

April 5, 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!**

**ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. PALM SUNDAY - SUNDAY OF THE BRANCHES  
FIRST ANTIPHON**

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication. (*Psalm 114:1*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Because He inclined His ear to me; therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. (*Psalm 114:2*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. (*Psalm 114:3*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the Name of the Lord. (*Psalm 114:4*) **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**

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." (*Psalm 115:1*)

**O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me? (*Psalm 115:3*) **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord. (*Psalm 115:4*) **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. (*Psalm 115:5*) **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, 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**

**O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!** (*Psalm 117:1*) **Tone 1** By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion, / You confirmed the universal resurrection, O Christ God. / Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death: / "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

**Let the house of Israel say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!** (*Psalm 117:2*) By raising Lazarus..

**Let the house of Aaron say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!** (*Psalm 117:3*) By raising Lazarus..  
**Let all those who fear the Lord say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!** (*Psalm 117:4*) By raising  
Lazarus..

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright!

**Priest:** Blessed is He that comes in the name of "Lord"! We bless you from the house of the Lord!  
God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to  
You: Alleluia!

### **TROPARIA**

**Tone 1** By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion, / You confirmed the universal resurrection,  
O Christ God. / Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death: /  
"Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

**Tone 4** When we were buried with You in baptism, O Christ God, / we were made worthy of eternal life by  
your Resurrection. / Now we praise You and sing: / "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in  
the Name of 'Lord'."

### **KONTAKION**

**Tone 6** Sitting on Your throne in Heaven, / carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, / accept the praise of  
angels and the songs of children, who sing: // "Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!"

**The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: Blessed is He that comes in the name of Lord! / The Lord is God and  
has revealed Himself to us!** (*Psalm 117:26b, 27b*)

**v: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!** (*Psalm 117:1*)

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS (4:4-9)** Brethren:  
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at  
hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let  
your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep  
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if  
there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard  
and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

### ***Alleluia, Tone 1***

**v: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!** (*Psalm 97:1*)

**v: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.** (*Psalm 97:5*)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (12:1-18)** Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to  
Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha  
served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard  
and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance  
of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this  
ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the  
poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus  
said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do  
not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on  
account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to  
put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in  
Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So  
they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written,  
"Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not  
understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of  
him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb  
and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they  
heard he had done this sign.

**Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:** God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! / Celebrate the  
feast and come with gladness! / Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, / singing: "Blessed is He  
that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

**COMMUNION HYMN** Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! The Lord is God and has  
revealed Himself to us! (*Psalm 117:26b, 27b*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Instead of "We have seen the True Light..." we sing: Tone 1** By raising Lazarus...

**Procession with palms & pussy-willows after "Blessed be the name of the Lord..."**

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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

Elaine Gingras Bartlett & special intention

Dennis Jernigan

Esther Butrie Kubena

God's blessings and strength to Dennis, Sharon and Charlie

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

her family

Sharon & Charlie

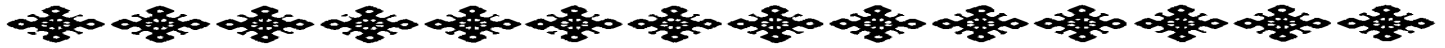
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Connie Maxim

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF**

Julia Ferchak Peck (1 yr)

Sandy & Chris



**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 05 CANDLESTAND:** Dennis G.

**HOURS:** No Hours

**READER:** Barry

**Apr 10 Holy Friday evening**

**CANDLESTAND:** Dennis G.

**Apr 11 Pascha night service**

**CANDLESTAND:** Susie & Stephanie

**READER:** Staci

**Apr 12 Agape Vespers**

**CANDLESTAND:** Christine

**HOURS:** Barry

**PLEASE JOIN US** for our coffee social in the fellowship hall after the Liturgy in memory of **Julia Ferchak Peck (1 year memorial)** given by Sandy and Christopher Taylor.

**"AS MANY AS HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST..."** At 9 am Sunday, April 5, **Mary (Mia) Johnson** will be baptized into Christ. Her godmother is Stephanie Price. God grant you many years, Mia!

**MEMORY ETERNAL** **Mary (Borkovich) Withee** fell asleep in the Lord on April 2, 2026. She is the sister of the late Walter (Vladimir) Borkovich and aunt to Marla Houser, Mike, John, and Bruce Borkovich. May Mary rest in the light of Christ's Face. Memory eternal! God forgives! Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

**PARISH PHOTO** at the dismissal of the holy Liturgy we will gather in the front of the church for a parish photo.

**PASCHAL BASKET** It is customary to bless various foods - especially ones we have fasted from - on Pascha. Many people make up a basket with a candle. You can read about paschal foods here: <https://saintnicholasburton.org/files/PaschalBasketPdf.pdf> The simple blessing of foods will take place on Holy Saturday, April 11 after the 10 am Liturgy. The Paschal blessing of foods will take place after the 10:30 pm Paschal services on Holy Saturday, April 11. Blessing will take place in the fellowship hall. It is a tradition at St Nicholas Church to share some of your foods after the evening service.

**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 custom at this service on Pascha morning (Agape Vespers) – April 12 at 11 am - to read the Gospel in various languages. If anyone would like to read the Gospel in another language at this service, please contact the office as soon as possible.

**ARTOS FOR PASCHA** If you would like to make the artos (bread), please see Fr Matthew.

**PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE** today.

**MACEDONIAN NIGHT AT THE TIGERS** Tuesday, April 21 at 6:40 pm

Please sign up in the fellowship hall. **Kathy Gonser is coordinating.** Those who have signed up please add a contact phone number and email address for Kathy. **DEADLINE to sign up is April 5.**

**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. Give as you are able to. Please fill out the form (at the candle stand) & return it to the office. Sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Today fish, wine, and oil allowed**

**Trisagion in memory of Julia Ferchak Peck (1 year memorial)**

**Church School – Palm Sunday procession**

**12:15 pm** class for inquirers, catechumens, neophytes reading, **Faith in Liturgy** in *Your Life Will Be Hung Before Your Eyes – Meanings of Our Life in Orthodox Liturgy*. Father Matthew leads class today. Copies are available at the kiosk.

**6 pm** Bridegroom Matins - *last Confessions before Pascha*

**Monday, April 6** **HOLY MONDAY - fast day**

9 am Presanctified at St George

6 pm Bridegroom Matins

**Tuesday, April 7** **HOLY TUESDAY - fast day**

9 am Presanctified at St George

6 pm Bridegroom Matins

**Wednesday, April 8** **HOLY WEDNESDAY - fast day**

9 am Presanctified at St George

6 pm Holy Unction

**Thursday, April 9** **HOLY THURSDAY- fast day, wine and oil allowed**

10 am Vespers & Liturgy of St. Basil at St Mary Magdalene Church with Archbishop Alexander

6 pm Matins of Holy Friday

**Friday, April 10** **HOLY FRIDAY - strict fast day**

9 am Royal Hours

3 pm Great Vespers

6 pm Matins of Holy Saturday

**Saturday, April 11** **HOLY SATURDAY - fast day, wine allowed**

10 am Vespers Liturgy - simple blessing of Paschal foods immediately following the Liturgy

10:30 pm Nocturns, procession, Matins & Liturgy

blessing of eggs & Paschal food, sharing of food and fellowship in our fellowship hall

**Sunday, April 12** **PASCHA no fast**

10:45 am Paschal Hours

11 am Agape Vespers

**Offerings for the week March 29, 2026**

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 4,095.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -285.00

82 persons in attendance on March 29