

*August 17, 2025*

**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 narthex. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

**Holy Communion – for Orthodox Christians (those received into the Orthodox Church through baptism or chrismation)**, please note that there are specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion – fasting from midnight (unless you need to take medication) and recent Confession. 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

**For our visitors who are not Orthodox Christian:** we welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (antidoron) which will be given when coming forward to receive the final blessing from the priest at the conclusion of the Liturgy. **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 17, 2025 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Afterfeast of the Dormition.** Martyr Myron, Presbyter, of Cyzicus (254). Ven. Alypius, Iconographer of the Kiev Near Caves (Near Caves – 1114). Martyrs Paul and Juliana of Syria (ca. 273). Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius, and Coronatus, with others, at Caesarea in Bithynia (3rd c.). Martyr Patroclus of Troyes (3rd c.). Martyrs Straton, Philip, Eutychian, and Cyprian, of Nicomedia (ca. 303). Bl. Theodoretus, Enlightener of the Lapps (Solovétsky Monastery – 1571).

**1st ANTIPHON**

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth! // sing forth the honor of His name make His praise glorious! (*Psalm 65/66:2*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name! // make known His deeds among the peoples! (*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 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!**

**2nd ANTIPHON**

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

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

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

The Most High has sanctified // His tabernacle! (*Psalm 45/46:4*) **Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, 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 were 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!

**3rd ANTIPHON** O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready! I will sing and give praise to Your glory! (*Ps 107:1*) 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 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 Lover of mankind!"

**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 first tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on You.** (*Psalm 32:22*)

*v.* **Rejoice, O righteous ones, in the Lord. To the upright is due praise.** (*Psalm 32:1*)

### **THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (4:9-**

**16)** Brethren: I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

### **Alleluia, Tone 1**

*v:* **God who gives me vengeance and subdues peoples to me.** (*Psalm 17:48*)

*v:* **Magnifying the salvations of the king, and making mercy to his anointed, to David and to his seed to the age.** (*Psalm 17:51*)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (17:14-23)** At that time a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed.

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

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

Panoff grandchildren going back to school: Rachel, Jason, Olivia, Angela, Ellie, Anna, and James.

Angelo & Christine Panoff

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF**

Grandsons: Andrew and Matthew Panoff and Baby girl Panoff

Angelo & Christine Panoff



**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 17 CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford

**HOURS:** Phil Wiles

**READER:** Madison Green

**Aug 24 CANDLESTAND:** Ian & Stephanie P.

**HOURS:** Barry Cavett

**READER:** Phil Wiles

**FEAST OF OUR SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF IVERON, OUTDOOR LITURGY, & DANCE** Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. *Skimos Band will play from 2-6 pm.*

**SHRINE FEAST FLOWERS** were donated by Angelo and Christine Panoff in memory of their fallen asleep grandchildren Andrew, Matthew and Babygirl Panoff; and all other fallen asleep Panoff and Aleksoff family members.

**MEMORY ETERNAL**

**John Bagale** fell asleep in the Lord in early in the month of August. You may read his obituary [here](#). John is the brother of Roseanne Bagale. He passed away in Colorado following a brief illness. May he rest in the light of Christ's Face!

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE** Meeting opened with prayer at 6:38 pm on Tuesday, August 12. Present: Christopher Taylor, Paul Brayan, Stephanie Price, Eileen Branoff, Bill Economou, Dennis Jernigan, Connie Maxim. Absent: Lena Bakousidis, Tammy Bolinger. *minutes:* Minutes approved as presented. On behalf of the church a gift card, icon of Saint Nicholas, and a certificate of appreciation was given to our outgoing secretary Marcia. *finances:* \$15,000 was transferred from the account with the proceeds from the Lapeer property sale which was done on land contract. There are twelve more years left on the twenty year contract. *endowment:* no report. *rector's report:* The Orthodox Church in America will recognize the autocephaly of the Macedonian Orthodox Church with a primatial Liturgy at Saint Nicholas Cathedral, Washington, DC on September 2. Metropolitan Tikhon will serve with Archbishop Stefan, primate of the Macedonian Church. Archbishop Alexander is unable to attend but will be sending a delegation consisting of chancellor Father Arkady (Migunov), Father Paul G. Monowksi and Father Matthew, members of the diocesan spiritual council. *church school:* begins September 14, Old Testament will be the focus. Stephanie Price will teach high school students and Michelle Gerzevske elementary school. **We need substitute teachers!** Vacation church school was cancelled because only four students registered. *community outreach:* movie night was a success. Bonfire will be a Friday after dinner with s'mores, end of September. *fundraising:* over 100 dinners have been ordered. Six lambs picked up from International Food in Sterling Heights (17 Mile and Dequindre). We need support - persons to help serve, clean-up, etc. Saturday we will need help setting up at 9 am. Comic book convention idea maybe once a quarter in our hall to draw others. *charity ministries:* **North End Soup Kitchen service is Thursday, September 4 from 9 to 12:30. If you have even an hour to help, it is appreciated!** *church building & grounds* Dennis Jernigan is working on the boiler. Filters changed on the rooftop HVAC units. Also cleaned the filters for the AC units in church. Fire inspection was done. Steps on the playground equipment were replaced. Bill Economou installed the power surge unit on electrical unit for the rest of the building. Handrail on the front steps at church was rusted out - it has been taken care of and re-installed. The cost was covered by an anonymous donor. Roofing is leaking on the small kitchen is leaking in the pavilion and in the shrine. Stojan Prusac Jr will take a look at it. Closing prayer at 7:59 pm.

## WE NEED YOU!

- **Assistant choir director trainee.**
- **Livestream** - persons to assist beginning and ending livestreaming of services
- **Maintenance ministry** - persons to assist.
- **church school substitute teacherS and an additional teacher because of the increase in number of students in church school** - please see Stephanie Price.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT please contact the church office (810) 744-0070 if you have any equipment you would like to lend for the tournament which will be returned after the event. The tentative date is September 27, 2025. Please be advised that this date is subject to change. More information will be forthcoming.

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

PAYPAL You can use PayPal for your financial stewardship! Go to our website [www.saintnicholasburton.org](http://www.saintnicholasburton.org) and click on the box [Give now with PayPal](#); this is a secure site. (1.99% + \$0.49 of your donation goes to PayPal as a fee). \*Please consider adding a little extra to your donation to cover the fee we are charged.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today                      **feast of the shrine of our Lady of Iveron**  
9:15 am                    [Hours live-streamed on Facebook](#) (no YouTube livestream)  
9:45 am                    [Procession](#)  
10 am                      [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed on Facebook](#)  
2 - 6 pm                    Picnic  
                                  Dance  
                                  *Father goes to Archbishop Alexander's*

Mon., August 18        *Father returns from Archbishop Alexander's*

Wed., August 20  
9:30 am        [Divine Liturgy](#)

Sat., August 23  
5 pm            [Vespers followed by Confessions](#)

Sunday, August 24  
9:30 am                [Hours live-streamed](#) on YouTube  
10 am                    [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed on YouTube](#)  
1 pm                Blessing for Adam & Cassandra Lang

## Offerings for the week August 10, 2025

<i>Weekly Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>	\$ 1,622.12
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,380.00
	<b>\$ -2,757.88</b>

68 persons in attendance on Aug 10

## UPCOMING PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES

**Monday, September 8**    **Nativity of the Mother of God**  
10 am                      Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church

**Saturday, September 13** **for the elevation of the Cross of the Lord**  
4 pm                      Vespers at St George Church

## **ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA AND THE MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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