

April 2, 2023

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 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, APRIL 2, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 1. **St. Mary of Egypt. Virgin Martyr Theodora of Tyre. Ven. Titus the Wonderworker (9th c.). Martyrs Amphianus (Apphianus) and Edesius (Aedesius) of Lycia (306). Martyr Polycarp of Alexandria (4th c.).**

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 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 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 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 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 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."

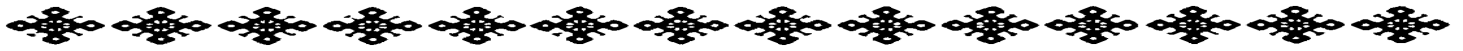
LAZARUS SATURDAY - 4th day in the tomb

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 art you, O Savior, have mercy on us!

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

God's blessings for our grandson James' 2nd birthday on March 26
Health & God's blessings for the Krigner & Elieff families
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan,
Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta,
Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted,
Joseph, Marlene, Mary, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family
and friends

Baba & Dedo
Nancy Krigner

Special Intention
Филе, Philip Tsotos

Joe Tome
Joe Tome
anonymous

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

My good friend Craig Longfield
Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal for Dorothy Goodman (40 days)

Bill Economou
Nancy Krigner



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](#).

PEW BOOKS FOR ST BASIL'S LITURGY are being handed out at the candlestand.

CANDLESTAND: Dennis Jernigan

HOURS: Angelo Panoff

READER: Katherine Gonser

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by the Neely family in memory of Dorothy Goodman. 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 in the coming weeks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL - Confessions - [Forgiveness and the Paralytic](#) (shortened class)

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by our parish catechist, Reader Alexander Gonser, takes place on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

ADULT EDUCATION we are reading Fr Silviu Bunta's [Your Life Will Be Hung Before Your Eyes': Meanings of Our Life in Orthodox Liturgy](#) on the Liturgy of St Basil and the Presanctified Liturgy.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CENTER OF HOPE will be giving out Easter baskets to every child who visits for Easter dinner. Please consider donating a fully made basket(s) by April 5. For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri 9:30-3:30 at 812 Root St, Flint. **If you don't want to go to the center, Connie Maxim has volunteered to deliver the baskets after adult ed class on Tuesday, April 4.**

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on April 6th from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER Just a reminder to pray for your prayer partner throughout Lent especially. At Pascha you may want to let them know you were praying for them with a card or note.

If you do not have the contact information to let your Prayer Partner know that you were praying for them during Lent, please call the parish office (810) 744-0070 or email stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com

ALL PARISHIONERS Your help will be needed as we get closer to Pascha. Before Pascha

1- the white candle globes we use for Pascha until Pentecost, need to be cleaned. They can be washed at home or at church.

2- the tomb of our Lord needs to be washed with oil soap.

3- wash/bleach white towels from the altar.

If you would like to do any of these, please let Father Matthew know or contact the office.

Your help will also be needed twice on Great and Holy Friday. 1st, after the morning Royal Hours your help will be needed to set up the Tomb of our Lord for Vespers and then decorate it after Vespers. 2nd, after the Lamentations that evening your help will be needed to change over all the candles from purple to white.

FLOWERS FOR PASCHA Give as you are able to. Please fill out the form & return it to the office.

HOLY WEEK & BRIGHT WEEK please see the calendar in the newsletter. There are also copies of the April calendar with in the fellowship hall.

THANK YOU to the two donors who covered the cost of lighting all of the 7 day candles for Pascha and all the 4 hour beeswax candles for Pascha.

VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF THE LORD It is traditional to keep a vigil at the Tomb of our Lord from Great Friday evening until the Great Saturday's Liturgy and then until the midnight service. The Vigil is from Friday, April 14 at 10 pm until Saturday, April 16 at 10 am and then from 1 pm until 10:30 pm. If you are interested, please email stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or call the office at 810-744-0070.

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. After, the girls help lead 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 16 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.**

PASCHAL EGG HUNT on St Thomas Sunday, April 23 after Liturgy. Bring your little ones to enjoy!

CONFESSION make your Confession after Vespers on Saturdays or by appointment. Plan ahead!

OFFICE HOURS this week are Mon, Wed & Thur 9-3. **The office is closed on Friday, April 7.**

COIN BOXES 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!

ALL ABOUT ANIMALS is a non-profit animal shelter in Flint for low income families. They need towels, blankets, dog & cat food. Sandy Taylor is collecting donations so see her if you're interested in helping.

HELP WANTED A Coptic Orthodox resident at Lockwood is looking for a woman to provide some light duties 2 to 3 days a week (2 to 3 hours per day). Please contact the parish office 810-744-0070.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today, April 2 40 day Trisagion for Dorothy Goodman after Liturgy

Tuesday, April 4

11:15 am adult education class
(then a two week hiatus for Holy Week & Bright Week)

Wednesday, April 5

10:30 am Lenten Hours
[6 pm pan-Orthodox Presanctified at St. George](#)

Thursday, April 6 Office Open

9 am to 12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Friday, April 7

Office Closed
9:30 am Presanctified Divine Liturgy - please note

Saturday, April 8

LAZARUS SATURDAY
[9:30 am pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at St. George](#)
[5 pm Vespers with Lity - streaming on our YouTube channel](#) *Confessions*

Sunday, April 9

TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM/PALM SUNDAY
9:30 am Third & Sixth Hours
[10 am Divine Liturgy- streaming on our YouTube channel](#)
Church School - **Confessions - [Forgiveness and the Paralytic](#)** (shortened class)
Bake Sale
[6 pm Bridegroom Matins - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

THE FIRST PAN-ORTHODOX VESPERS
at
St Nicholas
Macedonian Orthodox Church
LaSalle, ON
6 pm today
followed by lenten supper.
5225 Howard Ave, LaSalle,
ON N9H0J2
This is possible because of
the restoration of
communion between the
Orthodox Church in Serbia
and the Orthodox Church in
Macedonia which occurred
in May 2022

Offerings for the week March 26, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 3,193.10
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 89.10

67 persons in attendance on March 26