

August 1, 2021

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, AUGUST 1, 2021 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 5. 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Lifegiving Cross of the Lord (First of the three “Feasts of the Savior” in August). Holy Seven Maccabean Martyrs: Abimus, Antoninus, Gurias, Eleazar, Eusabonus, Alimus, and Marcellus, their mother Solomonia, and their teacher, Eleazar (166 B.C.). The Martyrs of Perge in Pamphylia: Leontius, Attius, Alexander, Cindeus, Minsitheus (Mnesitheus), Cyriacus, Mineon (Menæus), Catanus, and Eucleus (3rd c.). "Foreteller" Icon of the Mother of God.

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 1) O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Thy Cross, // preserve Thy habitation!

(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 7) On the mountain wast Thou transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that Thou art truly the radiance of the Father!

The Prokeimenon in the Fifth Tone: Thou, O Lord, shalt protect us and preserve us / from this generation forever. (Psalm 11:8)

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly. (Psalm 11:2)

THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (12:6-14) Brethren: Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Alleluia, Tone 5

v: I will sing of Thy mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Thy truth from generation to generation. (Psalm 88:2)

v: For Thou hast said: Mercy will be established forever; Thy truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Psalm 88:3)

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW (9:1-8)

And getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins” -- he then said to the paralytic -- “Rise, take up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
(Psalm 147:1)

After “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” [thrice] the Procession with the Cross and its veneration take place.

The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36-53 (6th Matins Gospel)

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace to you.” But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, “Have you any food here?” So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Life-Giving Cross of the Lord (First of the three “Feasts of the Savior” in August) August 1 - The origin of this Feast is explained in the Greek *Horologion* of 1897: “Because of the illnesses which occur during the month of August, it was customary at Constantinople to carry the Precious Wood of the Cross in procession throughout the city for its sanctification, and to deliver it from sickness.” On the eve (July 31), the Cross was removed from the imperial treasury and placed it upon the Holy Table of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia (which is dedicated to Christ, the Wisdom of God). From August 1 until the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, there was a procession throughout the entire the city, and then the Cross was placed where all the people could venerate it. oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

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| For peace, comfort & salvation of Rick Ford | Les & Susie Ford |
| Salvation & divine protection of those in prison | Les & Susie Ford |
| Elain Papas & family | Lena Bakousidis |
| Health & God’s blessings for Dorothy Goodman | Nancy Krigner |
| Health & God’s blessings for the Elieff & Krigner family | Nancy Krigner |
| Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends | Joe Tome |
| Special Intention | Joe Tome |

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

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| Dimitrios Nedanis, Theodora, Kosta, Evangelia, Nicholaos, Germanos, Elias & Prosia | Lena Bakousidis |
| In memory of Charles Jernigan (10 yrs.) | Mom, Dad & Charlie |

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

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| In memory of Charles Jernigan, son of Dennis & Sharon Jernigan | Mom, Dad & Charlie |
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WELCOME to all our friends and visitors! Welcome to everyone 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](#) [Assumption Church](#) or [Dormition Monastery](#) for their livestreams.

DORMITION FAST begins on August 1 and continues to August 14. As is the custom at our parish, the Moleben to the Mother of God will be served in her shrine on Sundays after Liturgy beginning on August 1 and continuing to August 15. Take the time to come before her icon at the shrine and ask her intercession for your and your family’s needs. At the conclusion of the service you will be anointed with the myrrh from the myrrh-streaming Hawaiian icon of our Lady of Iveron.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL will be held August 17, 18 & 19 and will be hosted by St. Mary Magdalene this year. **We need people to volunteer** – whether you have children participating or not. Please let Popadia Lisa know if you would like to volunteer. Registration forms are in the narthex.

 **COFFEE, DONUTS & DESSERTS** are provided today by Sharon & Dennis Jernigan in memory of their son, Charles Jernigan (10 yrs.).

PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES at ST. MARY MAGDALENE for the Transfiguration of our Lord on Thursday, August 5th Vespers will be at 6 pm and Friday, August 6th Transfiguration Liturgy will be at 10 am. You may bring fruit to be blessed after Liturgy on Friday as well as on Sunday, August 8th at St. Nicholas.

EDUCATION DAY video at St Vladimir Seminary can be viewed at [this link](#). In the description, click on “Show More” which will give the timestamps for the various talks. Click on the time and you will be taken to that talk. Archbishop Alexander’s talk on the Theophania School: the Jewish roots of Orthodox spirituality can be viewed [here](#) and Fr. Silviu Bunta’s talk on the Old and New Testaments can be viewed [here](#).

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FORUM The link given last week for the video recordings of each session and some of the presentations that are available online was incorrect. All of that can be found [here](#) (<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BPQ6h7LZkvJuGSwKavS49OF-GPUN1TRq>) to the Parish Development Forum 2021 Google doc folder. This will take you to videos and some presentations from the general sessions and the track sessions: Personal Spiritual Resilience, Back-to-Better-Parish, Being Fishers of Men.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW in our church parking lot on Sunday, August, 15th. Hotdogs, hamburgers & pop will be provided.

SHRINE FEAST OUTDOOR LITURGY & PARISH PICNIC Sunday, August 22nd. The menu for lunch is lamb/chicken, rice, coleslaw, vegetable, bread & dessert. Tickets are available now and are \$15 adult & \$8 children. Please purchase tickets from Sharon Jernigan before the 22nd to ensure there is enough food.

FLOWERS FOR THE SHRINE FEAST If you would like to donate toward the cost of the flower blanket for the celebration of the Theotokos on August 22nd, please contact the office or put your donation in the offering plate. The cost is \$125.

18th ANNUAL ELIAS D. CHINONIS GOLF CLASSIC August 23rd at Pine Knob Golf Course. This golf outing is being coordinated by Assumption & you can direct any questions to John Kaloydis at 810-922-2047 or jekaloydis@comcast.net. Look at the flyer for details.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 – 3 this week. ***The office hours for the week of August 8th are: Wed., Aug. 11, Thurs., Aug. 12 & Friday, Aug. 13 from 9 to 3 (Closed Monday, Aug. 9 & Tuesday, Aug. 10).**

CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS email to the office at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or call in.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today beginning of the Dormition Fast

Monday, August 2 *Father in Toledo*

Wednesday, August 4

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Adult education – kontakion “On Elijah” by St Romanos the Melodist

Thursday, August 5

6 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St. Mary Magdalene

Friday, August 6
10 am

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
Pan-Orthodox Liturgy @ St. Mary. Blessing of fruit after Liturgy

Saturday, August 7

5 pm [Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Sunday, August 8

9:30 am

Hours

10 am [Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Moleben to the Mother of God at the Shrine - anointing with myrrh from the myrrh-streaming Hawaiian Icon of our Lady of Iveron
Blessing of fruit

Offerings for the week July 25th, 2021

51 persons in attendance on July 25th

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| <i>Weekly Offerings</i> | \$ 1,455.22 |
| <i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i> | \$ 3,104.00 |
| | \$ -1,648.78 |