

August 31, 2025

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 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!**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3. **The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Mother of God (395-408). The restoration of the church of the Theotokos at Neorion (Neorion). Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage (258). St. Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople (471). St. Aidan, Bishop of Lindesfarne (651).**

TROPARIA

Tone 3 Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down Death by death. He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 8 Ever-Virgin Theotokos, protectress of mankind, / you have given your people a powerful legacy: / the robe and sash of your most honored body which remained / incorrupt throughout your seedless childbearing; / for through you time and nature are renewed! / Therefore we implore you: “Grant peace to your people and to our souls 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 Today your flock celebrates the enshrinement of your precious sash, / and it earnestly cries out to you: / “Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of all Christians!”

The prokeimenon in the third tone: My soul magnifies the Lord / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (*Luke 1:46-47*)

v: For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. (*Luke 1:48*)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (9:1-7)

Brethren, even the first testament had ordinances of divine service and the earthly tabernacle. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the Holies; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, which had the golden censer and the ark of the testament overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the testament; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.

Alleluia, Tone 3

v. In you, O Lord, I hoped, let me not be put to shame to the age. (*Psalms 30:1*)

v. **Become for me a God who shields, and a house of refuge to save me.** (*Psalm 30:3*)

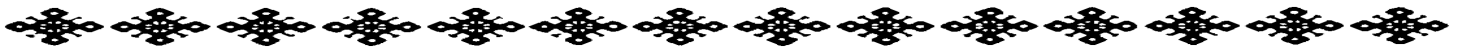
THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (19:16-26) And behold, one of the crowd came up to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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

The holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Recovery of Chase

Bonnie Reno

Sean and Chris

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

Special Intention

Laurie Brock

Lucy Hogg

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF



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 31 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Angelo Panoff

Sept 7 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Staci Shank

READER: Katherine Gonsler

COFFEE SOCIAL Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall for coffee and donuts.

CLASSROOM PREP for CHURCH SCHOOL Stephanie Price and Michelle Gerzevske, our church school teachers, are looking for help to clean and organize the classrooms to get ready for the school year on Sunday September 7th from 1-3. Please, lend a hand!

CHURCH SCHOOL begins classes for the 2025-2026 year on Sunday, September 14. Parents, grandparents, godparents, take note! This year the students will be focusing on the Old Testament.

PLEASE SEE MATUSHKA LISA about the assisting as a greeter, assisting at our 62nd annual diocesan conference October 10 & 11 which our parish is hosting!

62nd ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE will be hosted by our church on Friday, October 10 to Saturday, October 11. Friday, Oct 10th from 6 pm to 8 pm will be a reception at the hotel Best Western Plus Flint Airport Inn & Suites 6075 Hill 23 Dr, Flint, MI 48507. Saturday, Oct. 11th there will be 9:30 am greeting of Archbishop Alexander & Pontifical Divine Liturgy with memorial service. There will be a 1:30 pm business session and Vespers at 5 pm. All other information [here](#).

HISTORIC FILMS Earlier this summer, a cache of films was discovered at the church which date from the 1950s when our church was on Liberty Street and also from the parish picnic. These were from Emil Harrison (1913-2012), lifelong parishioner and long-time parish council president. These films have been digitized and uploaded to our church YouTube channel as one file and can be seen [HERE](#). It is a 49 minute video. Please take the time to watch and look for familiar faces and, if you are a newer member of the church, take a peek back into history with Father Alexander Znamensky, rector from 1944 to 1973, who left Russia during the civil war following the Bolshevik revolution. You will also see Father Paul Kleinschrodt, the first priest ordained in Saint Nicholas Church (in 1954) who served as assistant to Father Znamensky. You will also see many of the faithful from over seventy years ago! Saint Nicholas Church is the oldest parish in our Diocese, founded in 1916 - next year we mark 110 years of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ's incarnation, death, and resurrection.

PROSPHORA SEALS 3 are available at the kiosk. The cost is \$25 each and there is an envelope at each one for you to make your payment and drop in the office or in the collection tray.

PRIMATIAL DIVINE LITURGY The Orthodox Church in America will recognize the autocephaly of the Macedonian Orthodox Church with at this primatial Liturgy at Saint Nicholas Cathedral, Washington, DC. Metropolitan Tikhon will serve with Archbishop Stefan, primate of the Macedonian Church. Archbishop Alexander is unable to attend but is sending a delegation consisting of chancellor Father Arkady (Migunov) and Father Matthew. The myrrh-streaming icon of the Hawaiian Icon of our Lady of Iveron and relics of the recently glorified Saint Olga of Kwethluk will be at the cathedral for veneration that day. A reception will be held at the Macedonian Embassy following the Liturgy. Please check the [OCA Facebook page](#) and www.oca.org for photos and short videos of this historic Liturgy.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS were mailed the week of August 17th for the 1st and 2nd Quarters of 2025 (January to June). Please submit your updated mailing address and phone number(s), birthday, anniversary, and namesdays to LaShonda. Feel free to call the office with any questions (810) 744-00710. Thank you for your cooperation.

OCW MEETING/PRESENTATION will be on Monday, September 22nd at 7:00pm at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Bloomfield Hills. The presenter will be Rev. Gabriel Bilas of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Fenton. His presentation will be about "Hidden Prayers of the Liturgy". Rev. Fr. Gabriel Bilas is a fascinating and compelling speaker well-known to our group.

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.

THE PRODIGAL SON RETREAT will be held September 26-28th at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church 36075 Seven Mile Rd, Livonia, MI. The speakers and retreat leaders are Fr Michael Butler, Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, Fr. Hans Jacobse, St Peter Orthodox Church, Founder of the St Paisios Brotherhood, and Paul Robson, Founder of Maniphesto, a European organization for men's accountability and integrity. All information [here](#).

FELLOWSHIP OF ST. MOSES THE BLACK ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025 St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church, out of Grand Rapids, MI. is hosting the Cross Bearers with the theme "Linking Ancient African Orthodoxy and African American Christianity". The conference will be held on October 10-12th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Rapids Airport, 4747 28th Street SE., Grand Rapids, MI 49512. For more information call (616) 916-0100. Registration [here](#).

OFFICE HOURS are Wednesday & Friday from 9-3.

PAYPAL You can use PayPal for your financial stewardship! Go to our website 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. 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 **Givelify is also available for making online donations.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, September 1 Church New Year - Labor Day
office closed

Wednesday, September 3

no Divine Liturgy
no adult education

Thurs., September 4

9 am North End Soup Kitchen

Sat., September 6

5 pm [Vespers](#)

Sunday, September 7

[9:30 am Hours](#)

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

1 to 3 pm prepare classrooms for school year - your help is needed!

6:30 pm Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos

Offerings for the week August 24, 2025

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,583.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,797.00

82 persons in attendance on Aug 24