

July 17, 2022

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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 17, 2022 5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Greatmartyr Marina (Margaret) of Antioch in Pisidia (4th c.). Ven. Irenarchus, Abbot of Solovétsky Monastery (1628). Translation of the Relics of Ven. Lazarus of Mt. Galesius near Ephesus. Royal Passionbearers Tsar Nicholas (Nikolai), Tsaritsa Alexandra, Tsarevich Aleksey, Grand Duchesses Olga, Tatiana, Maria, Anastasia (1918 – July 4th O.S.).

TROPARIA

Tone 4 When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

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 Your lamb Marina calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: “I love You, my Bridegroom and in seeking You, I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might live with You. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love!” Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful!

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 Lord, the God of gods, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

(Psalm 49:1)

v. Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice. (*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! (*Psalms 147:1*)

The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:12-35 (5th Matins Gospel)

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see. Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health, God's blessings & a quick recovery for Fr. Matthew	Bosa
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, 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

Dina Tasevska	Lena Grousopoulos
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WELCOME to all our friends and visitors and especially to Father Michael Bassett from St George Church who is serving the Divine Liturgy today! 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](#) or [Dormition Monastery](#).

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by the Tasevski family in memory of Dina Tasevska. 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 donuts & coffee and/or serve in the coming weeks.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Parish council held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 pm. The secretary's computer will be updated because of its age and lack of memory which affects its performance. Because of the complications from COVID, Father Matthew has been given the blessing by Archbishop Alexander not to attend the All-American Council in Baltimore July 17-22.

Building and grounds - God bless everyone who helped in the outdoor clean-up to spruce up the grounds. Phil Wiles took care of the weeds on the north side. Seam cracks are developing in the asphalt, we will need to buy the seam crack filler and apply it. The courtyard needs new stone, a little larger than the ones we have now (not pea gravel). Air filters in the air handler and air conditioning unit were replaced (16 filters). Trim boards on the garage needs to be caulked, primed, and painted.

The new icon shrine of the Mother of God in the courtyard in memory of Lawrence and Mildred Bladecki will be prepared for installation in August to be blessed on August 21 at the outdoor Liturgy.

The icon of St Euphrósynos the Cook, in memory of Aspasia Stathopoulos, will be mounted in a case and installed in the kitchen.

The icon of St Sava of Serbia, in memory of Stojan Prusac, will remain in church.

Rummage sale will be held in September - set-up on Wednesday, Wednesday, September 7 & Thursday, September 8. Sale on Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10. Please see Lucy Hogg to volunteer to help with the rummage sale. (The large classroom cannot be used for storage as it will be used for church school which begins September 11).

SHRINE FEAST OUTDOOR LITURGY & PARISH PICNIC Sunday, August 21. The menu for lunch is lamb/chicken, rice, coleslaw, vegetable, & bread. Please bring desserts to share. A sign-up sheet for desserts will be in the fellowship hall. **Tickets are \$18 adult & \$9 children and are available as of today. Please purchase them from Sharon Jernigan by August 14th to ensure there is enough food for everyone.** Volunteers are needed Saturday, August 20 after Vespers to set up the pavilion for the Liturgy

CHURCH SCHOOL will have an organizational meeting in August. Class begins Sunday, September 11. The curriculum is pre-set so no lessons plans need to be prepared. **We need volunteers, even one Sunday a month, to help teach. We are aiming for a rotating schedule of four teachers.**

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES Anyone who wishes to support International Orthodox Christian Charity's (IOCC) humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis can visit iocc.org/ukraine22 or call 877.803.4622 to make a donation.

PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL will be Saturday, August 27th, at Groveland Oaks Campgrounds in Holly. Arrival at 11:00 AM for the program, and end at 4:00 PM with a pan-Orthodox Great Vespers in the pavilion. Lunch (in the form of cooking their own hotdogs on a stick) will be provided, and smores/snacks for all after Vespers.

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OFFICE HOURS this week are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9-3.

Fr. Matthew will be out of town until August 1. If there is an **emergency** that requires a priest from July 17 to July 23, please contact Fr. Michael Bassett at 989-627-9580. The other priests will be out of town during this time.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, July 20

No Divine Liturgy or Adult Ed

Saturday, July 23

5 pm

Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Mary Magdalene - Confessions

No Vespers at St Nicholas Church

Sunday, July 24

9:30 am

Third and Sixth Hours

10 am

Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel

Offerings for the week July 10, 2022

48 persons in attendance on July 10th

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,476.12
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ - 627.88

Icon of Saint Sava of Serbia is donated in memory of Stojan Prusac by Alexander Gonser.

Icon of Saint Euphrósynos the Cook is donated in memory of Aspasia Stathopoulos by Angelo and Christine Panoff for the kitchen. Saint Euphrósynos (feast - September 11) was a simple-minded peasant who took refuge in a monastery where he was put to work in the kitchen as a scullion doing the most thankless tasks. He became the laughing-stock of everyone but bore it all with unshakeable generosity of spirit. There was a godly priest in the monastery who fervently desired that the Saviour reveal to him the good things He has in store for those who love Him. One night as he slept, he had the sense of being carried to Paradise into a garden full of unutterable delights. Euphrósynos was in the middle of the garden tasting of the good things there and rejoicing with the Angels. The priest went up to him and asked where there were. Euphrósynos answered, "This is the dwelling-place of God's elect that you have longed to see for so many years and I am here because, in His good pleasure, God has forgiven my sins." Gazing upon those unutterable good things that *eye has not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man* (1 Corinthians 2:9), the priest observed that they were to some extent, perceptible to those who dwelt there, so he asked Euphrósynos if he might take some of the fruit of the garden away with him. Whereupon Euphrósynos took three apples and put them in the priest's cloak. Just then the priest was woken up by the sound of the call to Matins. As he came to himself from what he thought was a dream, he was amazed to find three apples in his cloak giving off a scent of unearthly sweetness. He saw Euphrósynos in his usual place in the church and went up to him, begging him to tell him where he had been during the night that had just passed. "Forgive me, Father," he answered, "but I have been here all the time." But as the devout priest pressed him earnestly not to conceal the blessings of God, the humble Euphrósynos at last said, "It is true, Father, that I was in the garden where you saw the good things God has in store for his elect and that it was the Lord's wish to show you this mystery through my unworthiness." It was not long before the priest told everyone what he had witnessed and showed the apples by way of proof. The monks were encouraged through this sign to follow all the more zealously the path of virtue, and those who tasted the apples were healed of all kinds of disease. As for the blessed Euphrósynos, he fled from the monastery, for there was nothing he feared more than the praise of men. *The Synaxarion: September* by Father Makarios of Simonopetra.