

October 16, 2022

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, OCTOBER 16, 2022 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord (1st c.). Ven. Lóngin the Gatekeeper of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 13th-14th c.). Ven. Lóngin of Yarensk (1544-45). St. Domna of Tomsk (1872).

TROPARIA

Tone 1 When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! // Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

Tone 8 You are most glorious, O Christ our God! / You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them You have guided us to the true Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, 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 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 fourth tone: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Your name forever! (*Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3*)

v: For You are just in all that You have done for us! (*Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 4*)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO TITUS (3:8-15) *Titus, my son:* The saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. The Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
(*Psalms 49:1*)

v. Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice. (*Psalms 49:5*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (8:5-15) At that time Jesus told the crowd this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience."

COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (*Psalms 147:1*)

The Holy Gospel according to John 20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25). The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18).
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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, Dorothy, 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

Special Intention

Joe Tome

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Olga & Peter Samaras, John Ferchok & Jerome Peck
Our grandson Matthew on his birthday Oct. 16 (3 yrs.)

Julia Peck

Baba & Dedo



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](#).

CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff

HOURS: Angelo Panoff

READER: Katherine Gonser

A HAM LUNCHEON will be served today in our fellowship hall following the Divine Liturgy. Come and join us! There is no charge, but freewill offerings are appreciated.

RECEPTION INTO THE CATECHUMENATE today of **Rico and Stephanie Martinez** of Saginaw who have been worshipping God with us since Pascha.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL today **Meeting of our Lord in the Temple**

ADULT EDUCATION classes are on Wednesdays at 11:15 am and Saturdays after Vespers. Having read a brief biography of Geronda Aimilianos of Simonopetra, we will read his homily **"On Prayer: Problems and Temptations."** Copies are available on the table under the clock in the parish hall.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Church School - Whiteboards and corkboards are mounted in the large classroom. Church school lessons are posted in five different places: weekly e-mail, weekly bulletin, monthly bulletin, YouTube link, Facebook. **Fundraising** - Ham luncheon on Sunday, October 16. Sloppy joe luncheon on November 6 for the elections to parish council, auditors, and lay delegate. Cookie Walk is December 10 - Lucy Hogg is chairperson. \$12 per pound for cookies because of the increased cost of ingredients. **Charity** - Angel Tree program will be chaired by Eileen Branoff as we are participating again in the program this year buying gifts for children in need. **Finances** - Please keep up with your financial stewardship pledges. **Building and grounds** - the church roof has been re-shingled. He also used foam to seal off holes to keep bats out of the church as well as took care of gutter issues. \$881.58 overage on materials and labor for the roof. Total cost was \$12,483.46. A bonus of \$517 was given also for the extra work that was done. Total is \$13,000.46, a savings of \$6,000 from the other estimate. Gerry Bakousidis and Andy Yosheff power washed the garage. John & Nancy Borkovich painted the garage and Allison Borkovich made lunch. The rest of the garage will be painted also. Cracks sealed up in pavement in pavilion. Cracks in asphalt were sealed. The power line to the garage was marked out as it needs to be repaired in spring (no power in the garage/meat shed). Another light needs to be replaced in the south parking lot. They have lasted six years, a year beyond the projected expectancy given by Consumers Energy. Extra filters were purchased for the air conditioning units so that clean ones can be installed directly, and the old ones can be cleaned and ready for the next season. Furnaces were prepped for winter. Another compressor is hooked up. Still looking for a back-up compressor to get us through winter. In summer look to change from pneumatic system for thermostats which will mean savings for heating because more zones can be created. Additional wires for cameras or sound system can be run at the same time. Eave troughs - there's been some leaking on the hall roof. Terry Hammerberg will put on gutter covers and repair leaking from eave troughs. He also will take down a large rotten tree limb hanging over the north side parking lot. **New business** - St. Nicholas Day will be celebrated on Sunday, December 4 - Lenten potluck, St. Nicholas will visit. **Next meeting** will be Tuesday, November 8 at 6:30 pm.

TRUNK OR TREAT Please bring treats to share with our youth on Sunday, October 30 as they will be dressing up as persons from the Nativity of our Lord on that day.

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UKRAINIAN REFUGEES You can support International Orthodox Christian Charity's (IOCC) humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis through iocc.org/ukraine22 or by calling 877.803.4622.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, October 17 *Fr. In Toledo*

Wednesday, October 19

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Adult education class

Saturday, October 22

5 pm **Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel** *Confessions*

Sunday, October 23

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

10 am **Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel**

Church School - **The Three Kings**

Offerings for the week October 9, 2022

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,539.37
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -1,564.63

44 persons in attendance on October 9

1st ANNOUNCEMENT - PARISH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS & LAY DELEGATE takes place on Sunday, November 6. 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 6. The nominees are:

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

Philip Bakousidis

Paul Brayon (term ending)

Dennis Jernigan (term ending)

Pamela Pitlanish

Ian Price

Michael Serra

Christopher Taylor

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

Eileen Branoff

Lucy Hogg (term ending)

Lay Delegate to the
2023 Diocesan Conference

(1 will be elected)

Susie Ford

Joe Tome

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

- Absentee ballots are available in the office
- Absentee ballots must be returned by November 4

A sloppy joe luncheon will be provided at the election meeting - free will offering.