

**October 20, 2024**

**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.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Greatmartyr Artemius at Antioch (362). Righteous Child Artemius of Verkola. Ven. Gerasimos the New Ascetic, of Cephalonia (1579). Ven. Matrona of Chios (14th c.).**

**TROPARIA**

**Tone 8** You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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 eighth tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God! (Psalm 75:12)**

**v. God is known in Judea, in Israel great is his name. (Psalm 75:1)**

**THE READING IS FROM SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (6:16-7:1)** Brethren, what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

***Alleluia, Tone 8***

**v. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, raise a great shout to God our savior. (Psalm 94:1)**

**v. Let us come before his Face in confession, and in psalms let us raise a great shout to him. (Psalm 94:2)**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (8:26-39)** At that time Jesus arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

### **The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36-53 (6th Matins Gospel)**

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. 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, Les, Bosa,  
Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted, Joseph, Marlene,  
Ellyn, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends

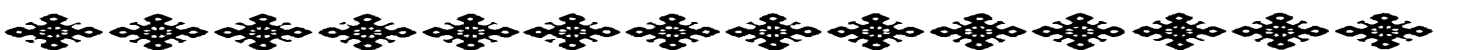
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Special Intention

Joe Tome

### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF**

Blessed Repose to our grandsons Matthew (5 yrs. Oct. 16), Andrew (6 yrs.) & baby girl Baba & Dedo Panoff



**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](#).

Oct 20 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford      HOURS: Alexander Gonser      READER: Angelo Panoff  
Oct 27 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie      HOURS: Phil Wiles      READER: Alexander Gonser

### 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. The class meets in the library.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES** are on Wednesdays at 11:15 am. We are reading - *Wounded by Love*, a transcription of conversations with Saint Porphyrios (1906-1991). The cost of the book is \$30. You may purchase them at the kiosk.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** Lesson - [Spread of the Gospel](#)

**COFFEE SOCIAL** is provided today by Marc & Karen Ethington in memory of Don Ethington. Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a sign up sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate and/or serve.

**A SPECIAL DONATION** will be collected today for those affected by hurricanes Helene & Milton. Please be generous. You can also give directly to IOCC at [iocc.org/hurricanes21](http://iocc.org/hurricanes21).

**PARISH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS & LAY DELEGATE** takes place on Sunday, November 3. 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 3. The nominees are:

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

Lena Bakousidis (*term expiring*)  
Eileen Branoff  
Bill Economou

**Auditors**  
**(3 will be elected)**

Cathy Edwards (*completing Eileen Branoff's term which ends in 2025*)  
Susie Ford (*completing Calvin Conrad's term which ends in 2026*)  
Christine Panoff (*3 year term*)

**Lay Delegate to the**  
**2025 Diocesan Conference**

**(1 will be elected)**

Chris Taylor

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 1

A luncheon, with sloppy joes & coleslaw, will follow the meeting. A free will offering taken.

**FALL LUNCHEON AT ST. NICHOLAS** on Thursday, October 24 at 11:30. The cost is \$12 per plate. The menu includes chicken, pork, veggie & dessert. Join us for fellowship, friendship & good food. This is open to the public so invite your friends and neighbors!



at St. Nicholas on Saturday, October 26 from 2 to 4 pm. Decorate your trunks (1 pm); bring treats. Instead of decorating your trunk you can bring a lawn chair & blanket and hand out candy. This is open to the community and our local Orthodox churches. Spread the word and invite your friends.

**GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY** Go to our website [www.saintnicholasburton.org](http://www.saintnicholasburton.org) and click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#); this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). \*Please consider adding a little extra to your donation to cover the fee we are charged. If you do

not wish to donate online, you may write a check to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and send it to the parish address: 2143 S Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519.

**YOUTUBE CHANNEL** subscribe to our YouTube channel [Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#) to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services. Livestreams begin at 9:30 with Hours.

**PHYLLO DOUGH** is available for purchase for \$4 per roll. Payment can be made in the church office. During non-business hours, you can put the money in an envelope marked "phyllo" & put it under the office door.

**OFFICE HOURS** this week are Monday & Wednesday 9-3 & \*Friday from 10-3.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, Oct. 21** *Fr Matthew in Toledo*

**Tuesday, Oct. 22** *Fr Matthew returns from Toledo in the afternoon*

**Wednesday, Oct. 23**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Adult ed class

**Thursday, Oct. 24**

11:30 am to 2 pm Luncheon – open to the public - \$12 per plate

**Saturday, Oct. 26**

1 pm Decorate your car trunk in the church parking lot

2 to 4 pm Trunk or Treat with sloppy joes in the fellowship hall – open to the public

**5 pm** Vespers - live-streamed *Confessions*

**Sunday, Oct. 27**

**9:30 am** Hours-live-streamed

**10 am** Divine Liturgy-live-streamed

Church School - St. Paul and His Journeys, Part 1

***Offerings for the week October 13, 2024***

<i>Weekly Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>	\$ 1,613.37
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,766.63

63 persons in attendance on October 13