

August 25, 2024

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America

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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 25, 2024 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. Return of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to Lipari (6th c.). Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, Bishop of Crete (1st c.). Ss. Barses and Eulogius, Bishops of Edessa, and St. Protogenes, Bishop of Carrhæ, Confessors (4th c.). St. Menas, Patriarch of Constantinople (536-552).

TROPARIA

Tone 8 You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, 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 4 By your nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: the barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

The prokeimenon in the eighth tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God! (*Psalm 75:10a*)

v. **God is known in Judea, in Israel great is his name.** (*Psalm 75:1*)

THE READING IS FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY 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, raise a great shout to God our savior.** (*Psalm 94:1*)

v. **Let us come before his Face in confession, and in psalms let us raise a great shout to him.** (*Psalm 94:2*)

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT 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 I; 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.

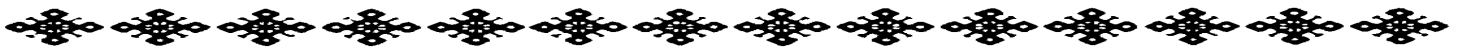
COMMUNION HYMN

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

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.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

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

Special Intention

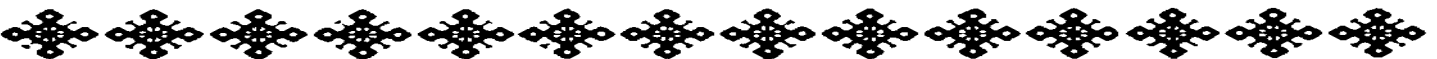
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Memory Eternal Rose Goodman (5 yrs. Aug. 27)

Goodman 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](#).

Aug 25 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff

HOURS: Angelo Panoff

READER: Phil Wiles

Sept 1 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Barry Cavett

READER: Alexander Gonser

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by the Pyatenko family in loving memory of Vladimir (1 yr., Aug. 15) & Zina Pyatenko. 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.

PLEASE PRAY for those who will be made catechumens before the Liturgy today: **Adam & Cassandra Cecilia Lang**. This enrollment in the catechumenate God-willing will lead to their being received into the Church. They join our catechumens **Steven Krych, Sharon Krych, Victoria Krych, and Michael Donigan**. Please keep them all in your prayers and introduce yourselves to them!

CLASSIC CAR SHOW in our church parking lot on Sunday, August, 25 from 3-6 pm. Hamburgers & drinks will be provided.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Reader Alexander Gonser after the Divine Liturgy *will resume on September 8*. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES *resume on Wednesday, September 4 at 11:15 am*. Wednesday at 11:15 am. We are continuing with [*Psalms and the Life of Faith*](#) by Elder Aimilianos looking at twelve of the one hundred and fifty Psalms.

CHURCH SCHOOL *resumes on Sunday, September 15 with prayers and a blessing for our students and teachers.*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet on Saturday, September 14 at 3:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Emails were sent to the committee members with the details. The members of the committee are Cathy Edwards, Charles Jernigan, Christine Panoff, and J. Joseph Tome.

SHRINE FEAST & PARISH PICNIC **God bless everyone who helped in any way to make the outdoor Liturgy, picnic and dance such a blessed time together!** A special thanks to Lena and Gerry Bakousidis who headed up the kitchen and to Michael Serra who brought in equipment to brush hog the back lot. It was a blessing to worship together, see so many people and visit and enjoy food and music together by the intercessions of our Lady.

THE MACEDONIAN OPEN COMMITTEE would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's golf outing. Whether you golfed, donated money, a gift or your time, sponsored a sign, or joined us for dinner, we could not do it without your help! We are happy to announce that this year's Macedonian Open was again one of our most successful! Our profit for the Church's Capital Improvement Fund is a little more than \$20,000. There are several projects that need to be done: the boiler project is ongoing as we update the old pneumatic lines to make the boiler operate efficiently; the air-compressor for the boiler will need to be replaced; the A/C for the office area is over 30 years old and needs to be replaced; the bell tower and church dome both need to be painted. Thanks again to everyone!

Thank you to the Macedonian Open committee members for their efforts - Chris Nedanis, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, George Branoff, and Peter Branoff.

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](#) to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services. [Livestreams begin at 9:30 with Hours.](#)

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9-3.

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 after Liturgy, 1 yr. parastas for Vladimir Pyatenko
3-6 pm Classic Car Show in the church parking lot - hamburgers and drinks provided

Tuesday, August 27
6 pm pan-Orthodox clergy brotherhood dinner meeting

Wednesday, August 28
[9:30 am](#) [Divine Liturgy](#) served by Fr Michael Bassett and singing led by Fr Matthew

Thursday, August 29 *Fr Matthew in Toledo*

Friday, August 30 *Fr Matthew in Toledo*

Saturday, August 31

5 pm [Vespers - live-streamed](#) *Confessions*

Sunday, Sept. 1 **New Church Year**

9:15 am [Hours live-streamed](#)

10 am [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)

Offerings for the week August 18, 2024

<i>Weekly Tithes & Offerings</i>	\$ 14,011.40
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ 9,631.40

95 persons in attendance on August 18