

**October 24, 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 24, 2021 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Martyr Arethas and 4,299 Martyrs with him (523). Ven. Arethus (12th c.), Sisoë (13th c.), and Theóphil (Theophilus)—(12th-13th c.), Recluses, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves). Bl. Elesbaan, King of Ethiopia (ca. 553-555). Martyr Syncletica and her two daughters (6th c.). St. Athanasius, Patriarch of Constantinople (1311). “Joy of All Who Sorrow” Icon of the Mother of God (1688).**

**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 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 first tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on You. (Psalm 32:22)***

**v. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Psalm 32:1)**

**THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS**

**(9:6-11)** Brethren: I say this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

## *Alleluia, Tone 1*

**v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.** (*Psalm 17:48*)

**v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever.**  
(*Psalm 17:51*)

**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! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (*Ps. 148:1*)

### **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.

**The Martyr Arethas and with him 4299 Martyrs** (October 24) suffered for the Lord Jesus Christ in the sixth century. Arethas was prefect of the Christian city of Negran in Arabia. The Arabian (or Omirite) king, Dunaan decided to eliminate Christianity from the land. He issued an edict that all followers of Christ were to be put to death.

Because the inhabitants of Negran remained faithful to the Lord, Dunaan came with a large army to destroy the city. At the city walls of Negran the king’s heralds announced that Dunaan would only spare those who renounced Christ and referred to His Cross as a “sign of malediction.”

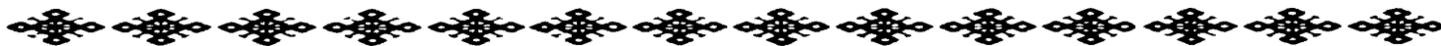
Not daring to assault the Christian city by force, Dunaan resorted to a ruse. Dunaan swore an oath that he would not force the Christians into Judaism, but would merely collect a tribute from Negran. The inhabitants of the city would not heed the advice of Saint Arethas, and putting their trust in Dunaan, they opened the city gates.

The very next day Dunaan gave orders to light an immense fire and throw all the clergy of the city into it in order to frighten the rest of the Christians. 427 men were burned. He also threw the prefect Arethas and the other chief men into prison. Then the oppressor sent his messengers through the city to convert the Christians to Judaism. Dunaan himself conversed with those inhabitants brought from the prisons, saying, “I do not demand that you should renounce the God of heaven and earth, nor do I want you to worship idols, I want merely that you do not believe in Jesus Christ, since the Crucified One was a man, and not God.”

The holy martyrs replied that Jesus is God the Word, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, Who for the salvation of mankind was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. Those suffering said, "We shall not abjure Christ, since He is Life for us. To die for Him is to find Life."

More than four thousand Christians, men, women, both the aged and children, from the city of Negran and surrounding villages suffered martyrdom for Christ. [oca.org](http://oca.org)

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

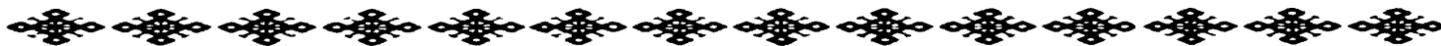
Health of Reader John Joe Tome	Gonser family
God's blessings to all of our grandkids for good health in school & playing sports	Baba & Dedo
God's blessing for a speedy recovery & continued good health to our choir director Joe Tome	Christine & Angelo

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

In memory of our grandson Matthew's 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Baba & Dedo
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**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

In memory of Adrienne Ontiveras	Pam Pitlanish
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**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.

**105th ANNIVERSARY DINNER TICKETS** are now available. \$20 per adult. Meals for children age 13 and under are free and will include antipasto, baked mostaccioli, alfredo, chicken piccata, bbq ribs, bread, and cake. See Sharon Jernigan for tickets today.

**AIR CONDITIONING** for the church will cost \$26,500. Additional projects are gutter covers and trimming the linden trees. Funds from the Macedonian Golf Open will be used for these projects. Macedonian Open funds will not be enough to cover all these projects. Please be generous and donate through the Maintenance Fund envelope so these projects can be fully funded.

**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.

**PARISH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS & LAY**

**DELEGATES** takes place on Sunday, November 14. 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 14. . The nominees are:

<b><u>Parish Council (3 year term)</u></b> <b><u>(3 will be elected )</u></b> Lena Bakousidis Susie Ford Michelle Gerzevske (term ending) Sharon Jernigan (term ending)	<b><u>Auditor (3 year term)</u></b> <b><u>(1 will be elected)</u></b> Linda Branoff (term ending)	<b><u>Lay Delegates - Oct. 2022</u></b> <b><u>Diocesan Conference</u></b> <b><u>at St. George Cathedral,</u></b> <b><u>Rosford</u></b> <b><u>(2 will be elected)</u></b> Susie Ford Joe Tome
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Michael Serra  
Jennifer Shann

- Absentee ballots are available in the office beginning October 29.
- Absentee ballots must be returned by November 12

**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:**

**Monday, October 25** *Father in Toledo*

6 pm Festal Vespers at St Demetrios Church, 4970 Mackinaw Rd, Saginaw with Metropolitan Nicholas, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit with reception following

**Tuesday, October 26** **GREAT-MARTYR DEMETRIOS, THE MYRRH-STREAMER**

9 am Orthros at St Demetrios Church, Saginaw  
10 am Divine Liturgy at St Demetrios Church, Saginaw  
10 am **Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at Assumption Church, Grand Blanc**

**Wednesday, October 27** **St Nestor, disciple of St Demetrios**

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

**Friday, October 29** **Absentee ballots available**

**Saturday, October 30**

5 pm **Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel**  
*Confessions*  
6 pm **Harvest Festival at Assumption Church**

**Sunday, October 31**

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

**Offerings for the week October 17, 2021**

*45 persons in attendance on October 17*

Weekly Offerings	\$ 978.32
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	<b>\$ -2,125.68</b>