

April 26, 2026

**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 (those received into the Orthodox Church through baptism or chrismation)**, 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 26, 2026. 3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 2. Myrrhbearing Women. Hieromartyr Basil, Bishop of Amasea (ca. 322). St. Stephen, Bishop of Perm (1396). Righteous Virgin Glaphyra (322). St. Joannicius of Devich, Serbia (13th c.).**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! (*Psalm 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! (*Psalm 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! (*Psalm 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! (*Psalm 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! (*Psalm 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! (*Psalm 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. (*Psalm***

**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. (*Psalm 67:2a*) Christ is risen...**

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

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

### **TROPARIA**

**Tone 2** When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

**Tone 2** The angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: "Myrrh is meet for the dead, but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: 'The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy!'"

**Tone 2** The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But You rose on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

**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** You descended into the tomb, O Immortal; You destroyed the power of Death. In victory You arose, O Christ God, proclaiming "Rejoice!" to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Your apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

*The prokeimenon in the sixth tone: O Lord, save Your people / and bless Your inheritance! (Psalm 27:9a)*

*v. To you, O Lord, I cried, O my God, do not keep silent from me. (Psalm 27:1a)*

**THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (6:1-7)** Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

*Alleluia, Tone 8*

*v. You well-willed your land, O Lord, you turned the captivity of Jacob. (Psalm 84:1)*

*v. Mercy and truth met, righteousness and peace kissed. (Psalm 84:10)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (15:43-16:8)** At that time Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; -- it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

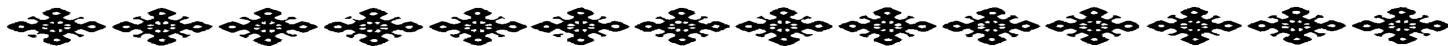
**THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS** The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."** Christ is risen from the dead...

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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, Jeanette, Ted, Kathryn, David, Dennis, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friend

Special Intention

Dennis Jernigan

Esther Butrie Kubena & special intention

Alex & Vera

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Andrey, Nikolay, Vlada, Kirill, Lev, Irina

The Popoff Family

Dennis, Sharon & Charlie Jernigan

Alex Nedanis

Brandon & James

Father, Matushka, Taras & Stasha

Joe Tome

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Sharon & Charlie

her family

Menka Nedanis

Irina Sivergina

Magda Popoff

Lucy Hogg

His Family

Paul Brayan

Stephanie, Ian, Kate & Alex

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF**

Adelaïda & Feodosiy

Theodora, Kosta, Nikolaos, Evangelia, Mitra, Germanos

Alex Natse, Peter, Eleni, John & Angelo

Elaine Gingras Bartlett (April 18, 2026) – Matushka Lisa’s mother

Our beloved mother Freda & brother Tony

Matushka Lisa’s mother Elaine

Beloved Mother and Yiayia, Evangelia Bakousidis (April 29, 2015)

Irina Sivergina

Bakousidis Family

Magda Popoff

her family

Branoff Family

Connie

Irene Batcos & 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 26 CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford

**HOURS:** Lucy

**READER:** Madison

**May 3 CANDLESTAND:** Dennis Goodman

**HOURS:** No Hours

**READER:** Barry

**PLEASE JOIN US** for our coffee social in the fellowship hall after the Liturgy given by Sebastion and Sadie Hager for their crowning in marriage.

**LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER** During Paschaltide, 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.

**PASCHAL GREETING** During the forty days for the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection we have a special greeting to offer on another: “Christ is Risen!” and we respond with “Indeed 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!”

Christos voskrese! Voistinnu voskrese! - Slavonic

Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! - Greek

Hristos a înviat!

Adevărat a înviat! - Romanian

**MEMORY ETERNAL! CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**Elaine Gingras Bartlett** fell asleep in the Lord on April 18, 2026 at home in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. She is the mother of Matushka Lisa. During the week of April 26 funeral Mass will be at St Agnes Roman Catholic Church in Dalton, MA with burial at St Joseph Roman Catholic Cemetery in Pittsfield. Pray the Lord grant Elaine rest in the light of his Face and that the same risen Lord sustain her family in their grief. Memory eternal! Christ is risen! God forgive!

**SPRING CLEAN-UP** on the church grounds on Saturday, May 9 beginning at 9:30 am. Your help is needed! Please use the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE** parish council meetings are public. To speak at the meeting, please ask the parish council president to be added to the agenda together with the topic and details. *secretary's report* approved as submitted. *financial report* we are \$6,370.95 in the red since January. Please keep up your stewardship donations and if you have not submitted a pledge card - whether parishioner or catechumen - please do so to help us in our budget planning. Sponsoring the coffee social on a Sunday is \$100. There have been no transfers from savings since February. *endowment report* February increase of \$16,988.73, March decrease of \$23,905. *rector's report* 1 baptism, 1 funeral, 2 receptions on 3 May, 6 catechumens to be received in December, up to 8 inquirers will be made catechumens in coming months. Adult education class resumes on April 22 reading Mother Siluana (Vlad) [1944-2021] *Offering Ourselves, We Enter into His Joy - Vol 1*. Catechesis continues on Google Meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. *church school* May 24 is the last day of church school. We **NEED** teachers. We have a range from 3 years to 13 years. We need more classes. Please, consider volunteering to be a teacher or substitute. Plan for 2026-2027 is to have one class per month in church to go over Liturgy, making the sign of the Cross, the Lord's prayer, bowing, prostrations, etc. *Community outreach* Friday, May 22 is family game night - cheese pizza. *Fundraising* Lena Bakousidis plans to make leek & cheese and cheese triangles to raise money for the August picnic - 1 for \$3, 4 for \$10. Lena suggests once or twice a month a \$10 dinner - e.g. chicken kabob with rice to raise the seed money for the picnic on August 23. Idea for a cornhole tournament/car show as a fundraiser on Saturday, June 13. *charity ministries* North End Soup Kitchen is Thursday, May 7 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. *church building and grounds* spring clean-up sign-up sheet needed. Spring clean-up is Saturday, May 9 start at 9:30 am. Belltower - need to look into the electrical system & electrical parts for the bell tower. Bill Economou replaced the water-proof power box at the electric sign outside because over time water leaked into the power box. Gas bill is down from last year with the switch-over on the thermostats. Women's restroom the tank in the handicapped stall is taking a long time to fill. *old business*: Budget the budget updates will be posted on the Parish Info bulletin board. Anniversary Archbishop Alexander will visit Saturday & Sunday, October 3 & 4 for our 110th anniversary. October 4 is the 15th anniversary of the archbishop's canonical election as bishop of our diocese by the Holy Synod of Bishops. *new business* garage sale - people have asked about a garage sale. A sign-up sheet for people to volunteer as co-chairs and work will be placed in the fellowship hall. Whether a garage sale will be held will depend on whether there are co-chairs and a sufficient number of volunteers. newsletter idea Staci's 18th Orthodox birthday is April 26 which is also her namesday this year, Myrrhbearers' Sunday. We can add Orthodox birthdays for our newer converts, that is the day of baptism or chrismation, in the newsletter with namesdays, birthdays, and anniversaries. *Adjournment* at 8:23 pm.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** end of year program has been moved to May 24.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday, April 26 MYRRHBEARERS' SUNDAY**

9:30 am third & sixth hours  
 10 am Divine Liturgy  
 Trisagion for Nicholas & Mildred George  
 12 pm Catechesis class with Deacon Luke  
**Church School: [Proverbs/Song of Songs \(elementary\)](#) [Ecclesiastes \(high school\)](#)**

**Wednesday, April 29 Please note this change in schedule!**

No Liturgy  
 No adult education class  
 No Google Meet catechesis class <https://meet.google.com/oyr-hohi-phv>

**Saturday, May 2**

1 pm Parastas for John Todorow at church followed by light reception in fellowship hall  
 5 pm Vespers - Confessions

**Sunday, May 3 SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC**

9 am Baptism of Nathan Vargo & Chrismation of Harmony Vargo  
 10 am Divine Liturgy  
 12:15 pm Catechesis class with Fr Matthew  
**Church School: [Elijah \(elementary\)](#) [Elijah \(high school\)](#)**

**Offerings for the week April 19, 2026**

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,007.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,373.00

65 persons in attendance on Sunday, April 19

Fr. Matthew will be at the funeral services and burial for Matushka Lisa's mother Elaine through May 2.  
 In emergency ONLY contact Father Gabriel 330-285-1740 or Father Amin 810-732-0720.