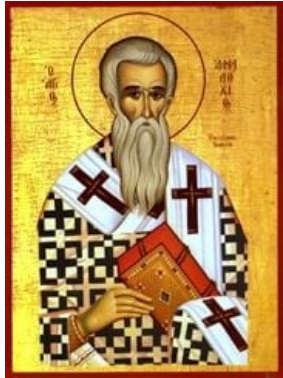


Saints and Feasts

Amphilochios, Bishop of Iconium



Saint Amphilochius, who was born in Cappadocia, shone forth in asceticism and divine knowledge even from his youth. He was consecrated Bishop of Iconium in 341, he struggled courageously against the blasphemies of Eunomius, Macedonius the enemy of the Holy Spirit, and the followers of Arius. He was present at the Second Ecumenical Council of the 150 Fathers, which took place in Constantinople, convoked during the reign of Theodosius the Great in the year 381. In 383 Amphilochius wished to persuade the Emperor Theodosius to forbid the Arians from gathering in Constantinople and to commit the churches to the Orthodox, but the Emperor was reluctant to do such a thing. The next time that

Amphilochius entered the palace, he addressed Theodosius with proper honour, but slighted his young son Arcadius in his presence. Theodosius was indignant, and said the dishonour shown to his son was equally an insult to himself. To this Saint Amphilochius answered that as he would not suffer an insult to his son, so he ought to believe that God is wroth with those who blaspheme His Only-begotten. Saint Theodosius understood and admired Amphilochius' ingenious device, and he issued the desired edict in September of the same year. Saint Amphilochius, having reached deep old age, reposed in peace about the year 395. Saint Basil the Great wrote many letters to Saint Amphilochius, his friend and Fellow champion of the Faith, and at his request wrote his treatise *On the Holy Spirit*, which besides demonstrating the divinity of the Holy Spirit and His equality with the Father and the Son, defends the Church's unwritten ancient traditions, such as making the sign of the Cross, turning towards the East in prayer, no kneeling on Sunday, and so forth.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed-be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

ABANA'L LATHEE

ABANA'L LATHEE FILL SAMAWAT; LEE YATA KADASS ISMUK

LEE YATEE MALA KUTUK; LEE TAKUN MASHI ATUK

KAMA FILL SAMA KADHA LEEKA ALA'L-ARD

KHUBZANAL JAOHARI ATINA'L YAOM; WATRUK-LANA MA ALAINA

KAMA NATRUKU NAHNU LIMAN; LANA ALAIH

WALA TUD KHILINA FI TAJRIBA; LA KIN-NAJJINA-MINA'L SHIRIR

**I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy:
and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.” Psalm 5:7**



The Nativity of Our Lord

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Cathedral

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Sunday November 23, 2025

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost &
Ninth Sunday of Luke** After-feast of the En-
trance of the Theotokos Amphilokios, bishop of
Iconium; Gregory, bishop of Agrigentum.

Tone VII

Eothinon II

Troparion of the Resurrection VII

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross,
Thou didst open paradise to the thief;
Thou didst turn the sadness of the oint-
ment-bearing women into joy. And didst
bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning,
that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to
the world the Great Mercy.

باللحن السابع

حَطَّمْتَ بِصَلْبِكَ الْمَوْتَ وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصَّانِ الْفَرْدَوْسَ،
وَحَوَّلْتَ نَوْحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا
مَنْذَرِينَ، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ إِلَهُهُ مَانَحَا الْعَالَمَ
الرَّحْمَةَ الْعَظْمَى.

**Troparion of The Entrance of The
Theotokos IV**

Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of
the pleasure of God, and the beginning of

**Wishing all of you who were born
in the month of November
A Very Happy Birthday!**

Sophia Mckarus 01

Aaron Garmin 02

Gabby McKarus 04

Munther Gammoh 04

Robin Ann Snyder 06

Cherie Joseph 09

Elizabeth Aoaud 11

Lorin Swade 12

Keith Haddad 14

Issam Ghareeb 15

David Joseph 16

Samira Hajjar 20

Ibrahim Haddad 22

Nadia Swade 22

Michael Alexander 25

Lisa Hajjar 27

Laurice Khoury Tanber 01

Roman Mckarus 04

Brantley Ghareeb 04

Henry Rutkowski 05

Amal Haddad 08

Karyn Hajjar 10

Cherryl Nicholas 11

Dr. Hassan Semaan 13

Autumn Sommer 14

Gayle Ghareeb 15

Harry Gallagher 18

Randy Swade 20

Jennifer Gallagher 22

Madeline Carmony 22

David Swade 27

Louie Sommer 27

**Happy
Birthday**

Meredith Hughes 28

THE CHURCH AS A HOSPITAL

The church can lead us to the truth about Heaven and Hell from the Church's perspective: the Church's job is not to help us figure out whether we will see God. She is a hospital designed to diagnose **how** we will see Him. The Eternal Divine Light and the Eternal Life are **uncreated**. They are **the energy of God** that is experienced by human beings as illuminating or burning energy, depending on their **spiritual state**. Thus, seeing God's glory and His Light, will happen whether we want it or not. The difference is simply in the **way** in which we will experience Him.

In other words, the task of the Church is to prepare us to see God as light rather than fire. The Church presents Our Lord's cure to our fallen condition: repentance and purification of heart. It is up to each of us whether we accept that cure or turn it away.

St. George Cathedral Annual General Assembly 2025

On Sunday February 1, 2026 at The Annual General Assembly, St. George Cathedral Parish Council will hold an election for **new Council Members** for the upcoming year 2026.

We are seeking candidates for Parish Council and encourage anyone who is eligible and feels they can commit to please come forward

The **MINIMUM** requirements are:

- ♦ Adult: \$500 contribution (per voting member) per year
- ♦ Retired: \$250 (per voting member) per year
- ♦ Student (18-25 and a full time student): \$250 per year

PC members must meet the temporal maintenance for 3 years prior to election.

- ♦ Financially contributing to St. George Cathedral
- ♦ In spiritual good standing according to the pastor
- ♦ Attending services regularly

Please note that your nominations need to be received no later than **December 31, 2025**

If you are interested in running, please reach out to:

**Tony Sommer 419-346-2431; Rhonda Saba 419-345-3588 or
Ryan Sommer 419-509-0788**

the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

Troparion for St. George IV

As Deliverer of Captives and Defender of the Poor, Healer of the Infirm, Champion of Kings, Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our salvation.

Kontakion for The Entrance of The Theotokos IV

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

Today's Quote

It is impossible not to often fall into sin unless you have a hatred of it implanted in your heart. Self-love must be eradicated. Every sin comes from the love of self. Sin always appears, or feigns to be, to wish us well, promising us plenteousness & ease.

St. John of Kronstadt
1909

The Epistle

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians

2:14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Holy Gospel
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
12:16-21

The Lord spoke this parable: “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.” As He said this, Jesus called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

إنجيل اليوم: لوقا (ص 12: ع 16-21)

قال الرب هذا المثل: إنسان غني أخصبت أرضه. ففكر في نفسه قائلاً ماذا أصنع؟ فإنه ليس لي موضع أخزن فيه ثماري. ثم قال اصنع هذا. أهدم أهراي وأبني أكبر منها وأجمع هناك كل غلاتي وخيراتي. وأقول لنفسي يا نفس إن لك خيرات كثيرة موضوعة لسنتين كثيرتين فاستريح وكلي واشربي وافرحي. فقال له الله يا جاهل في هذه الليلة تطلب نفسك منك. فهذه التي أعدتها لمن تكون. فهكذا من يدخر لنفسه ولا يستغني بالله. ولما قال هذا نادى: من له أذنان للسمع فليسمع.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, Dec 6, 2025!

Calling all bakers!

Please help us make this annual tradition a success! We ask our church family to participate by baking homemade Christmas cookies to offer to this sale! We ask that everyone contribute 5 dozen or more!

Drop off cookies anytime between 10am - 2pm Weds Dec 3, Thurs Dec 4, Friday Dec 5!

We will be baking Lebanese pastries together for the event.

The baking dates are:

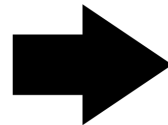
Weds Dec 3 10am

Thurs Dec 4 10am

PLEASE JOIN US! We need you!

Please reach out to:

Joy Hajjar (419-340-1600) or Jen Gallagher (419-261-3145) if you are able to help us at the event on Dec 6.



Celebrate a
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT Joy

Celebrating Our Patron, Saint Nicholas

Divine Liturgy
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Christmas Concert “JOY”
BY THE TOLEDO CHORAL SOCIETY
01:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Festive Lunch
02:00 PM – 4:00 PM

6th December, 2025

Orthodox Church Of Saint Nicholas
617 Nevada St, Toledo, OH 43605

REGISTRATION
www.orthodoxchurchofsaintnicholas.com/saint-nicholas-day

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ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT NICHOLAS

On Saturday December 6, 2025, the Festal Divine Liturgy commemorating St. Nicholas will be celebrated in this newly established Orthodox Church. We invite members of St. George; St. Elias; Holy Trinity & New Martyr Elizabeth Churches to come and witness this new mission.

7 facts you must know about the *Divine Liturgy*

The most important moment is the Epiclesis, when the priest invokes the Holy Spirit who transforms the bread and wine.

The Liturgy is a spiritual dialogue between the priest who serves and the faithful.



The bread and wine are not symbols, they are turned into the Body and Blood of Christ.

The answer "God have mercy" is the shortest and most concentrated prayer of the Church.

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People chant during the service words spoken by angels ("Holy, Holy, Holy Lord of Sabaoth").

The antidoron that is shared is the leftover prosphora from which the Lamb was removed and it represents the Theotokos.

The faithful must keep quiet until they leave the church, because in the Holy Altar the Holy Mysteries are consumed and angels are present.



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As we prepare for The celebration of the Nativity of our Lord...

Have you had CONFESSION?

As our Divine liturgy is our entry into the Kingdom of God
from the moment of the Great Proclamation:

“Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen”

It is very proper to cease hearing confession from this moment. Hence, Father Michael
is offering you, beloved faithful, 2 ways for you to confess.

1. A private appointment can be made
2. Sunday during Orthros at 9:30 AM

**This is a very important part of our Orthodox Christian faith and
MUST be practiced regularly**

**Feel uncomfortable with confession?
The following video may help ease the discomfort.**

<https://youtu.be/IOvAH3Sp9Ik>

The Nativity Fast November 15-December 24

**"For God is with us"
(Isaiah 8:10)**



The Season of Advent in the Orthodox Church runs from November 15 through December 24 and is a period of fasting and reflective preparation for the Incarnation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The focus is neither shopping nor decorating, but meditating on the awesome miracle of the Son of God taking on flesh and becoming one of us. This is why we call the holiday either the Nativity (to commemorate an historical event) or the Incarnation (to recognize the spiritual significance of the Nativity).

In order to believe in Christ, one has to believe that He too, existed from the beginning. Genesis

1:1–3 reveals all three persons of the Holy Trinity, present and working together for the creation of the world. In the beginning God (the Father) created the heavens and the earth. The Spirit (Holy Spirit) of God was moving over the face of the waters. And God said (the voice of God is God the Son), “Let there be light.”

Through the discipline of fasting, practice with humility and repentance, it is believed that by learning to temper the body's primary desire for food, that other worldly desires can be more easily tempered as well.

Through this practice one is better enabled to draw closer to God in the hope of becoming more Christ-like. While the fast influences the body, it is important to note that emphasis is placed on the spiritual facet of the fast rather than mere physical deprivation.

Orthodox theology sees a synthesis between the body and the soul, so what happens to one affects the other. The church teaches that it is not enough to fast from food; one must also fast from anger, greed and covetousness. In addition to fasting, almsgiving is also emphasized.

Perhaps we can strive to better ourselves and become closer to God through this practice. Why not make the effort this year.