

August 8, 2021

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

*Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America • 2143 S. Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519*

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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 8, 2021 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Transfiguration. St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzikus (813-820). Ven. Gregory the Iconographer, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Zosimas and Sabbatius of Solovétsky Monastery (1566). St. Myron, Bishop of Crete (ca. 350). Martyrs Eleutherius and Leonidas of Constantinople, and many infants martyred with them. Ven. Gregory of Sinai (and Mt. Athos—14th c.). The “TOLGA” Icon of the Mother of God (1314).**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise!

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

The crash of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind; Thy lightning lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

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

Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment.

**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 Zion, in the far north, the city of the Great King! **O Son of God who wast transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

And He brought them to the mountain of His holiness, this mountain which His right hand had won! **O Son of God who wast transfigured on the mount, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!**

The Mount Zion which He loved, He fashioned for His holy abode. **O Son of God who wast transfigured on the mount, 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**

**Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever! (Tone 7)** Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

**As the mountains are round about Him, so the Lord is round about His people, from this time forth and forevermore. (Tone 7)** Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

**O Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tent? Who shall dwell on Thy holy hill? (Tone 7)** Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

**Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? (Tone 7)** Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

### **TROPARIA**

**(Tone 6)** The angelic powers were at Thy tomb the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

**(Tone 7)** Thou wast transfigured on the Mount, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

**(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 Sixth Tone: O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance! (Psalm 27:9)**

v. **To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me. (Psalm 27:1)**

### **THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (15:1-7)**

*Brethren:* We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

*Alleluia, Tone 6*

v: **He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the God of heaven. (Psalm 90:1)**

v: **He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust!" (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! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (*Psalms 147:1*)

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

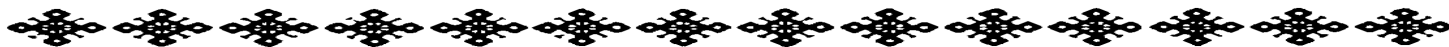
Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples 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.

### **THE SYNAXARION**

On August 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the divine Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Verse:** Tabor was glorified above earth's every region / When it looked upon God's nature shining in glory.  
On the sixth Christ transformed His form as a man. This glorious event is recorded in the Gospels of Mark (9:2-13), Luke (9:28-36 in Matins) and Matthew (17:1-9 in Liturgy). In the third year of His preaching, the Lord Jesus often spoke to His disciples of His approaching passion and His glorious Resurrection. So that His impending passion would not totally weaken His disciples, the All-wise Savior wanted to show them His divine glory before His passion on the Holy Cross. (This is why we sing the Katavasia of the Holy Cross on this day.) For that reason, He took Peter, James and John with Him and went out at night to Mount Tabor. The Lord took only three disciples on Tabor because the Lord did not want to leave the unworthy Judas alone at the foot of the mountain so that the betrayer would not, by that, justify his betrayal. Our Lord was transfigured on a mountain and not in a valley to teach us two virtues: love of labor and godly-thoughts. For, climbing to the heights required labor and height represents the heights of our thoughts, i.e., godly-thoughts. Moses and Elijah appeared in order to destroy the erroneous thought that the Christ is one of the prophets; that is why He appears as a King above the prophets and that is why Moses and Elijah appear as His servants. Until then, our Lord manifested His divine power many times to the disciples but, on Mount Tabor, He manifested His divine nature. This vision of His Divinity and the hearing of the heavenly witness about Him as the Son of God would serve the disciples in the days of the Lord's passion, in strengthening of an unwavering faith in Him and His final victory. Unto Christ God be glory and dominion unto the ages. Amen. *The celebration of the feast continues until August 13.*

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

For salvation, peace & comfort of Rick Ford

Les & Susie Ford

God's blessings for good health & a safe trip to our kids and grandkids

Angelo & Christi

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

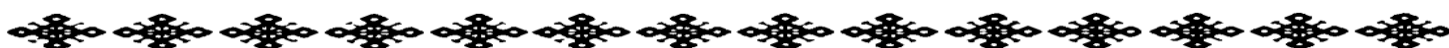
Special Intention

Joe Tome

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

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.

**DORMITION FAST** 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 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.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL** will meet on August 10 @ 6:30 pm. Please call or email the parish office if you are unable to attend this meeting.

**FROM OUR CHOIR** - Choir rehearsals are every Sunday 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.

**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.



**COFFEE & DONUTS** are provided today by Linda Branoff in memory of her dad, Tom Branoff (2 yrs.)

**SHRINE FEAST OUTDOOR LITURGY & PARISH PICNIC** Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> or call the office to ensure there is enough food. Volunteers are needed Saturday after Vespers to set up the pavilion for Sunday's Liturgy! Volunteers are also needed to break-down the pavilion after Liturgy.

**CLASSIC CAR SHOW** in our church parking lot on Sunday, August, 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Hotdogs, hamburgers & pop will be provided.

**18th ANNUAL ELIAS D. CHINONIS GOLF CLASSIC** August 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:jekaloydis@comcast.net). Look at the flyer for details.

**OFFICE HOURS** this week are: **Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 9 to 3 (Closed Monday, Aug. 9 & Tuesday, Aug. 10).**

**CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS** email to the office at [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) or call in.

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Today** 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

**Monday, August 9** *Father in Toledo*  
**Office Closed**

**Tuesday, August 10**  
6:30 pm Parish Council meeting

**Wednesday, August 11**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am Adult education - kontakion "On Elijah" by St Romanos the Melodist

**Saturday, August 14**  
5 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ Assumption (no Vespers at our church)

**Sunday, August 15** **THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**  
9:30 am Hours  
[10 am Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)  
3 pm Classic Car Show

**Offerings for the week August 1, 2021**

*56 persons in attendance on August 1*

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| Weekly Offerings                  | \$ 3,105.92 |
| Estimated Average Weekly Expenses | \$ 3,104.00 |
|                                   | \$ +1.92    |