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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!**

TROPARIA FOR THE PROCESSION OF THE ICON OF OUR LADY OF IVERON

Tone 1 (Dormition) In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

Tone 1 (Mother of God of Iveron) We faithfully honor thine august icon / O Lady, Virgin of the Portal, / for it miraculously hath come by sea unto thy flock / and is a sacred source of sanctification / and a dwelling place of thy glory. / And from it thou dost pour forth gifts upon them that cry to thee with love: / Glory to thy wonders, / O pure maiden! / Glory to thy providence! // Glory to thine abundant goodness towards us!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 8. Afterfeast of the Dormition.

Martyr Agathonicus of Nicomedia and his companions: Martyrs Zoticus, Theoprepus, Acindynus, Severian, Zeno, and others who suffered under Maximian (4th c.). Hieromartyr Athanasius, Bishop of Tarsus in Cilicia, Ven. Anthusa—Nun, and her servants, Martyrs Charesimus and Neophytus (3rd c.). Virgin Martyr Eulalia of Barcelona and the Martyr Felix (ca. 303). Shrine Feast of our Lady of Iveron (established by Archbishop Kyrill for our shrine)

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! // sing of His name, give glory to His praise! (*Psalm 65/66:2*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name! // make known His deeds among the nations! (*1 Chronicles 16:8*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

In the city of the Lord of hosts; // in the city of our God! (*Psalm 47/48:8*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

His sanctuary is in the city of peace, // and His dwelling in Sion! (*Psalm 75/76:2*) **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

The Lord loves the gates of Zion // more than all the dwellings of Jacob! (*Psalm 86/87:2*) **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

Glorious things are spoken of you, // O City of our God! (*Psalm 86/87:3*) **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

God has established her forever! // We have thought upon Thy mercy, O God, in the midst of Thy people! (*Psalm 47/48:8-9*) **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!**

The Most High has sanctified // His tabernacle! (*Psalm 45/46:4*) **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! 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 didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready! I will sing and give praise to Thy glory! (*Psalm 107/108:1*) **Tone 1** In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? (*Psalm 115/116:12*) In giving birth ...

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. (*Psalm 115:4*) In giving birth ...

TROPARIA

Tone 8 Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

Tone 1 In giving birth you preserved your virginity. / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, // and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death.

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 2 Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, / who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, // she was translated to life by the One Who dwelt in her virginal womb.

The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God! (*Psalm 75:10a*)

v. **In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.** (*Psalm 75:1*)

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (3:9-

17) Brethren: we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw -- each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. **Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!** (*Psalm 94:1*)

v. **Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

(*Psalm 94:2*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (14:22-34) At that time Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I¹; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

The holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31 (9th Matins Gospel)

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

OUR LADY OF IVERON (commemorated on February 12)

During the reign of Emperor Theophilus (829-842) the Byzantine Empire raged with the heresy of iconoclasm. In accordance with the emperor's command, thousands of soldiers pillaged the empire, searching every corner, city, and village for hidden icons. Near the city of Nicaea there lived a certain pious widow who had concealed an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos. Before long the soldiers discovered it, and one of them thrust his spear into the image.

But by God's grace his terrible deed was overshadowed by a miracle: blood flowed forth from the wound on the face of the Mother of God. The frightened soldiers quickly fled. The widow spent the whole night in vigil, praying before the icon of the Most Holy Theotokos. In the morning, according to God's will, she took the icon to the sea and cast it upon the water. The holy icon stood upright on the waves and began to sail westward.

Time passed, and one evening the monks of the Iveron Monastery on Mt. Athos beheld a pillar of light, shining upon the sea like the sun (ca. 1004). The miraculous image lasted several days, while the fathers of the Holy Mountain gathered together, marveling. Finally they descended to the edge of the sea, where they beheld the pillar of light standing above the icon of the Theotokos. But when they approached it, the icon moved farther out to sea.

At that time a Georgian monk named Gabriel was laboring at the Iveron Monastery. The Theotokos appeared to the fathers of the Holy Mountain and told them that Gabriel alone was worthy to retrieve the holy icon from the sea. At the same time, she appeared to Gabriel and told him, "Enter the sea, and walk out upon the waves with faith, and all will witness my love and mercy for your monastery."

¹ "I AM" the same words the Son of God spoke to Moses at the burning bush in Exodus 3:14

The monks of Mt. Athos found Gabriel at the Georgian monastery and led him down to the sea, chanting hymns, and censing with holy incense. Gabriel walked out upon the water as though upon dry land, took the icon in his arms, and obediently carried it back to shore. This miracle occurred on Bright Tuesday.

While the monks were celebrating a paraklesis of thanksgiving, a cold, sweet spring miraculously gushed forth from the ground where the icon stood. Afterwards they took the icon to a church and set it down in the sanctuary with great reverence.

But the next morning one of the monks came to light a lamp and discovered that the icon was no longer where they had left it; now it was hanging on a wall near the entrance gate. The disbelieving monks took it down and returned it to the sanctuary, but the next day the icon was again found at the monastery gate. This miracle recurred several times, until the Most Holy Virgin appeared to Gabriel, saying, "Announce to the brothers that from this day they should not carry me away. For what I desire is not to be protected by you; rather I will overshadow you, both in this life and in the age to come. As long as you see my icon in the monastery, the grace and mercy of my Son shall never be lacking!"

Filled with exceeding joy, the monks erected a small church near the monastery gate to glorify the Most Holy Theotokos and placed the wonder-working icon inside. The holy icon came to be known as the "Iveron Mother of God" and, in Greek, Portaitissa. By the grace of the miraculous Iveron Icon of the Theotokos, many miracles have taken place and continue to take place throughout the world. oca.org

The icon is special to our parish because, like the icon, many of the founders of the parish crossed the seas to come to a new home. Fr. Raphael Biernacki of blessed memory commissioned Fr. Theodore Jurewicz to paint the icon of our Lady of Iveron which is now in the shrine which was constructed in 1981. The Sunday after Dormition was established by the late Archbishop Kyrill as the shrine feast when we celebrate the outdoor Liturgy.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

God's blessings for good health to our grandkids Avery, Rachel, Jason, Olivia,

Angela, Ellie & Anna as they head back to school for this coming year. Continued
good health to baby James and his parents

Baba & Dedo

God's blessings for good health to all the Panoffs, Gonsers, Aleksoffs and all other
relatives & friends

Angelo & Christine

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

"Lord I love the beauty of thy house" Ps. 26; Memory Eternal Rose Goodman (2 yrs.)

Steve Goodman

Rade Beslach (6 mo.) Bog da prosti

Bosa Kantar

Rose Goodman Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal (2 yrs. Aug 27)

Dorothy Goodman

Blessed Repose to our grandson Andrew (3 yrs. Aug 18) & grandson Matthew

Baba & Dedo



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.

FROM OUR CHOIR – Choir rehearsals will resume on Sunday, September 12 at 9 am in the back classroom. Please consider joining us at rehearsals & services & becoming part of the choir, as we need new singers. Music is a ministry of the church. We sing as a community of singers and our hearts are welcoming you all.

DIOCESAN CATECHIST, TEACHER, & DEACON'S PROGRAM Archbishop Alexander has blessed for our Diocese an online catechist, church school teacher, and diaconal vocations program headed by Fr Silviu Bunta and Fr Bogdan Bucur. *Registration deadline is October 1. If you would like details or to register, please see Fr. Matthew.*

FLOWERS for the Dormition of the Mother of God were donated by Joan Gajewski in memory of her father, John & mother, Virginia Kelyman and her sister Virginia Landry and by the Akkerman family.

DONUTS We need someone to pick up donuts at B & J Donuts, 4021 Richfield Rd., Flint before Liturgy on August 29 & September 5. Please call the office at 810-744-0070 if you can help with this.

OFFICE HOURS are: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9 to 3. Next week the office will be closed on Monday, August 30th but will be open on Wednesday & Friday 9-3.

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

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Trisagion for Archpriest Raphael Biernacki (15 year memorial)

Monday, August 23 leavetaking of the Dormition of the Mother of God

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, August 25

11:15 am No Divine Liturgy
Adult education – kontakion “On Elijah” by St. Romanos the Melodist

Friday, August 27

11 am 40 day memorial for Dina Salhab-Tasevska at church then at Evergreen Cemetery
2:30 pm 2 year memorial for Rose Goodman at Great Lakes National Cemetery

Saturday, August 28

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

Sunday, August 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist – fast day

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel

Offerings for the week August 15, 2021

54 persons in attendance on August 15

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 3,378.98
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ + 274.98