

**October 17, 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, OCTOBER 17, 2021 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Martyr Susanna, Princess of Georgia (5th c.). Prophet Hosea (820 B.C.). Monastic Martyr Andrew of Crete (767). Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Leokhnovsk (Novgorod – 1611). Martyrs and Unmercenary Cosmas and Damian in Cilicia, and their brothers, Leontius, Anthimus, and Eutropius (287 or 303). Translation of the Relics of St. Lazarus “of the four days” (in the tomb), Bishop of Kition on Cyprus (898).**

**TROPARIA**

**Tone 8** Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

**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 art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy 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.**

*(Psalm 49:1)*

**v. Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.** *(Psalm 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! *(Psalm 147:1)*

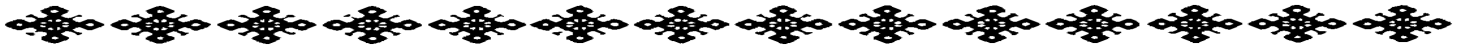
### **The Holy Gospel according to John 20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)**

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). [oca.org](http://oca.org)

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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Healing & blessings for Mykola Ponomarenko  
Joe Tome~health and God’s blessings  
Kuma Bosa~health and God’s blessings

Lucy Hogg  
Mira & Stojan Prusac  
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**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Boris S. (29 yrs.) & MaryLou Brayan (10 yrs.)~Blessed Repose

Paul & Jeanette Brayan



**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.

**MIDDLE EASTERN TAKE-OUT LUNCHEON** at St. George Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 am-2 pm. **Deadline for orders is Sunday, October 17.** Fliers with all of the details are on the tables in the parish hall.

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE** Angel wing ornaments presentation was given by Christine Panoff for our parish to do. Christmas ornaments sponsored by family that they put in photos of fallen asleep family members. These are placed on a Christmas tree in church annually. A Trisagion is held in memory of all those fallen asleep remembered on the tree on the Sunday Saint Nicholas visits. People may leave them on the tree and take them home or be stored at church or take them home to have on their own tree.

Ornaments will be sold the weeks before Saint Nicholas visits (Sunday, December 5 this year). People take the ornament home, put in a picture, bring them back, and hang them on the tree in front of the icon of Saint George. **Cost is \$5 per ornament. Ornaments will be available beginning November 7.**

**New pew book** Father Matthew is working on a new pew book that will utilize the translation in use, approved by Archbishop Alexander, and updating the language to you/your for the people's parts and including a glossary on terms *e.g.*, tabernacle, troparion, kontakion, etc.

**Fall harvest fest** for the youth will be hosted at Assumption Church at 6 pm on Saturday, October 30.

**The 105th anniversary meal** on Sunday, November 7 after the Divine Liturgy will include antipasto, baked mostaccioli, alfredo, chicken piccata, bbq ribs, bread, and cake. Tickets for dinner will be sold beginning today.

**Cookie walk** on Saturday, December 11. Please bake multiple batches of cookies as we expect many people to come this year for holiday cookies. Workshops will be set up for baking in the kitchen in November and December.

**Charity ministries** November 4 at the North End Soup Kitchen from 9 am to 1 pm.

**Church building and grounds** Gutter guards are expensive. There is no perfect system. The gutters are not bad, only need some brackets re-secured and caulking. The troughs are still good. The thoughts are we buy the gutter guards and have volunteers from the church to install them. Material cost will be approximately \$1,000 and will be purchases now so that we do not incur further material cost increases.

Prior to gutter work the two linden trees by the fellowship hall will be trimmed and the birch tree will be removed because its proximity to the asphalt has made it sickly and it is choking out the maple tree near

it. Air conditioning for the church cost will be \$26,500. Funds from the Macedonian Golf Open will be used for these projects.

**105th ANNIVERSARY DINNER TICKETS** are available today. \$20 per adult. Meals for children age 13 and under are free. See Ellyn Serra for tickets today.

**PAN-ORTHODOX MOVIE NIGHT** is now on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. The next movie is "Silence" on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> following Vespers. Movies are for ages 16 and up. Refreshments are provided.

**PROSFORA FOR DIVINE LITURGY** God bless all of you who baked prosfora for the Liturgy.

**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 donuts & coffee or just help.

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

**CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS** email to the office at [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) or call.

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### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

#### **Today**

#### **Monday, October 18**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Adult education - kontakion "on earthquakes and fires" by St Romanos

#### **Tuesday, October 19** *Father in Toledo*

#### **Wednesday, October 20**

No Liturgy / No Adult education

#### **Saturday, October 23**

**5 pm** [Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)  
*Confessions*

#### **Sunday, October 24**

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours  
**10 am** [Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)  
Church School

**Offerings for the week October 10, 2021**

*49 persons in attendance on October 10<sup>th</sup>*

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 2,571.02
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	<b>\$ - 532.98</b>