

April 21, 2024

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 21, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 5. **St. Mary of Egypt. Hieromartyr Januarius, Bishop of Benevento, and his companions: Festus, Proculus, and Sosius – Deacons, Desiderius – Reader, and Eutychius and Acutius – laymen, at Pozzuoli (ca. 305). Hieromartyr Theodore of Perge in Pamphylia, his mother, Philippa, and Martyrs Dioscorus, Socrates, and Dionysius (2nd c.). Martyrs Isaac, Apollos, and Quadratus, of Nicomedia (303). St. Maximian, Patriarch of Constantinople (434). The Recovery of the Relics of Saint Theodore of Sanaxar (1791).**

TROPARIA

Tone 5 Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

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 fifth tone: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us / from this generation forever. (*Psalm 11:7*)

v: Save me, O Lord, for a venerable one is fading away. (*Psalm 11:1a*)

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 5

v. Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing to the age, to generation and generation I will declare your truth in my mouth. (*Psalm 88:1*)

v. For you said, To the age mercy will be built, in the heavens your truth will be prepared. (*Psalm 88:2*)

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."

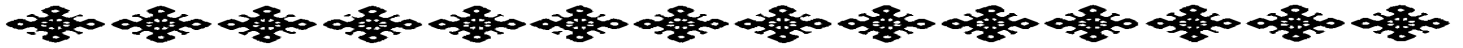
LAZARUS SATURDAY - 4th day in the tomb

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

Peace, love & support for Rob & his family
Health & blessings Tony Branoff

Lucy Hogg
Linda Branoff

Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan,
Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Les,
Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted,
Joseph, Marlene, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family
and friends

Joe Tome
Joe Tome
Irina Sivergina
Eileen & Dennis

Special Intention

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev & Irina
Tony Branoff

CANDLE INTENENTION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Adelaïda, Feodosiy, Vitaliy, Galina & Vasily

Irina Sivergina



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 21 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff

HOURS: Angelo Panoff

READER: Katherine Gonser

Apr 28 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie P.

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Alexander Gonser

COFFEE SOCIAL 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

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Reader Alexander Gonser after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

ADULT EDUCATION class schedule during Lent:

- **Friday, April 26 -** 9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy followed by class

CHURCH SCHOOL - Confessions

LAZARUS SATURDAY - April 27. 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 Assumption 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.

CHURCH SCHOOL As is our local custom, the church school children are invited to hold their palms and pussy-willows in the center aisle for the Great Entrance and participate in the procession following the ambon prayer on Palm Sunday, April 28.

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 morning Royal Hours your help will be needed to set up the Tomb of our Lord for Vespers and then decorate it after Vespers. Second, after the Lamentations that evening your help will be needed to change over all the candles from purple 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. 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.

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, May 3 at 9 pm until Saturday, May 4 at 10 am and then from 1 pm until 10:30 pm. If you are interested, please email stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com, signup in parish hall or call the office.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE please see the calendar in the newsletter and note that services and times are subject to change.

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.

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

MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE Spring is here and that can only mean one thing, the Macedonian Open is right around the corner. There are a number of ways to get involved. If you can sponsor a sign it is highly encouraged. Donating a gift card, gift basket or cash is also needed. This year's outing will be held on Monday, June 17 at the Flint Elks Golf Club. As has been our tradition, that is the Monday after Father's Day. We encourage everyone to participate in some way!

The Macedonian Open is our biggest fundraiser and we are hoping for an even bigger and better turnout this year. If you have any questions or know of someone who would like to help, please contact Chris Nedanis (cned77@gmail.com or 810-877-0889), Christine Panoff (capanoff@umich.edu or 810-232-4868), Linda Branoff (branoff721@aol.com or 810-964-3654), George Branoff (gabman24@charter.net) or 810-252-5395) or Peter Branoff (ptb704@yahoo.com or 810-877-8773).

HOW CAN I HELP? I DON'T GOLF.

- ❖ Donate a sign wishing "good game" or in honor or in memory of a loved one. A sign sponsorship is a great advertising opportunity for any business. Whether it's for your business or one that you frequent, we encourage everyone to participate in getting new sign sponsors this year.
- ❖ Donate money for prizes-any amount you can give would be very much appreciated to offset the cost of buying prizes.
- ❖ Donate a gift card-we are looking for gift cards to give as prizes in the amount of \$20 or \$25 similar to these: Visa gift cards, Meijer, Dunham's, Gas Cards, Restaurant cards, or any establishment you frequent.
- ❖ Donate a prize- whether it's golf related or not; or ask a business you frequent to make a donation (such as a gift card).
- ❖ Join us for dinner.

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 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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, April 22 *Fr. in Toledo*
[6 pm](#) [Compline at St. George](#)

Wednesday, April 24
10 am Lenten Hours
[6 pm](#) [Pan-Orthodox Liturgy @ St. Mary Magdalene](#) followed by Lenten potluck

Friday, April 26
9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy followed by Adult education

Saturday, April 27 Lazarus Saturday
9:30 am Pan-Orthodox Liturgy at Assumption - bring first names of living and fallen asleep
[5 pm](#) [Vespers with Lity & blessing of palms & pussywillows - live-streamed](#) *Confessions*

Sunday, April 28 **Triumphal Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem - Palm Sunday - Sunday of the Branches**
[9:30 am](#) [Hours & 10 am Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#) with procession outdoors
Church School - hold palms at the Great Entrance and participate in the procession
Bake Sale
[6 pm](#) [Bridegroom Matins - live-streamed](#)

Offerings for the week April 14, 2024

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,802.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ -2,298.00

52 persons in attendance on April 14