

July 16, 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, JULY 16, 2023 6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Hieromartyr Athenogenes, Bishop of Heracleopolis, and his ten disciples (ca. 311). Martyrs Paul and two sisters, Chionia (Thea) and Alevtina (Valentina), at Cæsarea in Palestine (308). Martyr Antiochus, Physician, of Sebaste (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Julia of Carthage (ca. 440 or 613).

**TROPARIA**

**Tone 5** Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

**Tone 8** You are most glorious, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them you have guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!

**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 6** Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

*The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Your Name forever! (Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)*

*v. For You are just in all that You have done for us! (v. 4)*

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO TITUS (3:8-15)** Titus, my son: the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tych'icus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicop'olis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apol'los on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

***Alleluia, Tone 1***

*v. The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and called the earth, from the risings of the sun to its settings. (Psalm 49:1)*

*v. Gather his venerable ones to him, the ones who distribute his testament upon sacrifices. (Psalm 49:5)*

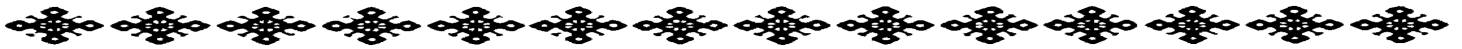
**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (5:14-19)** At that time, Jesus taught his disciples saying: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

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

**The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36-53 (6th Matins Gospel)**

Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you." But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have. When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?" So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. And He took it and ate in their presence. Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

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

Ashley Shaffer	Rachel Wiles
Raegan, Chris, Heather, Jeremy, Teri, Hayden, Nadja, Sean, Auden, Alina Mykola, Yarik & Lucy	Lucy Hogg
Bosa & family	Bosa Kantar
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
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**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](#).

July 16 - CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff	HOURS: Alexander Gonser	READER: Angelo Panoff
July 23 - CANDLESTAND: Dennis Jernigan	HOURS: Lucy Hogg	READER: Phil Wiles

**RECEPTION INTO THE CATECHUMENATE** of Miguel Gaffney took place on Saturday before Vespers.

**CHOIR** Our choir is looking for singers to fill out the voices during the divine services. Please see Reader J. Joseph Tome, our choir director, if you would like to join in lifting up your voice to the Lord in song at Vespers or Liturgy.

**VISIT TO ST ROMANOS HERMITAGE** on Wednesday, July 19 following the Divine Liturgy. **Please sign-up in the fellowship hall.** The schedule is to arrive for noon and sing the Akathist for Saint Seraphim of Sarov, lunch, and tour.

**COFFEE SOCIAL** is sponsored today by Matushka Lisa and Father Matthew in memory of Matushka Lisa's father, Roger Bartlett, for his one year memorial (July 16, 2022). Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a sign-up 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.

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF MICHIGAN** will have their annual retreat at Dormition Monastery on Saturday, July 22 led by Father Dusan Koprivica and Mother Gabriella as special guest speaker. You can email your R.S.V.P. to [OCWMichigan@gmail.com](mailto:OCWMichigan@gmail.com) and then mail in your check. More information can be found [here](#).

**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 now available. Please purchase them from Sharon Jernigan by August 13 to ensure there is enough food for everyone. Volunteers are needed Saturday, August 19 after Vespers to set up the pavilion for the Liturgy! Volunteers are 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 SOFTBALL GAME** A fun time was had by all enjoying the game, food, and fellowship. Thank you to Protodeacon Luke and Diakonissa Kathy for organizing the food and refreshments!

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

**PARISH FORUM**, co-sponsored by our Diocese, was held in Parm, OH July 13, 14, 15. Stephanie and Ian Price represented our parish at this gathering which offers insights and suggestions in parish life.

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE** The stewardship plate will be passed on Sundays after the reading from the Gospel. August meeting will be Thursday, August 10 at 6:30 pm. **Finances** - remain stable. Please continue your stewardship offerings in person, online, or by mail especially in the summer months. **Rector's report** - on Sunday, Aug 6 is the 10th anniversary of our Diocesan mission of Holy Transfiguration, Ames, IA. Archbishop Alexander is attending, and Father Matthew will attend. All Athonite Saints Hermitage has been established in Hanover, IL with the blessing of Archbishop Alexander led by Monk Savvas (Velianoski). Icons - with Memorial Funds, Father Matthew is looking to have icons hand-done (8 x 10 or so) which will hold the relics of various saints to be placed in church. The pan-Orthodox softball game was enjoyed by all who played and cheered on the teams. Thanks to our Protodeacon Luke for overseeing the food prep. **Youth Ministry** tentative meeting on July 23 to set the dates and classes for the 2023-2024 school year. August 12 is the pan-Orthodox vacation church school at Saint George Church. \$797 was collected for backpacks for needy students in Atherton school district. **Fundraising - Annual picnic** on August 20 - cost for lamb is approximately \$300 per lamb. Any donations to help cover the cost of the lamb will be appreciated. Sign-up for set-up and take-down for the outdoor Liturgy and parish picnic. **Car show** on Sunday, August 27. Please see Deacon Luke for more information. **Parish dance** on Saturday, September 22 - \$10 per person, pizza and pop. **Charity ministries** - North End Soup Kitchen is Thursday, August 3 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Catholic Charities is hoping to make the upstairs at the North End Soup Kitchen into a warming center for women and children beginning in December. **Church building and grounds** - The bid from Terry Lyons did not include the dome. \$5,000 estimate is for the bell tower and its dome. Dennis Jernigan will look into what company can work on getting the main dome on the church painted. This is a project for summer 2024. The asphalt in the parking lot needs to be re-sealed for the joints. That is being looked into. Dennis cleaned the grease trap in the kitchen. **New business** Sunday, September 10, rib dinner.

**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>.

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Wednesday, July 19**

**First uncovering of the relics of St Seraphim of Sarov**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy served by Fr Michael Bassett & sung by Fr Matthew  
 12 noon arrive at St Romanos Hermitage at 12 noon (map & directions in the fellowship hall)

**Saturday, July 22**

Women's Retreat at Dormition Monastery

**5 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St. Mary Magdalene**

**Sunday, July 23**

9:30 am Hours

**10 am Divine Liturgy - live-streamed**

**Offerings for the week July 9, 2023**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 3,096.52
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ - 7.48

*61 persons in attendance on July 9*