

*August 29, 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 29, 2021 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 1. The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John . Venerable Theodora and her daughter Theopiste (9th c.). Deposition of the Holy Relics of St. Joseph Samakos the Sanctified (1669). St. Arkadios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Arsinoe, Cyprus (4th c.).**

**TROPARIA**

**Tone 1** When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! // Glory to Your dispensation, O You Who love mankind!”

**Tone 2** The remembrance of the righteous is with praises / but to you, Forerunner, the testimony of the Lord will suffice, /for you were truly shown more venerable even than the prophets, / since you were found worthy to baptize in the streams the One proclaimed. / Therefore, striving on behalf of the Truth, / rejoicing you preached also to those in hell God manifested in the flesh // who takes up the sin of the world and grants us great mercy.

**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** Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, / Adam and Eve from the corruption of death, / in your holy nativity, O Pure One. / Your people also celebrate it, / delivered from the servitude of errors, as they cry out to you: // The barren one bears the Birthgiver of God and nourisher of our life.

**The prokeimenon in the seventh tone: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord / and shall hope in Him. (Ps 63/64:10)**

**v: Hear my voice, O God, when I pray to You! (Ps 63/64:1)**

**THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (13:25-32)** In those days, as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.’ Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him. And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and

laid Him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead. He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. And we declare to you glad tidings – that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus.

#### **Tone 4 Alleluia**

**v: The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.** (*Ps 91/92:12*)

**v: They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.** (*Ps 91/92:13*)

#### **THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (6:14-30)**

At that time King Herod heard of Jesus, for His name had become well known. And he said, “John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.” Others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets.” But when Herod heard, he said, “This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!” For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife; for he had married her. Because John had said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. And when Herodias’ daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, “Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you.” He also swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom.” So she went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist!” Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb. Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught.

**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 21:1-14 (10th Matins Gospel)**

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We are going with you also.” They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, “Children, have you any food?” They answered Him, “No.” And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast, and

now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.” Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, “Come and eat breakfast.” Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?” – knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

**The beheading of the holy glorious prophet, forerunner, and Baptist John (August 29)** The divine Baptist, the Prophet born of a Prophet, the seal of all the Prophets and beginning of the Apostles, the mediator between the Old and New Covenants, the voice of one crying in the wilderness, the God-sent Messenger of the incarnate Messiah, the forerunner of Christ's coming into the world (Esaias 40: 3; Mal. 3: 1); who by many miracles was both conceived and born; who was filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb; who came forth like another Elias the Zealot, whose life in the wilderness and divine zeal for God's Law he imitated: this divine Prophet, after he had preached the baptism of repentance according to God's command; had taught men of low rank and high how they must order their lives; had admonished those whom he baptized and had filled them with the fear of God, teaching them that no one is able to escape the wrath to come if he do not works worthy of repentance; had, through such preaching, prepared their hearts to receive the evangelical teachings of the Savior; and finally, after he had pointed out to the people the very Savior, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world" (Luke 3:2-18; John 1: 29-36), after all this, John sealed with his own blood the truth of his words and was made a sacred victim for the divine Law at the hands of a transgressor.

This was Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch of Galilee, the son of Herod the Great. This man had a lawful wife, the daughter of Arethas (or Aretas), the King of Arabia (that is, Arabia Petraea, which had the famous Nabatean stone city of Petra as its capital. This is the Aretas mentioned by Saint Paul in II Cor. 11:32). Without any cause, and against every commandment of the Law, he put her away and took to himself Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, to whom Herodias had borne a daughter, Salome. He would not desist from this unlawful union even when John, the preacher of repentance, the bold and austere accuser of the lawless, censured him and told him, "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife" (Mark 6: 18). Thus Herod, besides his other unholy acts, added yet this, that he apprehended John and shut him in prison; and perhaps he would have killed him straightway, had he not feared the people, who had extreme reverence for John. Certainly, in the beginning, he himself had great reverence for this just and holy man. But finally, being pierced with the sting of a mad lust for the woman Herodias, he laid his defiled hands on the teacher of purity on the very day he was celebrating his birthday. When Salome, Herodias' daughter, had danced in order to please him and those who were supping with him, he promised her -- with an oath more foolish than any foolishness -- that he would give her anything she asked, even unto the half of his kingdom. And she, consulting with her mother, straightway asked for the head of John the Baptist in a charger. Hence this transgressor of the Law, preferring his lawless oath above the precepts of the Law, fulfilled this godless promise and filled his loathsome banquet with the blood of the Prophet. So it was that that all-venerable head, revered by the Angels, was given as a prize for an abominable dance, and became the plaything of the dissolute daughter of a debauched mother. As for the body of the divine Baptist, it was taken up by his disciples and placed in a tomb (Mark 6: 21 - 29). Concerning the finding of his holy head, see February 24 and May 25. [goarch.org](http://goarch.org)

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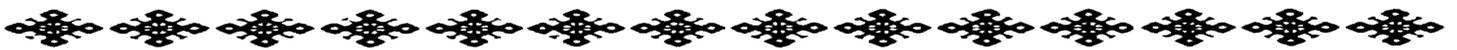


**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Gerry & Lena, Angela & Joe, Philip, Kelly, Alana, Izzy & Andy	Lena Bakousidis
Health & blessings for my family	Lucy Hogg
God's blessings & good health to Joe Tome and his beautiful choir	Connie
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

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Archpriest Raphael Biernacki (15 yrs.) Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal	Dorothy Goodman
Dina Salhab Tasevska	Lena Grousopoulos
Rade Beslach (6 mo.) Bog da prosti	Bosa Kantar
Theodora, Eleni, Evangelia & Dina	Lena Bakousidis
Blessed Repose to our grandsons Andrew & 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.

**GOD BLESS** everyone who helped make our outdoor Liturgy and picnic such a joyful time! God bless all those who cleaned the pavilion, arranged and covered the picnic tables, put down the carpets and chairs, shopped for the lambs, tied them up, cooked, carved and served them with the chicken, those who donated green beans, rice, coleslaw, desserts, pop, and more and God bless those who helped set up everything for the Liturgy from the altar to the choir stands, and all who worked on such a sweltering day in preparing, serving the food, and the clean-up afterwards. God repay you with His manifold blessings!

**COFFEE SOCIAL** is donated today in memory of Andrew and Matthew Panoff by their grandparents, Christine and Angelo Panoff.

**MEMORY ETERNAL - CHRIST IS RISEN** Beverly Houser, mother of Dave Houser, fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, August 21. You may read her obituary at [www.swartzfuneralhomeinc.com/obituary/beverly-houser](http://www.swartzfuneralhomeinc.com/obituary/beverly-houser). Please remember her and her husband Robert and all her family in your prayers. May Beverly rest in the light of Christ's face and her memory be eternal. Christ is risen!

**PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL** was hosted by St Mary Magdalene Church August 17, 18, and 19. From their Facebook page: "Glory to God for such a blessed Vacation Church School this year! The theme was 'My Orthodox Tool-Kit.' Our kids either made or were given each item they need to make their own prayer corners at home. They learned how each of these Holy items are used at home and in the church. Thank God for all the teens and adult volunteers who made this possible. Tool-Kit includes: Icon of their patron saint, candle, incense and charcoal, holy water, holy oil, a cross, a prayer book."

**2021 MACEDONIAN OPEN** The Macedonian Open committee would like to thank all of our golfers, sponsors, volunteers and gift donors who contributed to making this year's even a huge success! We could not have done the golf outing without all of your help. We are happy to report that despite all of the many challenges of dealing with Covid-19, this was the most successful golf outing in our 40 year history!

We are proud to announce that we made a profit of \$24,216. Once again, the funds will be used for major building improvements to help keep our beloved St. Nicholas church in prime condition for many years to come. Thanks again and may God bless all of you! *The Macedonian Open Golf Committee*

**OFFICE HOURS** this week are: **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](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) or call.

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, August 30** *Father in Toledo*

**Wednesday, September 1 - THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Adult education - kontakion "On the Nativity of the Mother of God" by St. Romanos

**Thursday, September 2**

9 am-1 pm North End Soup Kitchen

**Saturday, September 4**

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

**Sunday, September 5**

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours

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

***Offerings for the week August 22, 2021***

*86 persons in attendance on August 22  
over 100 persons for the picnic*

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,438.12
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	<b>\$ -1,665.88</b>