

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Newsletter

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Services: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday- adult education 11:15 am

Saturday - 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions

Holydays: Vespers & Liturgy as announced

“May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.” St. Jude 1:1

APRIL 2025

From the ANAPHORA of THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Master, He-Who-Is, Lord God, Father ruler-of-all, who are to be worshipped, it is truly proper and right and befitting the majesty of your holiness to praise you, to hymn you, to bless you, to worship you, to give thanks to you, to glorify you, the only truly existing God, and to offer you this our reasonable worship with a shattered heart and spirit of humility, for it is you who have granted us the knowledge of your truth. And who is able to tell of your mighty works, to make all your praises heard, or to recount all your wonders at every moment?

Master of all, Lord of heaven and earth and of all creation both visible and invisible, who sit upon the throne of glory and behold the depths, Unoriginate, Invisible, Incomprehensible, Uncircumscribable, Immutable, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the great God and Savior, our hope, who is the Image of your goodness, the seal of your very likeness--showing forth in himself you, the Father--the living Word, the true God, the Wisdom before all ages, the Life, Sanctification, Power, the true Light, through whom the Holy Spirit was revealed, the Spirit of the Truth, the gift of sonship, the pledge of future inheritance, the firstfruits of everlasting good things, the life-creating Power, the Fountain of sanctification, through whom enabled every rational and noetic creature worships you and sends up to you the everlasting hymn of glory, for all things together are your servants.

Angels, archangels, thrones, dominions, principalities, authorities, powers, and the many-eyed Cherubim praise you. Round about you stand the Seraphim, one with six wings and another with six wings; with two they cover their faces, with two they cover their feet, and with two they fly, crying out to one another with unresting mouths and never-silent hymns of glory, roaring, lowing aloud, crying out, and saying the triumphant hymn: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Savaoth! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Osanna, in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of “Lord”! Osanna, in the highest!

MEDITATIONS

“Don’t hold a grievance against anybody, even if they’re wicked, because otherwise your prayer won’t be heard by God. Defeat evil with good! Remain a sheep, and with the power of Christ you’ll overcome the wolves.”

Saint Arsenie Boca

“A Christian must not be fanatic; he must have love for and be sensitive towards all people. Those who inconsiderately toss out comments, even if they are true, can cause harm. I once met a theologian, who was extremely pious, but who had the habit of speaking to the (secular) people around him in a very blunt manner; his method penetrated so deeply that it shook them very severely. He told me once: ‘During a gathering, I said such and such a thing to a lady.’ But the way that he said it, crushed her. ‘Look’, I said to him, ‘you may be tossing golden crowns studded with diamonds to other people, but the way that you throw them can smash heads, not only the sensitive ones, but the sound ones also.’

Let’s not stone our fellow-man in a so-called ‘Christian manner.’ The person who – in the presence of others – checks someone for having sinned (or speaks in an impassioned manner about a certain person), is not moved by the Spirit of God; he is moved by another spirit.

The way of the Church is Love; it differs from the way of the legalists. The Church sees everything with tolerance and seeks to help each person, whatever he may have done, however sinful he may be.

I have observed a peculiar kind of logic in certain pious people. Their piety is a good thing, and their predisposition for good is also a good thing; however, a certain spiritual discernment and amplitude is required so that their piety is not accompanied by narrow-mindedness or strong-headedness. Someone who is truly in a spiritual state must possess and exemplify spiritual discernment; otherwise he will forever remain attached to the ‘letter of the Law’, and the letter of the Law can be quite deadly.

A truly humble person never behaves like a teacher; he will listen, and, whenever his opinion is requested, he responds humbly. In other words, he replies like a student. He who believes that he is capable of correcting others is filled with egotism.

A person that begins to do something with a good intention and eventually reaches an extreme point, lacks true discernment. His actions exemplify a latent type of egotism that is hidden beneath this behavior; he is unaware of it, because he does not know himself that well, which is why he goes to extremes.

Quite often, people begin with good intentions, but look where they may find themselves! This was the case with the ‘icon-worshippers’ and the ‘iconoclasts’ of the past: both cases were extremes! The former had reached the point of scraping off icons of Christ and placing the scrapings into the Holy Chalice in order to ‘improve’ Holy Communion; the latter, on the other hand, burnt and totally discarded all icons. That is why the Church was obliged to place the icons in higher places, out of reach, and, when the dispute was over, lowered them so that we can venerate them and thus confer the appropriate honor to the persons portrayed therein.”

St. Paisios the Aghiorite

“Unless we look at a person and see the beauty there is in this person, we can contribute nothing to him. One does not help a person by discerning what is wrong, what is ugly, what is distorted. Christ looked at everyone he met, at the prostitute, at the thief, and saw the beauty hidden there. Perhaps it was distorted, perhaps damaged, but it was beauty none the less, and what He did was to call out this beauty.”

Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

“‘But I say to you,’ the Lord says, ‘love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who persecute you.’ Why did he command these things? So that he might free you from hatred, sadness, anger and grudges, and might grant you the greatest possession of all, perfect love, which is impossible to possess except by the one who loves all equally in imitation of God.”

St. Maximus the Confessor

“No one can comprehend his own sinfulness, no matter how great it might be, unless he has glimpsed the holiness of God.”

Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra

Hours Schedule

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
6 Phil	4 Staci	1 Barry
13 Angelo	11 Madison	8 Lucy
20 Barry	18 Phil	15 Staci
27 Lucy	25 Angelo	22 Madison
		29 Phil

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please find a replacement.

Reader Schedule

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
6 Staci	4 Katherine	1 Phil
13 Madison	11 Barry	8 Angelo
20 Phil	18 Staci	15 Katherine
27 Angelo	25 Madison	22 Barry
		29 Staci

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please find a replacement.

Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
6 Dennis Goodman	4 Dennis Goodman	1 Dennis Goodman
13 Christine Panoff	11 Susie Ford	8 Christine Panoff
20 Susie Ford	18 Ian & Stephanie P.	15 Susie Ford
27 Ian & Stephanie P.	25 Christine Panoff	22 Ian & Stephanie P.
		29 Susie Ford

If you are unable to make your assigned date please find a replacement. Let Susie know of any changes or if you cannot find a replacement (810-407-3016).

HOURS, READERS & CANDLE STAND. Please look at each month's newsletter as the schedule may have changed since the previous publication.

PRAYER SERVICE for the sick & suffering will not be held in April.

CONFESSIONS the sacrament of Confession is offered on Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment. Call the parish office 810-744-0070 or e-mail stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com to make an appointment.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on April 3 from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

ADULT EDUCATION classes in April are Friday, April 4 and April 11 @ 11:15 am after Presanctified Liturgy.

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS Father Matthew after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith. The class meets in the library.

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.

FLOWERS FOR PASCHA & ITEMS FOR LENT donations this year are not specified by a certain amount or item. Give as you are able to. Please fill out the form & return it to the office. Sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

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

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

MEMORY ETERNAL Janet Marie Harper fell asleep in the Lord on February 24 in Troy, MI. She is an aunt to our parishioner Cathy Edwards. You can read the obituary [here](#). Please remember Janet in your prayers that she rest in the light of Christ's face and remember also her family in their time of grief that the Lord sustain them.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will not be held in April.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Present: Father Matthew, Chris Taylor, Paul Brayan, Eileen Branoff, Stephanie Price, Dennis Jernigan, Lena Bakousidis (virtually), Bill Economou. Absent: Barry Cavett, Connie Maxim. Minutes from the February meeting were approved. ***Financial report:*** stewardship/tithes are averaging approximately \$1,000 less per week than is needed for our budget. If you have not filled out a pledge card or made stewardship/tithes, please do so. Treasurer Corner in the bulletin to keep the faithful informed about our stewardship/tithes and budget. ***Endowment report:*** report has not arrived yet. ***Rector's report:*** Bill Economou and Dennis Jernigan are looking into what else is needed for our adult baptismal font. ***Youth ministry/church school:*** no new report. ***Community outreach:*** we plan to participate in the Burton Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26 (advertise the need for candy (Jolly Ranchers, Tootsie Rolls, etc.) - candy or monetary donation - in the weekly bulletin and April and May monthly newsletter). ***Fundraising:*** Meatfare \$750 and Cheesefare \$360 (15% for charity and the rest to St Juliana Guild). ***Charity ministries:*** Thursday, April 3 at the North End Soup Kitchen from 9 am to 12:30 pm. ***Church building and grounds:*** door sweeps added to the front doors of the church. Bad thermostat in the cry room. There is a monitor in the cry room to tune into the livestream of the service. Can use a laminated sheet with instructions on how to turn the monitor on and connect to the livestream. Dennis Jernigan is working on the furnace and the air conditioning. New timer for the parking lot lights on Center Road. There was a water leak in the fellowship hall at the clean-out pipe. ***Old business:*** none. ***New business:*** need chair person(s) for picnic and dance in Sunday, August 17. Need to get the word out. (Announcement in bulletin and newsletter that we need co-chairpersons for the picnic). ***Vision plan review - 1st quarter 2025*** - we did not identify a choir directory trainee yet. Maintenance ministry - work has been done on that to identify persons to assist. Outreach ministry - nothing to report. Fundraising ministry - a separate meeting on Sunday, April 27 after Liturgy to bring ideas that can be kept or combined and identify three potential additional recurring revenue streams. We need an additional church school teacher and substitute because of the increase in number of students in church school - please see Stephanie Price. We need an additional catechist - classes for catechist certificate will begin in June 2025 - please see Father Matthew. Adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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 18 at 9 pm until Saturday, April 19 at 10 am and then from 1 pm until 10:30 pm. If you are interested there is a signup sheet in the fellowship hall or you can email stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or call the office at 810-744-0070.

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.

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.

PASCHAL GREETING When we greet one another we usually say “Hello” or “How are you”. For the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection we have a special greeting to offer one another: “Christ is Risen!” and we respond with “Truly, He is Risen!” When we come to venerate the Cross after the Divine Services Father Matthew will offer this greeting and we respond: “Indeed, He is Risen!”

PASCHAL EGG HUNT on St Thomas Sunday, April 27th after Liturgy. Bring your little ones to enjoy!

PRAYERS AT THE GRAVES at St. Nicholas Cemetery on April 27 at 2 pm.

GENESEE COUNTY PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICE SCHEDULE - APRIL

GREAT LENT - lenten potlucks follow the Presanctified Liturgies

Sun, Apr 6 6 pm Vespers at St Mary Magdalene Church

Wed, Apr 9 6 pm Presanctified at St George Church

Sat, Apr 12 Lazarus Saturday - 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Church

BRIGHT WEEK

Mon, Apr 21 10 am Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church

Tues, Apr 22 10 am Divine Liturgy at St Nicholas Church

Wed, Apr 23 Vespers with Divine Liturgy at St George Church (time to be determined)

Fri, Apr 25 10 am Divine Liturgy at Assumption Church

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!

WREATH FOR THE CROSS on the Third Sunday of Lent was sponsored by Christine & Angelo Panoff in memory of their grandsons Andrew & Matthew and the other angels.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN we serve on Thursday, April 3 from 9 to 12:30 pm.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Deodorant & First Aid Items, Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Razors and Prayer for the month of April. Place the items in a bag and then put in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

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 11th. For more details call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri 9:30-3:30 at 812 Root St, Flint.



	HOPE IN A BOX
April	Deodorant & First Aid Items
May	Bar & Hand Soap
June	Laundry Soap & Jeans

April Coffee Social Sponsors	
6	
13	
20	Pascha
27	



NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

To be transparent in our 5-year vision to a financially secure parish:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Weekly Offering Income	\$ 2,613	\$ 2,879	\$ 3,419	\$ 3,016	\$ 3,131
Weekly General Operating Expenses	\$ 2,973	\$ 3,913	\$ 4,069	\$ 4,003	\$ 4,094

Stewardship/tithes are averaging approximately \$1,000 less per week than is needed for our budget. If you have not filled out a pledge card or made stewardship/tithes, please do so.

5- year vision

Last quarters accomplished goals

- Maintenance Ministry was created
- Media Ministry was created

2nd Quarter goals

- An Additional Substitute Sunday School teacher and Sunday School teacher - if you are interested in either position, please reach out to Stephanie Price
- Identify Choir Director Trainee - If you are interested, please reach out to Joe Tome
- Identify 3 potential reoccurring revenue streams - the board is meeting on April 27th at 6:30pm. If you have any ideas, please pass them onto a board member

The full 5-year vision can be found on the bulletin board next to the conference room in the church hall.

MAKE YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING EASY AND CONVENIENT WITH GIVELIFY

Go to the [website](#) and on the home page click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#) which will walk you through the donation process; this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee).

*Please consider adding the extra fee we are charged to your donation. 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.

KROGER/COSTCO COMMUNITY REWARDS Remember to use your community rewards when checking out. If you haven't signed up for it you can do so online or at their customer service desk. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP/SEMINARIAN OFFERING There is a category marked "Seminarian" on your stewardship envelopes that you can include with your regular giving. There are also specially marked envelopes at the candle stand. This helps to support parish seminarians, those training to become catechists, and kiosk expense for theological materials for inquirers.

SPECIAL ELECTION MEETING will take place after Pascha. Barry Cavett, parish council secretary, has resigned owing to his work schedule. Archbishop Alexander has blessed us to have a meeting of the nominating committee after Pascha to nominate persons one of whom will fill the remainder of Barry's term and as parish council secretary. On 3 consecutive Sunday's announcement of the meeting will be made and on the Sunday following the last announcement, the election will take place. No dates have yet been set as we are concentrating on our lenten journey to the Pascha of the Lord. This is an informative announcement.

SAINT PAUL THE SIMPLE related [this]: "I had a disciple who, unknown to me, used to fall into diverse sins. In due course he died; I earnestly besought God and called upon the holy Mother of God to show me what state he was in after leaving the body. After persevering in prayer for a considerable number of days, I fell into a trance and beheld my disciple borne by two persons; he had become completely hard like a shell from head to feet. There was no sign of activity, mental or corporal, no speech whatever; he was as though petrified. I was deeply distressed and, becoming as though inspired by God, I recalled the word of the Lord which says: 'Bind the one without a wedding garment hand and foot and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth' [Matthew 22:13]. To be bound hand and foot signifies nothing other to us than to be snuffed out [cf. Isaiah 42:3] and to remain inactive as regards every evil thought and intention that did not advance in this world according to the will of God. When I returned from the trance, I began to be very sad and troubled. To the best of my ability, I started making charitable donations and offerings on his behalf, beseeching the holy Mother of God to have pity on him and to intercede with God, the lover of mankind, on his behalf. I began to wear myself out at Scete and to eat dry food, even though I had come to so great an age. Some days later, I saw the all-holy Mother of God saying to me: 'Why are you causing yourself grief and trouble, grandfather?' I said: 'Because of the brother, my Lady, for I saw him in a bad way.' In answer she said: 'But did you not beseech [me], wanting to see him? See, your wish was fulfilled.' I said: 'Yes, I did beseech [you] but I did not want to see him like that. What good did it do me to see him then to weep and lament?' The holy Mother of God said to me: 'Go on, then; for the sake of your toil, your humility and your love, I will show him to you to prevent you from being sad.' The following day I saw the brother again, coming to me all joyful, walking of his own accord and laughing. He said to me: 'Father, your prayers have propitiated the all-holy Mother of God, for she loves you greatly. She pleaded with the Saviour and he loosed me from my fetters, for I was tightly bound by the chains of my sins.' I was filled with joy when the brother said this. At once I saw the all-holy Mother of God and she said to me: 'Are you satisfied now, old man?' 'Yes, I am, my Lady,' I said, 'and great joy it gave me to see him at rest.' 'Off you go now,' she said, 'and ever be mindful of the brother in prayers, almsgiving and offerings, for almsgiving and offering of itself secure mercy for one who has died.'" (N.599 of *The Anonymous Sayings of the Desert Fathers* translated by John Wortley)

Schedule for Holy Week, Pascha & Bright Week

LAZARUS SATURDAY, APRIL 12	9:30 AM 5 PM	pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at our church Great Vespers w/lity & blessing of palms
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13	9:30 AM 10 AM 6 PM	3 rd & 6 th Hours Divine Liturgy w/procession Bridegroom Matins
GREAT & HOLY MONDAY, APRIL 14	6 PM	Bridegroom Matins
GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY, APRIL 15	6 PM	Bridegroom Matins <u>Last day for Confessions before Pascha</u>
GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16	6 PM	Holy Unction
GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17	9:30 AM 6 PM	Vespers & Liturgy of St Basil the Great Passion Matins
GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY, APRIL 18	9 AM 3 PM 6 PM	Royal Hours Dyeing paschal eggs afterwards Vespers - the un-nailing of the Lord Jerusalem Matins with Lamentations
GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19	10 AM 12 PM 10:30 PM 11 PM 12 AM	Vespers & Liturgy of St Basil the Great Simple Blessing of Paschal Foods Nocturns Myrrhbearers' Rush Procession Matins of the Resurrection Divine Liturgy followed by the blessing of Paschal eggs, food and fellowship
HOLY PASCHA, APRIL 20	10:45 AM 11 AM	Paschal Hours Paschal Vespers
BRIGHT MONDAY, APRIL 21	10 AM	Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene Church
BRIGHT TUESDAY, APRIL 22	10 AM	Divine Liturgy at St Nicholas Church
BRIGHT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23	time to be determined	Divine Liturgy at St. George Church
BRIGHT FRIDAY, APRIL 25	10 AM	Divine Liturgy at Assumption Church

ORDER OF PROCESSION FOR GREAT FRIDAY AND PASCHA

6 pm Matins on Great Friday

Processional Cross	Barry Cavett
Torches	Mike Donigan & Dat Gerzevske
Instruments of the Passion	Church School Students
Girls with flower petals	Church School Students
Incense	Deacon
Censer	Deacon
Holy Tomb of our Lord	Adam Lang, Christopher Taylor, Tom Batzos, Steve Nicoloff, Paul Brayan, Charlie Jernigan, Bill Economou, Phil Wiles, Jonathon Shann, Nick Nicoloff, Vladimir Akkerman, Eugene Akkerman, John Borkovich
Gospel	Priest
Procession Wardens	Dennis Jernigan & Dennis Goodman

11 pm Resurrection Procession on Pascha

Processional Cross	Subdeacon
Processional Fans	Mike Donigan & Dat Gerzevske
Banners	Adam Lang & Steve Krych
Torches	Altar Servers
Icons	
Holy Theotokos Icon	Lena Bakousidis
Myrrhbearers Icon	Connie Maxim
St. Catherine Icon	Christine Panoff
St. Juliana Icon	Kassandra Lang
Resurrection Icon	Stephanie Price
Riza Resurrection Icon	Eileen Branoff
Gospel	Christopher Taylor
Assistant to Priest	Barry Cavett
Censer	Deacon
Resurrection Candle	Priest
Choir and People follow	
Church Set-Up	Dave Houser, Dennis Jernigan, Charlie Jernigan, Dennis Goodman, Phil Wiles, David George, Matushka Lisa, Bill Economou

APRIL BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Zayn Abu-Aita
- 7 Aretoula Nedanis
Danni Burns
David Houser
Kristal George
Lennon Gerzevske
Nancy Krigner
Nancy Tasevski
- 11 Jennifer Borkovich
Katherine Economou
Majd Helal
- 12 Helen Popoff
- 13 Barbara Brown
- 15 Ariana Loomis
- 16 Anastasia Pirkovic
Bob Steiner
- 17 Irina Sivergina
- 22 Jenna Paul
- 24 Sharon George
- 28 George Brown
- 29 Tammy Sapardanis
- 30 Fred Paul
Les Ford
Vickie Borkovich



ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Vladimir & Taisa Akkerman
- 16 Alex & Anastasia Branoff (1961)
- 21 Germanos & Lena Bakousidis (1985)

If your name is missing or has the incorrect information in the birthday, anniversary or namesday list please call the office: 810-744-0070



NAMESDAYS

- 10 Alexander Ahejew
Alex Karayanis
Alex Nedanis
- 12 Lazarus Stavridis (Lazarus Sat.)
- 14 Tammy Sapardanis
- 16 Shari Marie Nicoloff
- 20 Anastasia Branoff (Pascha)
Lambros Grousopoulos
- 21 Lena Grousopoulos
- 22 Nathan Nicevski
- 23 Alexa Isabelle Stevens
Carli Alexa Nicoloff
Fred (George) Paul
George Branoff
George Brown
George Popoff
Richard George Elieff
Roseanne (Alexandra) Bagale
Sandra Ahejew
Sandra Grossi
Sandy Spankie
- 24 Brian (Branko) Mitevski
- 25 Marc Ethington
Mark Houser
Zoe Grace Batzos (Bright Friday)
Zoe Karayanis
Zoe Conover
Zoe Stavridis
- 27 Thomas Stavridis (Thomas Sun.)
Tom Batzos
Tom Krigner
Tom Sfetkidis
- 30 Jacob Abu-Aita
James Binelli
James Grossi
James Hart
Lennon Gerzevske

THE TRIODION - the book with the hymns we will use from the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee through Holy Saturday - is [here https://www.ponomar.net/data/lenten_triodion.pdf](https://www.ponomar.net/data/lenten_triodion.pdf) and the hymns for the weekdays of the Great Fast are [here https://www.ponomar.net/data/lts.pdf](https://www.ponomar.net/data/lts.pdf) This time of the Great Fast takes the name the time of the Triodion from this book because of the three odes (triodion) for the canons - poetic hymns - at matins. Reading the Scriptures of the day during the Great Fast and the hymns from the Triodion leads us along the journey to Pascha.

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

VISITATION TO THE SICK If you would like Fr. Matthew to make a visit to home, hospital, or nursing home, please contact the office 810-744-0070.

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The following are our brothers and sisters of St. Nicholas who are currently homebound, suffering from chronic illness, in recovery or in need of special prayers. Please remember them in your prayers and reach out to them with a card, a phone call or a visit!

Deacon John Bocek	Bill Haw	Macy Lemmen	Bill Tadrick
Allison Borkovich	Mary Karayanis	Helen Popoff	Wendy Tadrick
Paul Ellis	Nick Karayanis	Ron Salhany	Dave Vuckovich

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of our Homebound:

Jeanette Brayon @ Serene Gardens	1481 E Hill Rd room MC-6	Grand Blanc, MI 48439	
Paul Ellis @ Beaconsire	21630 Hessel Ave	Detroit, MI 48219	313-534-8400
Allison Borkovich @Kra-Nur Manor	1383 Kra-Nur Dr.	Burton, MI 48509	
Mary & Nick Karayanis	2238 Old Hickory	Davison, MI 48423	810-653-1169
Julia Peck @ Living Joy Assisted Living	1525 E Pierson Rd	Flushing, MI 48433	
Helen Popoff	2221 Bellemeade Dr.	Davison, MI 48423	810-653-3867
Mike Stikovitch @Kra-Nur Manor	1383 Kra-Nur Dr.	Burton, MI 48509	810-658-8321(Stephanie)
Diane Todorovsky	14182 Moffett Dr	Fenton, MI 48430	810-750-7860
Dave Vuckovich	9352 Morrish Rd	Swartz Creek, MI 48473	810-348-4733 (Barb)

YOUTUBE CHANNEL subscribe to our YouTube channel [Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#) to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services. Livestreams begin at 9:30 with Hours.

FACEBOOK PAGE Please visit, like, and follow our parish page: www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton Please share posts to your page. This increases the number of people who know about our church. Those who have been at coffee fellowship have seen the number of inquirers who have been coming to Sunday Divine Liturgy. 2,100 people have liked our Facebook page and 2,200 people have followed it.

May



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.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF FR. ROMAN BRAGA May 2 - 4 at the Dormition Monastery. See the flier for the full schedule.

BURTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE on Monday, May 26. We will ride in the parade in a pick-up truck and pass out candy. If you would like to join in the procession, meet in the church parking lot at 11:45. Your monetary donations or bags of small candy (not chocolate as it melts) will be greatly appreciated. Contact Stephanie Price if you have any questions.

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St. George (Antiochian) 5191 Lennon Road ❖ Flint, MI 48507 ❖ 810-732-0720
St. Mary Magdalene (OCA) 2439 S. Long Lake Road ❖ Fenton, MI 48430 ❖ 810-750-1401
St. Nicholas (OCA) 2143 South Center Road ❖ Burton, MI 48519 ❖ 810-744-0070

2025 Great Fast and Bright Week



Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Lenten potlucks

Great Compline at St. George (*Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays 6 pm, Fridays 6 pm Akathist*) All are welcome. This beautiful service along with the Lenten Hours on Wednesdays allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available after the service.

Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas (*Wednesdays, 10 am*) All are welcome.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy and **Lenten Potlucks** (*Wednesdays, 6 pm*) We will celebrate together the Presanctified Liturgy and the Great Feast of the Annunciation according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at both. To partake of Holy Communion at evening liturgies, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (*no eating or drinking after 12 noon*). Confessions will only be available prior to the evening liturgies from 5:30pm–6pm. The lenten potluck dinners will be coordinated by the host parish.

- March 12 **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 6 pm
- March 21 & 22 **Lenten Retreat with Father Silviu Bunta** at St. George (*separate flier*)
- March 25 **Great Feast of the Annunciation Divine Liturgy** at Assumption 10 am
- March 26 **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. Mary Magdalene 6 pm
- April 9 **Presanctified Liturgy** at St. George 6 pm
- April 12 **Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 9:30 am

Bright Week (April 19-25)

- April 21 **Paschal Divine Liturgy** at St. Mary Magdalene 10 am
- April 22 **Paschal Divine Liturgy** at St. Nicholas 10 am
- April 23 **Paschal Divine Liturgy** at St. George time to be determined
- April 25 **Paschal Divine Liturgy for the Life-giving Font** at Assumption 10 am

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Flowers for Great Friday & Pascha

Please fill out & return the form to the office or put it in the collection basket on Sunday. The names of those honored or memorialized will be published at a later date. Give whatever amount you are able to.



I wish to donate:

\$ _____ **Flowers (suggested donation \$20 each) fresh & silk**

\$ _____ **Large Boston Ferns (suggested donation \$30 each)**

\$ _____ **Special Items for Lent, Holy Week & Pascha: Palms-Strips, Palms-Fan, Candles for the altar, Large candles for the Holy Grave, Incense and Rose Water. (suggested donation \$10-\$100)**

In honor of: (for the living)

Or, in memory of: (departed)

Your Name: _____

Amount \$ _____

HONORING THE MEMORY OF FATHER ROMAN BRAGA

10 Year Anniversary of His Repose

• Friday May 2 - Sunday May 4, 2025 •

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday May 2nd

5:00pm Vespers Service

6:00pm Akathist to the Burning Bush

6:30pm Dinner

7:15pm Father Roman as Confessor

with Rev. Archimandrite Joseph (Morris)
and Rev. Mo. Christophora.

Saturday May 3rd

6:30am Matins and Hours

8:30am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy

10:30am Memorial Service

11:30am Lunch with Introductory Remarks

by Archbishop Nathaniel

12:30pm Metropolitan Tikhon (Topic to be Announced)

1:30pm Break

2:00pm Future of North American Orthodoxy

by Archbishop Daniel

4:00pm "Reflections" by Fr. John Konkle

5:00pm Dinner

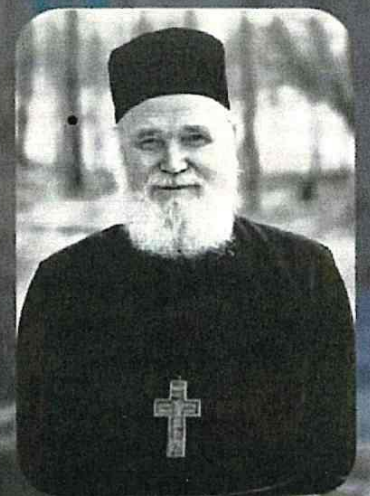
6:00pm Vigil

Sunday May 4th

9:00am Akathist and Hours

10:00am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy






12:00pm Lunch followed by an "Ice Cream Social"



April 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>† Fast</p> <p> Wine & oil permitted (no meat)</p> <p> Fish permitted (no other meat)</p> <p>6 9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School-St Mary of Egypt & confessions 6 pm pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St. Mary</p>	7 <i>Fr.in Toledo</i> 6 pm Compline at St George	1 Times and events are subject to change <i>Office Closed</i> 8	2 10 am Lenten Hours 10 am Presanctified at St Mary Magdalene 6 pm Presanctified at St George 7 pm Matins @ Dormition Monastery <i>Office Closed</i> 9 10 am Lenten Hours 6 pm pan-Orthodox Presanctified @ St. George lenten potluck	3  9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen 10 <i>Office Closed</i>	4 † 9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy with Akathistos hymn 11:30 am adult ed 11 9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed	5  5 pm Vespers Confessions 12 Lazarus Saturday 9:30 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy 5 pm Vespers Confessions
13 Palm Sunday 9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Bake Sale 6 pm Bridegroom Matins	14 HOLY MONDAY 6 pm Bridegroom Matins	15 HOLY TUESDAY 6 pm Bridegroom Matins LAST CONFESSIONS BEFORE PASCHA	16 HOLY WEDNESDAY 6 pm Holy Unction	17 HOLY THURSDAY 9:30 am Vespers & Liturgy of St Basil 6 pm Passion Matins <i>Office Closed</i>	18 HOLY FRIDAY 9 am Royal Hours 3 pm Vespers 6 pm Matins <i>Office Closed</i>	19 HOLY SATURDAY 10 am Vesperal Liturgy 10:30 pm Nocturns 11 pm Matins/Liturgy
20 PASCHA No Fast 10:45 am Hours 11 am Vespers w/reading of the gospel in various languages	21 No Fast BRIGHT MONDAY 10 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene	22 No Fast BRIGHT TUESDAY 9:45 am Paschal Hours 10 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy at our church	23 No Fast BRIGHT WEDNESDAY Time to be determined pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St George Church	24 No Fast BRIGHT THURSDAY <i>Office Closed</i>	25 No Fast BRIGHT FRIDAY 10 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy at Assumption Church	26 No Fast BRIGHT SATURDAY 5 pm Vespers Confessions
27 9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School-Justinian Fund raising meeting Paschal egg hunt 2 pm St Nicholas Cemetery	28	29 <i>Fr.in Toledo</i>	30  St James (Jacob) 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed	May 1 <i>Office Closed</i>	May 2	May 3 5 pm Vespers confessions