

April 27, 2025

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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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 narthex. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

Holy Communion – for Orthodox Christians, please note that there are specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion – fasting from midnight (unless you need to take medication) and recent Confession. 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

For our visitors who are not Orthodox Christian: we welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (antidoron) which will be given when coming forward to receive the final blessing from the priest at the conclusion of the Liturgy. **Again, welcome!**

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday. Hieromartyr Simeon, kinsman of the Lord, second Bishop of Jerusalem (107). Ven. Stephen, Abbot of the Kiev Caves and Bishop of Vladimir in Volyn' (1094). St. Eulogius the Hospitable, of Constantinople (4th c.). The Burning of St. Sava's relics (13th c.).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! (*Psalms 65:1*)
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!
(*Psalms 65:1*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your name, O Most High! (*Psalms 65:3*)
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Your countenance upon us and have mercy on us!
(*Psalms 66:1*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations! (*Psalms 66:2*)
O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Let the people give thanks to You, O God! Let all the people give thanks to You! (*Psalms 66:3*)
O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and were crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face. (*Psalms 67:1*) Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. (*Psalms 67:2a*) Christ is risen...

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. (*Psalms 67:2b-3*) Christ is risen...

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (*Psalms 117:24*) Christ is risen...

TROPARIA

Tone 7 From the sealed tomb, You shone forth O Life! / Through closed doors You came to Your disciples, O Christ God! / Renew in us, through them, an upright Spirit, / by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

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 8 Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when You came to Your apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: You are my Lord and my God!

The prokeimenon in the third tone: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure. (Psalm 146:5) v. Praise the Lord, for good is the psalm. To our God let praise be pleasing. (Psalm 146:1)

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (5:12-20) *In those days:* many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Alleluia, Tone 8

v: Come; let us rejoice to the Lord, raise a great shout to God our Savior! (Psalm 94:1)

v: For the Lord is a great God, and a great king over all the earth! (Psalm 94:3)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (20:19-31) On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

O most radiant lamp, Theotokos, the honor immeasurable, which is more exalted than all creatures, with praises do we // magnify // you.

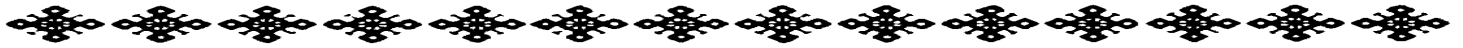
COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Sion! (Psalm 147:1) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..." Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

The holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20(1st Matins Gospel) Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Angela, Joe, Phil, Kelly, Alana, Izzy, Andy, Germanos & Lena	Bakousidis family
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Ted, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Natasha, Gorin, Juliana, Denis, Leokadiya, Gregory, Alena, Boris, Elizabeth, Dina, Vlena, Nina, Anhelina, Jacob, Arkadiy, Arkodiy, Nicholas, Artyom, Sueta, Valeria, Alex, Sophia, Griffin & Zoya	Anhelina Khait

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Our brother Tony (1 yr. Apr.28) & our mother Freda (10 yrs. Apr. 28)	their loving family
Beloved mother & grandmother, Evangelia Bakousidis (10 yrs. Apr 29)	Irene Batcos & family
Kosta, Theodora, Nickolaos, Evangelia, Mitra, Germanos & Lena	Bakousidis family
Arkadiya, Dina & Gregory Khait	Anhelina Khait
Vania, Alanya, Mariah, Colnosh, Tatiana, Alexander & Nina Shvirbla	Anhelina Khait



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](#).

Apr 27 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford	HOURS: Lucy Hogg	READER: Angelo Panoff
May 4 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman	HOURS: Staci Shank	READER: Katherine Gonser

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Deacon Luke 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 class schedule: **Wednesday, April 30 - 11:15 am**

CHURCH SCHOOL - Church School - gift bags [Justinian and the Byzantine Empire](#)

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by the Bakousidis family in memory of Evangelia Bakousidis. 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 and/or serve.

CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING CLEAN UP May 3rd starting at 9:30 am. There will be something for everyone to do no matter your age or ability. Lunch will be provided. Bring your yard & garden tools & gloves. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call the office so Dennis Jernigan can coordinate the jobs beforehand. He will have everything needed for the painting projects.

MOTHER'S DAY DANCE Saturday, May 10 from 6 pm -9 pm. Dan & Tray Productions will be there to play CD's. \$10 for adults, under 10 free. A freewill offering will be taken for food & refreshments.

CHURCH SCHOOL will finish the academic year on May 18th in church recognizing milestones such as students moving from elementary to middle school, high school & college graduations, and acknowledge participants with certificates and our teachers. Please contact the office with your information by **May 5th**.

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER will be a guest speaker at the Orthodox-Catholic celebration of the 1700th anniversary of the first Nicaean council. This will take place at 1 pm on Saturday, May 31 at St Matthew Catholic Church 706 Beach St, Flint where Father Anthony Strouse is pastor. Our archbishop and father will deliver the Orthodox reflection on this council and His Excellency, Bishop Earl Boyea of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing will present the Catholic reflection. The event will include two musical selections connected to Nicaea I. There will also be light refreshments afterwards. **Please RSVP by 21 May to St. Matthew Parish (810-232-0880). See the flier [HERE](#).**

Archbishop Alexander will visit our church the next day, **Sunday, June 1**, the Sunday of the Fathers of the first council of Nicaea.

NEW ADDRESS for Paul Ellis @ Majestic Care of Livonia, 28550 Five Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154.

DONOR STATEMENTS 1st quarter (Jan-Mar) donor statements were mailed out last week. Call the office at 810-744-0070 if you have any questions.

PARISH COUNCIL As you know, Barry Cavett resigned from parish council owing to his work schedule. A member of the nominating committee spoke with Tammy Bolinger who is aware that the parish council needs a secretary and meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Chris Taylor, the parish council president, spoke with Tammy and she indicated she is willing to serve and fill out the remainder of Barry's term. With Father Matthew's blessing the parish council was unanimous in requesting Archbishop Alexander to appoint Tammy to fill the remainder of Barry's term. Archbishop Alexander has appointed Tammy Bolinger to fill the remainder of Barry Cavett's term and she will serve as officer - secretary - of parish council.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:



- A chair person(s) for the picnic and dance on Sunday, August 17.
- A choir directory trainee.
- Maintenance ministry - persons to assist.
- An additional church school teacher and substitute because of the increase in number of students in church school - please see Stephanie Price.
- An additional catechist - classes to become a catechist begin in June 2025 - please see Father Matthew.
- Cookie Walk - Cathy Edwards will be one of the co-chairs for our annual cookie walk on December 13, 2025. Another co-chair is needed. Please let Cathy know if you would like to co-chair with her.

COMMUNITY GARDEN St. Nicholas is looking to start a community garden. Anyone interested in participating please contact Christopher Tayler (810-252-2255) or Staci Shank (269-352-4309). We will need a variety of help & donations for this venture such as: seeds, soil, garden tools, fencing, monetary donations, etc.

MEMORY ETERNAL Shirley Fury, grandmother of parishioner Kassandra Lang, fell asleep in the Lord on April 19. You may read her obituary [here](#). May the Lord grant his newly fallen asleep handmaiden Shirley rest among the saints. Christ is risen!

GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY Go to our website 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.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Fund Raising Meeting
Paschal Egg Hunt
2 pm prayers at St. Nicholas Cemetery 1815 Groveland Ave, Flint, beginning at the cross

Monday, Apr 28 *Father with Archbishop Alexander*

Wednesday, Apr 30 **St. James (Jacob)**

9:30 am Liturgy
11:15 am Adult ed

Thursday, May 1

9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, May 3 **10 year memorial for Fr Roman Braga at Holy Dormition Monastery**

9:30 am Church Grounds Spring Clean-up
5 pm **Vespers - live-streamed** *Confessions*

Sunday, May 4

9:30 am **Hours-live-streamed**
10 am **Divine Liturgy-live-streamed**
Church School - **St Constantine**

Offerings for the week April 20, 2025

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 12,892.81
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ 8,512.81

60 persons in attendance on April 20