message of peace and love for all humanity.

As custodians of the Christian faith, deeply rooted in the Holy Land, we stand in solidarity with the people of this region, who are enduring the devastating consequences of continued strife. Our faith, which is founded on the teachings of Jesus Christ, compels us to advocate for the cessation of all violent and military activities that bring harm to both Palestinian and Israeli civilians.

We unequivocally condemn any acts that target civilians, regardless of their nationality, ethnicity, or faith. Such actions go against the fundamental principles of humanity and the teachings of Christ, who implored us to “love your neighbour as yourself” (Mark 12:31).

It is our fervent hope and prayer that all parties involved will heed this call for an immediate cessation of violence. We implore political leaders and authorities to engage in sincere dialogue, seeking lasting solutions that promote justice, peace, and reconciliation for the people of this land, who have endured the burdens of conflict for far too long.

In our capacity as spiritual leaders, we extend our hands to all those who suffer, and we pray that the Almighty may grant comfort to the afflicted, strength to the weary, and wisdom to those in positions of authority. We call upon the international community to redouble its efforts to mediate a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land, based on equal rights for all and on international legitimacy.

Let us remember the words of the Apostle Paul: “For God is not a God of disorder but of peace” (1 Corinthians 14:33). In the spirit of this divine message, we implore all to work tirelessly towards an end to violence and the establishment of a just and lasting peace that will allow the Holy Land to be a beacon of hope, faith, and love for all.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all during these challenging times.

The Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem