

January 6, 2019

Very Reverend
Nicholas Wyslutzky
Rector



St. Nicholas Orthodox Church



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St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 755 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, OH 44260

A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

Sunday January 6, 32nd Sunday After Pentecost. Tone 7. The Holy Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Ven. Macarius of Mt. Athos (1431).

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 **Gospel:** Matt. 3:13-17

Please Pray for the Health of:

Archpriest John Mason, Child Sydney Foster, Harry Mlynar, Vasily Burlingame, Barbara Rogers, Paul Simpson, Armand Pirvu, Thomas Gall, Vasily Burlingame, Teresa Petroski, Alex Petroski, Carol Wyhowanec, Katie Ahrens, Matthew Albright, Benjamin Snyder, Julie Diamond, Ted Stevens. & Maryann West.

For the Departed

Archpriest Joseph Martin, Protodeacon Dennis & Mat. Helen Lucak, Nicholas Stevens, Paul Pyle & Catherine Molenaur.

Schedule of Services

Saturday January 12.....No Vespers Today
Sunday January 13.....Church School & Adult Class.....8:55 a.m.
The Third Hour.....9:45 a.m.
Divine Liturgy.....10:00 a.m.

Epistle: Eph. 4:7-13 **Gospel:** Matt. 4:12-17

Liturgy Book Helps for Today

Troparia, Kontakia, Prokimena, and Alleluia Verses: Pages: 155-156

Daily Scripture Readings

Day	Epistle	Gospel
Monday	2 Tim. 2:20-26 & Acts 19:1-8	Luke 19:37-44 & John 1:29-34
Tuesday	2 Tim. 3:16-4:4	Luke 19:45-48
Wednesday	2 Tim. 4:9-22	Luke 20:1-8
Thursday	Titus 1:5-2:1	Luke 20:9-18
Friday	Titus 1:15-2:10 & 2 Cor. 4:6-15	Luke 20:19-26 & Matt. 11:27-30
Saturday	Eph. 6:10-17 & Eph. 1:16-23	Matt. 4:1-11 & Luke 12:32-40

Memorial Candle Offerings!

Altar Table Candles: For the health of Teresa Petroski and her son, Alex, offered by the Smith and Rogers Families.

Royal Door Vigil: In memory of Richard, Anne and Daniel, offered by Maryann West.

Table of Oblation Candles: For the good health, peace and happiness of John & Katherine's family in the New Year.

Standing Vigil: Thanksgiving for birth of Great Granddaughter Lily (12/31), offered by Ken & Sara.

Announcements

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish meeting of St. Nicholas will be held Sunday January 27, 2019 following the Divine Liturgy. Please note the date and plan to attend and help set the course of the future of our church.

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Greeters Schedule

January

January 13 Carl & Lorraine Johnson

January 20 Andrew & Abby Kochan

January 27 Paul & Patty Kovachick

February

February 3 Ken Kramer

February 10 Bill & Virginia Kuyon

February 17 Tony & Deb Kuzemchak

February 24 Mike & Chris LaMonica

Food For the Soul

Feast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Theophany is the Feast which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord (Mt.3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22). God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son, the Son was baptized by Saint John the Forerunner, and the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove. From ancient times this Feast was called the Day of Illumination and the Feast of Lights, since God is Light and has appeared to illumine "those who sat in darkness," and "in the region of the shadow of death" (Mt.4:16), and to save the fallen race of mankind by grace.

In the ancient Church it was the custom to baptize catechumens at the Vespers of Theophany, so that Baptism also is revealed as the spiritual illumination of mankind.

The origin of the Feast of Theophany goes back to Apostolic times, and it is mentioned in The Apostolic Constitutions (Book V:13). From the second century we have the testimony of Saint Clement of Alexandria concerning the

celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, and the night vigil before this Feast.

There is a third century dialogue about the services for Theophany between the holy martyr Hippolytus and Saint Gregory the Wonderworker. In the following centuries, from the fourth to ninth century, all the great Fathers of the Church: Gregory the Theologian, John Chrysostom, Ambrose of Milan, John of Damascus, commented on the Feast of Theophany.

The monks Joseph the Studite, Theophanes and Byzantios composed much liturgical music for this Feast, which is sung at Orthodox services even today. Saint John of Damascus said that the Lord was baptized, not because He Himself had need for cleansing, but “to bury human sin by water,” to fulfill the Law, to reveal the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and finally, to sanctify “the nature of water” and to offer us the form and example of Baptism.

On the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, the

Holy Church proclaims our faith in the most sublime mystery, incomprehensible to human intellect, of one God in three Persons. It teaches us to confess and glorify the Holy Trinity, one in Essence and Undivided. It exposes and overthrows the errors of ancient teachings which attempted to explain the Creator of the world by reason, and in human terms.

The Church shows the necessity of Baptism for believers in Christ, and it inspires us with a sense of deep gratitude for the illumination and purification of our sinful nature. The Church teaches that our salvation and cleansing from sin is possible only by the power of the grace of the Holy Spirit, therefore it is necessary to preserve worthily these gifts of the grace of holy Baptism, keeping clean this priceless garb, for “As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ” (Gal 3:27).

On the day of Theophany, all foods are permitted, even if the Feast falls on a Wednesday or Friday.

Facts & Figures - Week of December 30, 2018

Attendance	106
General Offerings	\$4,684.00
General Offerings Loose & Children's	\$30.20
Candles	\$177.00
Christmas Offering	\$365.00
Envelope System Expense	\$10.00
Annual Project (Air Conditioning)	\$25.00
Total	\$5, 291.20

This Week

Collected	Required for Budget	Short /Surplus	Per Envelope
\$5,049.00	\$4,973.08	\$75.92	\$0.47

Based On 160 Envelopes: Budgeted Amount Per Envelope Per Week: \$34.30

Year To Date

Collected	Required for Budget	Short/Surplus	Per Envelope
\$258,025.79	\$258,600.00	-\$574.21	-\$3.96

Blessings in a Backpack

School Year 2018-2019

September brings the beginning of a new season and the beginning of a new school year. It also is the start of another year for Blessings in a Backpack (outreach program at Mogadore School District) for St. Nicholas.

We are waiting to hear from Mogadore School as to how many children we will be helping this year at OH Sommers Elementary. In the meantime we can begin bringing in the following:

- Individual boxes of cereal
- Juice boxes, Capri Sun, Kool-Aid jammers, Little Hugs
- Microwave popcorn
- Microwave packages of macaroni and cheese (not cups)
- Fruit cups
- Boxes of raisins
- Chef Boyardee microwave containers or cans / Spaghettios
- Granola bars
- Individual packs of cookies
- Individual bags of pretzels, Pringles, goldfish, animal crackers, etc.
- Individual hot chocolate packets
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Individual packages of crackers
- Crackers and cheese dip
- Cans of soup (prefer chicken & rice, chicken & stars or chicken noodle)
- Ramen noodle soup packages
- Pop tarts
- Individual jello, pudding or applesauce cups
- Fruit chews, fruit roll ups or fruit snacks
- Rice Krispie treats
- Slim jims
- Ziploc gallon bags
- Anything else that is individually wrapped!

Please be cognizant of the expiration dates.

Drop the food off in the baskets in the coat room. This will be an ongoing project until the end of May 2019. This program has been extremely successful the past several school years due to your participation and we pray you will keep this momentum going.

Don't forget you can also use your Spiritual Outreach envelope and mark it "Blessings in a Back Pack" and we will do the shopping for you.

Thank you for your participation. The children will appreciate your generosity.

St. Nicholas Society RBO #20



Calendar of Events

2019

February 10th

Chicken Dinner

February 16th

Night at the Races

April 7th

Fish Fry

May 5th

Chicken Dinner

June 23rd

Kabob Dinner

July 21st

Reverse Raffle

Pirogghi Workshop

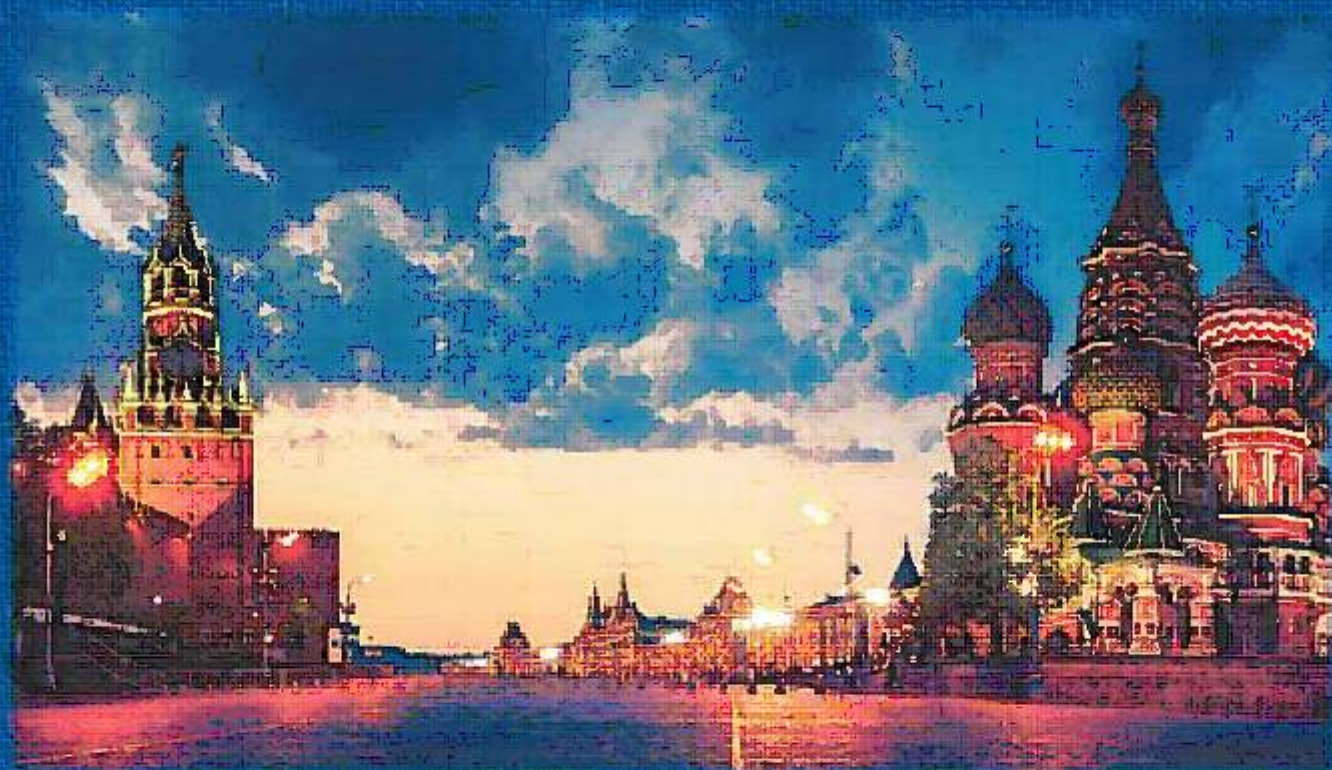
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Coming Soon

THE BEST OF RUSSIA



JULY 12 — 26, 2019

Pilgrimage sponsored by
St Nicholas Orthodox Church in Mogadore, OH

Our pilgrimage will include visits to the Holy Sites of Moscow,
St. Petersburg, Pskov and the island monastery of Valaam.

Price: 3100 USD

For more information contact:

Fr. Nicholas Wyslutsky — 330-628-4441

frnick65@gmail.com

or Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky — 607-797-1058

gotlinsky@msn.com

St. Nicholas Society RBO #204

At Day Night at the Races



When: Saturday, February 16, 2019
Where: St. Nicholas Banquet Center
 755 S. Cleveland Ave.
 Mogadore, Ohio 44260
Time: Doors open at 5:00 PM
 Dinner at 6:00 PM
 Post time at 7:00 PM

Join family and friends for a fun filled evening!
 10 action packed races plus an Auction Race.

Buy and name your own horse(s) and cheer them on to victory!
 Price includes appetizers, buffet dinner, beer and pop.

Bring your own wine and liquor.
 (For Entertainment Purposes Only)

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 Name: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Dinners @ \$15 each = _____

_____ Horses @ \$10 each = _____

Horse Name(s) _____

(Each winning horse wins \$25.00)

_____ Race Sponsor (11 only) = \$25 each

Please include your business card for race sponsorship

Purchase an ad in the souvenir booklet:

_____ \$25.00 1/2 page _____ \$50.00 full page

Send this form and checks made out to: St. Nicholas Society to:

Don Lambo
 1866 Brookshire Road
 Akron, OH 44313

Paul Bezbatchenko
 212 W Garwood Dr
 Tallmadge, OH 44278

Tim Redovian
 3456 Stanley Rd
 Fairlawn, OH 44333



Sunday February 10, 2019

12 Noon

**Chicken, JoJos, Hot Rice, Cole Slaw
Dessert & Beverage**

Donation Adults \$10.00-----Children \$5.00

Reserve your tickets by signing the sheet at the candle desk

All tickets must be picked up by

February 3, 2019

**Tickets not picked up will be sold at the
door, first come first served.**

Mick Pap & Ken Glaston Chairmen

Proceeds benefit the RBO Scholarship Fund

Orthodox Christian Women
Presents

Our Annual Winter Mini-Retreat
Saturday, January 19, 2019
9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
755 South Cleveland Ave, Mogadore

Free Event ~ Everyone Welcome!
No reservations required.

“Icon Secrets”



Dr. William Shaheen, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine
Northwestern Ohio School of Medicine

Dr. Shaheen received formal training in the technique of Byzantine Iconography, first at St. John of Damascus Sacred Arts Academy with Phil Zimmerman and later with Father Nathaniel at Saint Gregory Palamas Monastery. He has completed commissioned works for private patrons and has taught iconology as an introduction to the Orthodox Christian Faith at numerous churches, schools, and universities.

Continental breakfast will be served

*Contact Sandy Graham (550-775-2965) or
Nikki Bober (550-409-5552) for questions.*

Come And Join us
for a

Parish Town Hall Meeting

To Discuss the 2019 Parish Budget & Our
New Parish Bylaws

Sunday January 20, 2019

Following Divine Liturgy

Help plan the future of our Parish
by coming and adding your voice
thoughts and support to this annual
discussion.

House Blessing Schedule 2019 (Revised)

Monday January 7 - 44278-224 - Tallmadge, Stow, Monroe Falls **(Begin 4:00pm)**

Tuesday January 8 - 44262-221-228-310 - Cuyahoga Falls & North Hill **(Begin 2:00 p.m.)**

Wednesday January 9 - 44307-302-303-313-320-321-333 West Akron, Fairlawn, Bath & Copley **(Begin 11:00 am)**

Thursday January 10 - 44230-281-691 44314-319-216-203 Kenmore, Portage Lakes, Barberton, Clinton, Norton, Doyelstown, Wadsworth, & Wooster **(Begin 1:00PM)**

Friday January 11 - 44306-301-305 Arlington, Krumroy, Firestone Park, Goodyear Heights **(Begin 10:00 AM)**

Saturday January 12 - 44056 - 44241-236-240-266-272-201 & 44412 Hudson, Twinsburg, Streetsboro, Ravenna, Rootstown Kent & Diamond, Macedonia **(Begin 10:30 am)**

Sunday January 13 - 44685-720-718-705-708-646 Canton, Massillon, & Uniontown. **(Begin Following Liturgy)**

Monday January 14 - 44312 Springfield, Ellet, Akron **(Begin 1:00 p.m.)**

Tuesday January 15 - (44260-631 Mogadore, Suffield, E. Market & Hartville. **(Begin 1:00 pm)**

Please Note: House blessings are done for those who sign the House blessing list at the candle desk in the Church. If you are unable to come to Church and wish for your home to be blessed please call Fr. Nicholas at 330 - 628-1333 to be added to the blessing list as soon as possible.

Preparation: To prepare for the blessing of your home set your table with a white table cloth, a candle, and Icon or cross and a clean bowl for water. When Father arrives please be sure all televisions and radios are off. The family should gather around the table. If you desire someone can lead Father through the rooms of the home with the candle and water.