

April 6, 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 6, 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 8. **St. Mary of Egypt. St. Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople (582). St. Methodius, Equal-to-the-Apostles, Archbishop of Moravia and Enlightener of the Slavs (885). St. Platonis of Nisibis, Syria (Syria – 308). 120 Martyrs of Persia (344-347). Martyrs Jeremiah and Presbyter Archilias (3rd c.). Ven. Gregory the Byzantine (1308). Monastic Martyr Gennadios of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos – 1818).**

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 8 The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

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 75:10a) v. **God is known in Judea, in Israel great is his name.** (Psalm 75:1)

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (9:11-14)

Brethren: Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living 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 MARK (10:32-45) At that time, as the disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again. Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one

on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Instead of "It is truly meet," All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

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

THE SIXTH WEEK OF LENT - THE WEEK OF PALMS

This last week of Lent is called the Week of Palms or Palm Week because it leads us to Palm Sunday. During this week the hymns of the Church unfold for us the sickness of Lazarus and the journey of Jesus from Bethphage to Bethany to raise Lazarus from the dead. This miracle results in the triumphal entry of our Lord Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Below are a selection from the hymns of this week that will lead us to the festive days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday.

MONDAY - Lazarus is fatally ill

Matins, Monday

Ode 7 Behold, Christ is in the city of Bethphage. Rejoice, O Bethany, home of Lazarus, for He will show you a miracle without equal, by raising Lazarus from the dead.

Ode 9 Today the illness of Lazarus is made known to Christ, Who is lingering beyond the Jordan; however, in His foreknowledge, He declares: This sickness does not lead to death.

TUESDAY - Lazarus is fatally ill

Matins, Tuesday

Sessional Hymn 3 Yesterday and today Lazarus suffers from his illness; his sisters send word to Christ about him. Prepare yourself, O Bethany, to receive your Master and King in joy and to sing with us: O Lord, glory to you!

WEDNESDAY - Lazarus dies & is buried - 1st day in the tomb

Matins, Wednesday

Ode 3 Today Lazarus dies, but this death does not escape the divine eye of Jesus. Therefore, He spoke to His disciples and said: "My friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I shall go and raise him."

Ode 9 The sisters of Lazarus weep over the tomb of their brother today, seeing him buried beneath the stone; you have said clearly to your apostles, O Christ: "I rejoice for you that I was not there, so that you may believe."

THURSDAY - 2nd day in the tomb

Matins, Thursday

Sessional Hymn 3 Lazarus is in the tomb for two days, and his two sisters, Martha and Mary, grieve deeply as they look sadly at the rock covering the tomb. With his disciples, the Creator comes to despoil Death and give us life. Therefore, we cry out: "O Lord, glory to you!"

FRIDAY - 3rd day in the tomb

Matins, Friday

Sessional Hymn 3 On this day two disciples are sent to look for the colt of a donkey for the Master of the universe Who is seated upon the hosts of Cherubim. Death, the great devourer of the human race, begins to tremble, for Christ first carried away Lazarus; and soon He will take with Him all humanity.

Ode 8 The sound of your steps resounds in Bethphage, and they were sensed by Hades who was enraged; and It entreated Lazarus, saying: "If He Who is Life calls you, hasten to leave, for I know that my end is near."

LAZARUS SATURDAY - 4th day in the tomb

Vespers & Matins, Saturday

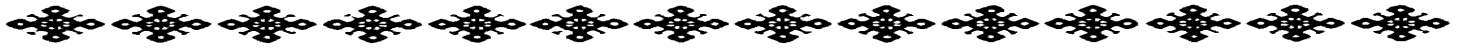
Vespers, sticheron The kingdom of Hades was demolished at the sound of your voice, O Lord; your powerful word awakened from the tomb one who had been dead four days. Lazarus becomes a saving prelude of our regeneration. Nothing is impossible for the King of the universe; O Lord, grant to your servants forgiveness and great mercy!

Matins, at the Praises

Even though

Lazarus had been dead four days, you raised him from Hades, O Christ; before your own death, you destroyed the power of Death; you freed one of your friends from the tomb to announce the resurrection of all. Therefore, we bow before your sovereign power and cry out: Blessed are you, O Savior, have mercy on us!

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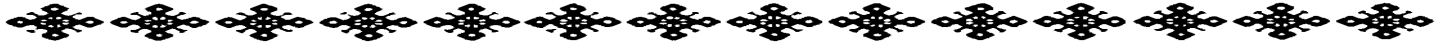


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

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

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Memory Eternal for my Baba Julia (Ferchak) Peck Christopher & Sandra
Angelo, Alex, Lena & Peter Helen Popoff & family



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 6 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman **HOURS:** Phil Wiles **READER:** Staci Shank
Apr 13 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff **HOURS:** Angelo Panoff **READER:** Madison Green

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 during Lent:

- **Friday, April 11** - 9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy followed by class
- **Holy Friday, April 18** - no class

CHURCH SCHOOL - lesson is: - [St Mary of Egypt](#) and Confessions

LAZARUS SATURDAY - April 12. This day celebrates the Lord Jesus raising his friend Lazarus who had been dead in the tomb for four days. Every year we celebrate this as a pan-Orthodox Liturgy, this year at our church. **As is our local custom, the preparation of the gifts of bread and wine will take place publicly. Please bring the first names of those you wish to be remembered, those living and those fallen asleep. This takes place at 9:30 am followed by the Divine Liturgy.**

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE is April 13. Please bring baked goods (individually wrapped) in to donate for the sale.

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by Rebekka Lazar & Bruce Watson in memory of Cyrus Lazar. Rebekka has brought soup so 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.

MEMORY ETERNAL Julia (Ferchak) Peck fell asleep in the Lord in her 98th year on Sunday, March 30, 2025. Julia is the mother of Sandy Taylor and grandmother of Chris Taylor. Her funeral was held on Saturday, April 5 followed by burial at Evergreen Cemetery. You may read Julia's obituary [HERE](#). Please remember Julia in your prayers that she rest in the light of Christ's Face and that the Lord sustain their families in their grief. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

Nikola Pirković fell asleep in the Lord in his 69th year on Monday, March 31, 2025. Nikola is the husband of Anastasia (Torodovsky) Pirković, the father of Stevan, Philip, and Sašo, and son-in-law of Luba and the late Kosta Todorovsky, brother-in-law of Diana (Todorovsky) & Branko Mitevski. His funeral was Friday, April 4 followed by burial at Evergreen Cemetery. You may read Nikola's obituary [HERE](#). Please remember Nikola in your prayers that he rest in the light of Christ's Face and that the Lord sustain their families in their grief. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

ALL PARISHIONERS Your help will be needed as we get closer to Pascha. Your help will also be needed twice on Great and Holy Friday. First, after the Vespers the tomb of our Lord will be decorated with flowers. Second, after the Lamentations that evening your help will be needed to change over all the candles to white.

PASCHA & BRIGHT WEEK SCHEDULE please see the flier for the Pan-Orthodox Services in this newsletter for days, times, and locations.

YOUTH NEEDED TO ASSIST ON GOOD FRIDAY We look to the children and young adults to assist Father during the Vespers Service (3 pm) and at the Lamentations Service (6 pm). As Father removes the image of the body of Christ from the Crucifix at Vespers, the children help by holding the winding sheet and covering the icon for Father. And, at the evening service, the young ladies of the parish (as well as family and friends), are invited to join in by sprinkling the Tomb with rose water during the Lamentations. They will participate in the procession by scattering flower petals before the Tomb and our other young people are invited to join in by bearing various instruments of the Passion.

PASCHAL VESPERS It is customary at this service on Pascha morning (Agape Vespers) – April 20 at 11 am - to read the Gospel in various languages. If anyone would like to read the Gospel in a language other than English at this service, please contact the office as soon as possible.

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER Pray daily for the person on the card you drew. Remember to keep it secret! At Pascha, you can let your prayer partner know you remembered them in prayer during Lent by giving them a card or a red egg or sending them a card.

COIN BOXES during Lent we collect coins to help support the Orthodox missions here in the US and around the world through the Orthodox Christians Mission Center (OCMC). Boxes are found on the tables in the church hall. Please be generous!

FLOWERS FOR PASCHA & ITEMS FOR LENT donations this year are not specified by a certain amount. Please fill out the form (at the candle stand) & return it to the office. Sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

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 this week are Monday 10-3, Wednesday & Friday from 9-3.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Apr 6

6 pm Vespers - Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Detroit - at St Mary Magdalene

Monday, Apr 7

[6 pm](#) [Great Compline at St. George](#)

Tuesday, Apr 8

11 am 9 day memorial for Nikola Pirković at Evergreen Cemetery
Fr Matthew leaves for Archbishop Alexander

Wednesday, Apr 9

No Lenten Hours - please note this change of schedule

[6 pm](#) [Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy @ St. George-live-streamed](#) / lenten potluck
Fr Matthew returns from Archbishop Alexander

Friday, Apr 11

9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy
11:15 am Adult education class

Saturday, Apr 12

Lazarus Saturday

[9:30 am](#) [Pan-Orthodox Liturgy-live-streamed](#)

[5 pm](#) [Vespers with Lity, blessing of palms and pussywillows - live-streamed](#) *Confessions*

Sunday, Apr 13

Palm Sunday

[9:30 am](#) [Hours-live-streamed](#)

[10 am](#) [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)

Church School – Palm Sunday

[6 pm](#) [Bridegroom Matins - live-streamed](#)

Offerings for the week March 30, 2025

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,574.67
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,805.33

64 persons in attendance on March 30