

November 23, 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 23, 2025 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Afterfeast of the Entry Into the Temple. Repose of Rt. Blv. Great Prince Alexander Nevsky, in schema Aleksey (1263). St Amphilokhios, Bishop of Iconium (394). St. Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum (6th-7th c.). St. Metrophán, in schema Makáry, Bishop of Vorónezh (1703). Sisinius the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzicus (3rd c.). Martyr Theodore of Antioch (4th c.).

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 7 By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen, granting the world great mercy.

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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 seventh tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people. / The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (*Psalm 28:11*)

v. Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord sons of rams. (*Psalm 28:1a*)

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Alleluia, Tone 7

v. It is good to confess to the Lord, to chant to your name, O Most High. (*Psalm 91:1*)

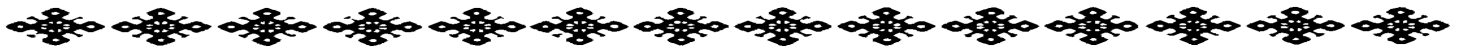
v. So that to proclaim your mercy in the morning and your truth through the night. (*Psalm 91:2a*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (12:16-21) And Jesus told the crowd a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

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

Kosta, Lena, Magda, Jessie

Angie Kinney

Nicholas Khait, Elizabeth Khait, Artyom Khait, Aleksander Khait

Sviatlana Khait

Special Intentions for Family and Self

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

Special Intention

Magda Popoff

Linda Branoff

Sviatlana Khait

Bosa

Joe Tome

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Nicholas & Millie George

Peter & Josephine Sredich

Tatiana, Olga, Mihail & Zinaida

Dorothy Gintsis

Harold Brock Sr, Evdokia Naumoff, Nicholas Brock

Ivan, Evdokia, Mykola Ponomarenko

Natse, Peter, John & Eleni

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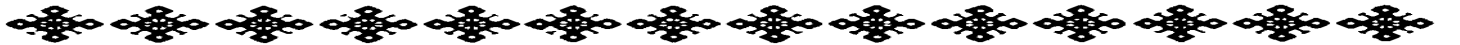
Violet Gintsis, Bill &

Freda Piper & Family

Laurie Brock

Lucy Hogg

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 23 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Staci

READER: Barry

Nov 30 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Katherine

READER: Phil

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

CHURCH SCHOOL The youth are learning about [Joseph #2 \(elementary\)](#) [Joseph #2 \(high school\)](#)

ANGEL TREE is in our fellowship 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.

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. Donations are appreciated.



DECK THE HALLS AT ST. NICHOLAS! On Tuesday, December 9 at 9 am we will arrange the flowers & put up and decorate the trees and Nativity scenes in the church and the hall.

ANGEL WING ORNAMENTS are available for purchase from Christine Panoff or can be picked up in the office. 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. On Sunday, December 7 a Trisagion will be held in memory of all those fallen asleep remembered on tree.

COOKIE WALK 2025 - Saturday, December 13 from 10 am to 1 pm

WHAT IS A COOKIE WALK? It is our annual Christmas bake sale.

HOW DOES IT WORK? parishioners bake and donate a MINIMUM of 5 lbs of cookies. (This is equivalent to a double or triple batch.) Cookies can be made by people individually or in teams at the church or in homes. Small attractive cookies work best. If someone bakes the large gingerbread, sell them individually. There is a sign-up sheet that also asks the kind of cookies the bakers will make. Cookies can be baked in advance and frozen, providing they are well wrapped in plastic wrap to prevent them from drying out.

The day of the cookie walk, people are greeted at the door and given a container to choose how many and what cookies they would like. At the end of the tables the cookies are weighed (\$15 per pound) and payment is made by cash, check, or PayPal. (more details at <https://www.o.ca.org/parish-ministry/parishdevelopment/a-christmas-cookie-walk>)

ABC 12 COOKIE WALK INTERVIEW on Thurs, December 11 on Good Morning Mid-Michigan 9 to 10 am.

LENTEN POTLUCK Please bring a lenten dish to share for the visit of Saint Nicholas on Sunday, December 7. Lenten desserts are provided by Alexandra Stith and Barry Cavett.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE *No Communion calls this week*

Wednesday, November 26

No Divine Liturgy
No adult education class

Thursday, November 27 *Office closed*

Thanksgiving Day - let us give thanks to the Lord for all he has done for us

Friday, November 28 *Office closed*

Saturday, November 29

5 pm Vespers No Confessions

Sunday, November 30 **Saint Andrew the first-called**

9:30 am third and sixth hours

10 am **Divine Liturgy**

Church school: [Moses \(elementary\)](#) [Moses \(high school\)](#)

12:15 to 1 pm class for inquirers, catechumens, and neophytes with Protodeacon Luke

Offerings for the week November 16, 2025

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,761.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -1,619.00

76 persons in attendance on November 16

Fr. Matthew is out of town from November 24 - Dec 2. In emergency ONLY contact Father Gabriel 330-285-1740, Father Amin 810-732-0720 or Father Peter 989-928-3455.