

August 11, 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, AUGUST 11, 2024 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration.) Holy Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus (Euplius) of Catania (304). Martyrs Basil and Theodore of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 1098). St. Theodosius (Prince Theodore of Ostrog) of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 1438). Virgin Martyr Susanna and those with her: Martyrs Gaius, Pope of Rome, Presbyter Gabinus, his brother and the father of Susanna, Maximus, Claudius, and his wife Praepedigna and their sons Alexander and Cutias (295-296). St. Néphon, Patriarch of Constantinople (Mt. Athos – 1515).

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!

The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightning lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. (*Psalm 76:17-18*)

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

You are clothed with honor and majesty, who cover Yourself with light as with a garment. (*Psalm 103:2*)

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

Mount Sion, in the far north, the city of the Great King! (*Psalm 47:2*) **O Son of God transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

And He brought them to the mountain of His sanctuary, this mountain which His right hand had won! (*Psalm 77:58*) **O Son of God transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

The Mount Sion which He loved, He built as His sanctuary with mighty strength. (*Psalm 77:73-74*) **O Son of God transfigured on the mountain, 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 was 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

Those who trust in the Lord – like Mount Sion, will not be shaken to the age. (*Psalm 124:1*) **Tone 7** You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You!

Mountains – around her, and the Lord around his people from now and until the age. You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God...

Lord, who will dwell beside you in your tabernacle? Or who will tabernacle in your holy mountain? (*Psalm 14:1*) You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God...

Who will up to the mountain of the Lord? Or who will stand in his holy place? (*Psalm 23:3*) You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God...

TROPARIA

Tone 6 The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Your grave, / seeking Your most pure body. / You captured hell, not being tempted by it. / You came to the Virgin, granting life. / O Lord, Who rose from the dead, // glory to You.

Tone 7 You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You!

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 You were transfigured, O Christ God, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold You crucified, they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that You are truly the Radiance of the Father!

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 EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (15:1-7)

Brethren: we then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Alleluia, Tone 6

v: The one who dwells in the help of the Most High, in the shelter of the God of heaven will be abiding. (*Psalm 90:1*)

v: He will say to the Lord, You are the one who takes hold of me and my refuge, my God, and I will hope in him. (*Psalm 90:2*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Psalm 148:1*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health, blessings & peace for all of my family

Lucy Hogg

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome



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](#).

Aug 11 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Angelo Panoff

Aug 18 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie Price

HOURS: Phil Wiles

READER: Katherine Gonser

COFFEE SOCIAL Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a sign up sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate and/or serve.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Steve Timofeev, diocesan treasurer, recommended Mike Fioritto, CPA to assist with QuickBooks to include the Stifel account (endowment fund). He spent much time organizing QuickBooks. Please see "Financial Status" section. Church school will begin in September. As far as building and grounds, everything is going smoothly - general maintenance. The new rail on the steps at the front doors is a great addition and is being put to good use. Parish picnic is Sunday, August 18 and an email will be sent reminding everyone about the tasks that need to be done for which your help is needed. Dinners will be prepped in containers and it will be self-serve for the pre-portioned coleslaw and bread. Nominating committee will meet on Saturday, September 14 at 3:30 pm.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

At the parish council meeting it was observed that from January to July 2024 there have been only three months when income exceeded expenses. The other four months, expenses exceeded income. Every January there is a large portion persons who make tithes and offerings for the entire year. The Grand Blanc Property account which has \$13,000 can be used to fill in the deficit for a limited amount of time. In 2022 the average for tithes and offerings was \$4,000 per week. In 2024 the average for tithes and offerings is \$2,000 per week and sometimes less. Some faithful givers have moved away or fallen asleep in the Lord. Ideally, proportionate giving means giving a percentage of income. (A tithe is 10%). Please be consistent in your giving and give as you are able.

36th ANNUAL DORMITION MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE August 14-15. The guest speaker will be His Eminence Archbishop Daniel. Archbishop Alexander, Archbishop Nathaniel and Bishop Andrei will be in attendance. Look at the flier for more details.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED Thursday, Aug. 15 at 1 pm for pavilion clean-up & Saturday, Aug 17 at 10 am to set up the pavilion for the Liturgy! Volunteers are needed to break-down the pavilion after Liturgy on Sunday! There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for those who can help and for dinners

OUTDOOR LITURGY, SHRINE FEAST & DANCE Sunday, August 18th. The menu for lunch is lamb/chicken, rice, coleslaw, vegetable, & bread. Tickets are \$20 adult & \$9 children. **Please purchase them from Sharon Jernigan by the 11th to ensure there is enough food for everyone.** We are looking for donors for the lambs we'll be cooking! Please consider donating the cost of a whole lamb or making a partial donation. *Skimos Band will play from 2-6 pm.*

MEETING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS for the picnic will be on Tuesday, August 13 at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Please call Lena at 810-919-9184 if you are not able to attend.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet on Saturday, September 14, at 3:30 pm in the fellowship hall. An email has been sent out with the details.

OFFICE HOURS this week are Monday from 9-3. **Closed Wednesday & Friday.****

DORMITION FAST began 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 Sunday, August 4 and continuing to August 11. 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.

CEMETERY SEXTON needed for St. Nicholas' cemetery. Duties include but not limited to: flagging location of grave for burials & checking cemetery conditions monthly.

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

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 a little extra to your donation to cover the fee we are charged. 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:

Today @ 12:30 pm Moleben to the Mother of God at the shrine
Deadline to buy or reserve tickets for the shrine feast picnic

Monday, August 12 Fr Matthew in Toledo

Tuesday, August 13

6 pm Meeting for picnic & dance volunteers in the fellowship hall
6 pm Prayer service at St. Mary Magdalene for the sick & suffering

Wednesday, August 14 *Office Closed

6 pm No Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas
pan-Orthodox Vespers at Assumption
6 pm Vigil of the feast with Lamentations at Dormition Monastery

Thursday, August 15 DORMITION OF THEOTOKOS

10 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy at Assumption
1 pm Pavilion clean-up

AT DORMITION MONASTERY

9 am Akathist, 3rd & 6th Hours, procession
10 am Pontifical Liturgy - guest of honor: Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest
Archbishop Alexander will also serve at the Liturgy
2:30 pm Mystery of Holy Unction
5:30 pm Vespers
6:30 pm Supper

Friday, August 16 *Office Closed

Saturday, August 17

10 am Set-up for Liturgy/picnic
[5 pm Vespers - live-streamed](#) Confessions

Sunday, August 18 FEAST OF THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF IVERON

[9:15 am Hours live-streamed on Facebook](#)
[9:45 am Procession](#)
[10 am Divine Liturgy-live-streamed on Facebook](#)
Picnic
2 - 6 pm Dance

Offerings for the week August 4, 2024

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,609.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -1,771.00

54 persons in attendance on August 4