

August 6, 2023

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 6, 2023 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8. THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! (*Psalm 65:1*)
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightning lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. (*Psalm 76:17-18*)

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

You are clothed with honor and majesty, who cover Yourself with light as with a garment. (*Psalm 103:2*)

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!

SECOND ANTIPHON

Mount Sion, in the far north, the city of the Great King! (*Psalm 47:2*) **O Son of God transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

And He brought them to the mountain of His sanctuary, this mountain which His right hand had won! (*Psalm 77:58*) **O Son of God transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

The Mount Sion which He loved, He built as His sanctuary with mighty strength. (*Psalm 77:73-74*) **O Son of God transfigured on the mountain, 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 was 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!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Those who trust in the Lord – like Mount Sion, will not be shaken to the age. (*Psalm 124:1*) **Tone 7** You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You!

Mountains – around her, and the Lord around his people from now and until the age. You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God...

Lord, who will dwell beside you in your tabernacle? Or who will tabernacle in your holy mountain?

(*Psalm 14:1*) You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God...

Who will up to the mountain of the Lord? Or who will stand in his holy place? (*Psalm 23:3*) You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God...

THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Deacon: Wisdom! Upright!

Priest: Tabor and Hermon will rejoice in your name. (*Psalm 88:11*) O Son of God who were transfigured on Mount Tabor, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

TROPARION

Tone 7 You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You!

KONTAKION

Tone 7 On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ God, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold You crucified, they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that You are truly the Radiance of the Father!

The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all. (*Psalm 103:26*)

v. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Lord my God, you magnified yourself greatly. (*Psalm 103:1*)

THE READING FROM THE SECOND CATHOLIC EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PETER (1:10-19)

Brethren: be the more zealous to confirm your call and election, for if you do this you will never fall; so there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore I intend always to remind you of these things, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to arouse you by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word confirmed, of which you do well to be mindful as of a lamp that shines in a dark place, until when the Day dawns and the morning Star rises in your hearts.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. Yours are the heavens, and yours is the earth. (*Psalm 88:11a*)

v. Happy the people who knows a great shout. (*Psalm 88:14*)

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (17:1-9)

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor! Your childbearing was without corruption; God came forth from your body clothed in flesh, and appeared on earth and dwelt among men.// Therefore we all magnify you, O Theotokos.

COMMUNION HYMN

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Your countenance, and will exult in Your Name forever. (*Psalm 88:15*) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

INSTEAD OF "We have seen the true Light..." **Tone 7** You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You!

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Oleg, Irina, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey

Irina Sivergina

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Adelaïda & Feodosiy

Irina Sivergina



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 6 CANDLESTAND: Dave Houser **HOURS:** Phil Wiles **READER:** Alexander Gonser

Aug 13 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman **HOURS:** Alexander Gonser **READER:** Kathy Gonser

COFFEE SOCIAL Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a signup sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate and/or serve in the coming weeks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by our parish catechist, Reader Alexander Gonser, takes place on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD on August 6 celebrates Messiah Jesus' transfiguration on Mount Tabor before Peter, James, and John who saw Moses and Elias (Elijah) speaking with the Lord. This occurred forty days before the Lord's crucifixion. On our Church calendar the feast is celebrated forty days before the elevation of the Lord's cross (September 14), The Dormition fast is relaxed on this feast so that we are permitted to have fish, wine, and olive oil. **On Sunday, August 6 please bring fruit to be blessed at the Liturgy here at St Nicholas Church.**

SHRINE FEAST OUTDOOR LITURGY & PARISH PICNIC Sunday, August 20. The menu for lunch is lamb/chicken, rice, coleslaw, vegetable, & bread. Please bring a dessert to pass. **Tickets are \$18 adult & \$9 children and are available.** Please purchase them from Sharon Jernigan by August 13 to ensure there is enough food for everyone. Volunteers are needed Saturday, August 19 at 10 am (signup sheet is in the parish hall) and after Vespers to set up the pavilion for the Liturgy! Volunteers are also needed to break-down the pavilion after Liturgy on Sunday! **Please consider donating the cost of a whole lamb or making a partial donation.**

PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL is on Saturday, August 12 at Saint George Church. A wonderful day is planned for our children to experience and learn about God, his Church, and our life in Christ. Please see the [flier](#) and [registration form](#). Please fill out one registration form per child. **There is also online registration at this link: <https://forms.gle/kMJdsSWvQU7Kr9ox8>.** Registration deadline was July 30.

DORMITION FAST began on August 1 and 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 beginning on August 6 and continuing to August 13. Take the time to come before her icon at the shrine and ask her intercession for your and your family's needs.

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EMERGENCY CONTACTS While Father Matthew is out of town until August 9. Please contact **only for emergencies** Father Peter Bistolarides (Assumption 810-771-4611), Father Gabriel Bilas (St Mary Magdalene 810-750-1401) or Father Joe Abud (St George 810-732-0720).

OFFICE HOURS Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 am to 3 pm

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Wed., August 9 No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, August 10

6:30 pm parish council meeting – parish council members please check your email for reports

Saturday, August 12

10 am pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School at St George Church

5 pm [pan-Orthodox Great Vespers at St George Church](#) followed by *Confessions*

Sunday, August 13 LEAVETAKING OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

9:30 am Hours

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

Moleben to the Mother of God at the shrine

67 persons in attendance on July 30