

November 16, 2025

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 (those received into the Orthodox Church through baptism or chrismation), 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 16, 2025 23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew (60 A.D.). St. Fulvian, Prince of Ethiopia, in Baptism Matthew (1st 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 3 With zeal, you followed Christ the Master, / who in His goodness, appeared on earth to mankind. / Summoning you from the custom house, / He revealed you as a chosen apostle: / the proclaimer of the Gospel to the whole world! / Therefore, divinely eloquent Matthew, / we honor your precious memory! / Entreat merciful God that He may grant our souls remission of transgressions.

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 eighth tone: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth;/ and their words to the ends of the universe. (Psalm 18:4)

v. The heavens describe the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the making of his hands. (Psalm 18:1)

THE READING IS FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (4:9-16) Brethren, God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Alleluia, Tone 1

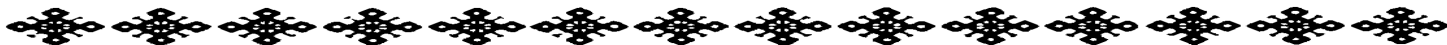
v. The heavens will confess your wonders, O Lord, and your truth in the church of the holy ones. (Psalm 88:4)

v. God – glorified in the counsel of the holy ones. (Psalm 88:4)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (9:9-13) At that time, as Jesus passed on from Capernaum, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

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

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Kosta, Helen, Magda, Jessie

Magda Popoff

Angie Kinney

Linda Branoff

Nicholas Khait, Elizabeth Khait, Artyom Khait, Aleksander Khait

Sviatlana Khait

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Special Intentions for Family and Self

Bosa

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

Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted,

Kathryn, David, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Dorothy Gintsis

Violet Gintsis, Bill &
Freda Piper & Family

Harold Brock Sr, Evdokia Naumoff, Nicholas Brock

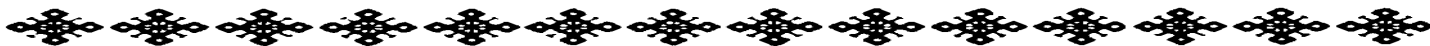
Laurie Brock

Ivan, Evdokia, Mykola Ponomarenko

Lucy Hogg

Natse, Peter, Angelo Popoff & Eleni

Magda Popoff



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 16 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff

HOURS: Barry

READER: Katherine

Nov 23 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff

HOURS: Staci

READER: Barry

COFFEE SOCIAL Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall for coffee and bagels.

CHURCH SCHOOL The youth are learning about [Joseph \(elementary\)](#) [Joseph \(high school\)](#)

ANGEL TREE The Angel Tree is set up in the parish hall. **Gifts must be placed in a gift bag or wrapped but you must include the child's names and code number on the outside of the wrapping or bag for each gift.** 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 7.** If there are any questions, contact Eileen Branoff at (810) 232-5132 or Cindy Branoff at (810) 714-1104.

TRIANGLES FOR SALE - FINAL WEEK - cheese and leek & cheese (all frozen) for November 23. Pre-orders only! 1 for \$4, 3 for \$10. Sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Present: Christopher Taylor, Stephanie Price, Lena Bakousidis (via FaceTime), Dennis Jernigan, Eileen Branoff, Father Matthew (via FaceTime because of illness), Absent: Paul Brayan, Bill Economou, Connie Maxim. *minutes:* approved as presented. *financial report:* six out of the ten months of 2025 we have been operating at a deficit. April, June, July, and October we were in the black. Suggestion that pledge cards be sent out at the end of August henceforth so that a budget can be prepared by the December parish council meeting and ready to be presented at the January meeting. *endowment report:* no report. *rector's report:* 4 baptisms, 1 crowning in marriage, please keep in prayer Father Gabriel Bilas who is having kidney surgery on January 29. Also his family. *youth ministry/church school:* Madison Green Miller has been assisting with church school. *community outreach:* trunk or treat was a success and

donated candy leftover will be used for St Nicholas Day (December 7) celebration. Parking lot set-up was excellent this year. *vision plan update*: potential catechists will be able to sign up for the class in summer 2026 as Fr Silviu Bunta and Fr Bogdan Bucur opted to begin a second session while the first session is at the halfway mark. A sub-committee can focus on the vision plan open to parishioners. *fundraising*: cookie walk - chairs Cathy Edwards & Staci Shank, cost \$15 per pound (cash or check or PayPal with QR code) and can have a separate station for those using PayPal - Stephanie Price will be available to assist with this, ABC 12 interview on Thursday, December 11 at 9 am on Good Morning Mid-Michigan with Father Matthew. *charity ministries*: diocesan matching grant of \$1,000 given to our parish for charitable use only. North End Soup Kitchen service is first Thursday of the month from 9 am to 12:30 pm. November there were 5 persons who volunteered where other months there were 2 persons who volunteered from church. *church building and grounds*: sign at north entrance was hit and bent, needs to be set up again. AC done. Eavesdraughts with seeds and buds have been cleaned, with a broom, an hour maybe. Water hoses put away, rain barrels emptied. Bookshelf fastened to wall in library. Salt ready for winter. 3 new shovels need to be bought to replace the old ones. Air compressor and air dryer removed. Air compressor is working and we can sell it. Air dryer may be able to be sold also. *old business*: we will keep the Meijer food gift cards at \$10 per card per person. *new business*: Set-up church for Christmas - Tuesday, December 9th at 10 am. Tree with Angel Wing ornaments will be set up in advance of December 7 when the Trisagion for those remembered there. Angel Tree for children - God-willing, the names will be picked up from the North End Soup Kitchen on November 12. Annual meeting date - January 25. Mailchimp - help make it easier to send mass e-mails which includes text messaging (sms) as an option. office equipment: needs for the secretary's office. adjourned at 7:58 pm.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, November 17 *Communion Calls then Father Matthew with Archbishop Alexander*

Tuesday, November 18 *Father Matthew with Archbishop Alexander*

Wednesday, November 19

No Divine Liturgy
11:15 am adult education class

Thursday, November 20

6 pm pan-Orthodox Vespers at St Mary Magdalene

Friday, November 21

10 am Entrance of our Lady pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene

Saturday, November 22

5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, November 23

9:30 am third and sixth hours
10 am **Divine Liturgy**
Church school: [Joseph #2 \(elementary\)](#) [Joseph #2 \(high school\)](#)
12:15 to 1 pm class for inquirers, catechumens, and neophytes

Offerings for the week November 9, 2025

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 3,870.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -510.00

79 persons in attendance on November 9th