

July 18, 2021

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 18, 2021 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils. Martyr Emilian of Silistria in Bulgaria (363). Martyr Hyacinth of Amastridea (4th c.). Ven. John the Long-suffering of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves – 1160). Ven. Pambo, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 13th c.). Ven. Pambo, Hermit, of Egypt (4th c.). Monastic Martyrs Grand Duchess Elizabeth and Barbara (1918 – July 5th O.S.). The “TOLGA” Icon of the Mother of God (1314).

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) Most glorious are You, 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 art Thou, O Lord, God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Thy name forever!

v. For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

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.
v. Gather to Me, My venerable ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.*

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!

The Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils.

An Ecumenical Council is comprised of archpastors and pastors of the Church, and representatives of all the local Churches, from every land of the "oikumene" (i.e. from all the whole inhabited world). The Orthodox Church acknowledges Seven Holy Ecumenical Councils:

The First Ecumenical Council (Nicea I) (May 29, and also on seventh Sunday after Pascha) was convened in the year 325 against the heresy of Arius, in the city of Nicea in Bithynia under Saint Constantine the Great, Equal of the Apostles.

The Second Ecumenical Council (Constantinople I) (May 22) was convened in the year 381 against the heresy of Macedonias, by the emperor Theodosius the Great.

The Third Ecumenical Council (Ephesus) (September 9) was convened in the year 431 against the heresy of Nestorius, in the city of Ephesus by the emperor Theodosius the Younger.

The Fourth Ecumenical Council (Chalcedon) (July 16) was convened in the year 451, against the Monophysite heresy, in the city of Chalcedon under the emperor Marcian.

The Fifth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople II) (July 25) "Concerning the Three Chapters," was convened in the year 553, under the emperor Justinian the Great.

The Sixth Ecumenical Council (Constantinople III) (January 23) met during the years 680-681, to fight the Monothelite heresy, under the emperor Constantine Pogonatos.

The fact that the Seventh Ecumenical Council (Nicea II) is not commemorated today testifies to the antiquity of today's celebration. The Seventh Council, commemorated on the Sunday nearest to October 11, was convened at Nicea in the year 787 against the Iconoclast heresy, under the emperor Constantine and his mother Irene.

A brief summary of the dogmatic theology of the First Six Ecumenical Councils is formulated and contained in the First Canon of the Council of Trullo (also known as Quinisext), held in the year 692. The 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council are spoken of in this Canon I of Trullo as having: "with unanimity of faith revealed and declared to us the consubstantiality of the three Persons of the Divine

nature and, ... instructing the faithful to adore the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with one worship, they cast down and dispelled the false teaching about different degrees of Divinity."

The 150 Holy Fathers of the Second Ecumenical Council left their mark on the theology of the Church concerning the Holy Spirit, "repudiating the teaching of Macedonius, as one who wished to divide the inseparable Unity, so that there might be no perfect mystery of our hope."

The 200 God-bearing Fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council expounded the teaching that "Christ, the Incarnate Son of God is One." They also confessed that "she who bore Him without seed was the spotless Ever-Virgin, glorifying her as truly the Mother of God.

The 630 Holy Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council decreed that "the One Christ, the Son of God... must be glorified in two natures."

The 165 God-bearing Holy Fathers of the Fifth Ecumenical Council "in synod anathematized and repudiated Theodore of Mopsuestia (the teacher of Nestorius), and Origen, and Didymus, and Evagrius, renovators of the Hellenic teaching about the transmigration of souls and the transmutation of bodies and the impieties they raised against the resurrection of the dead."

The 170 Holy Fathers of the Sixth Ecumenical Council "taught that we ought to confess two natural volitions, or two wills [trans. note: one divine, and the other human], and two natural operations (energies) in Him Who was incarnate for our salvation, Jesus Christ, our true God." oca.org

The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. 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.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Alexander Christian Gonser Happy birthday blessings on his 30th birthday,

July 16	His family
For Rick Ford: peace, comfort & salvation	Les & Susie Ford
Bosa Kantar	Bosa
Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Jimmy Todorovsky (3 yrs.)	Diane Todorovsky
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WELCOME to all our friends and visitors! 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](#) [Assumption Church](#) or [Dormition Monastery](#) for their livestreams.


PARISH COUNCIL met on Tuesday July 13th in person in the fellowship hall. The parish finances continue to remain stable. God bless everyone for their stewardship during this challenging time. The final proceeds from the rummage sale are \$2,650.50 which has been earmarked for maintenance. Dennis Jernigan is planning to get estimates to put covers on the gutters because of the debris that blocks them several times a year. This will eliminate the need for anyone to go on the roof to do this. \$500 was donated from the charity fund for Hieromonk Patrick (Carpenter), a priest of the OCA's Archdiocese of Pittsburgh, who had both legs amputated between fall 2020 and spring 2021. The painting of the interior of the church and the narthex is complete. The small bell needs work as it is no longer operating. The rental policy for the pavilion will make clear that those who rent it are responsible for the clean-up before and after the rental, as is common with rentals at parks. Parish council meetings are open to for parishioners to attend. For details on the parish picnic, see below.

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE FEAST DAY will be celebrated with Archbishop Alexander at St. Mary Magdalene Church with Pan-Orthodox Vespers on Wednesday, July 21 at 6 pm followed by a bonfire & Pan-Orthodox Liturgy at 10 am on Thursday, July 22 followed by a bring-your-own-picnic. Come and join us as we honor the patroness of Saint Mary Magdalene Church.

SHRINE FEAST OUTDOOR LITURGY & PARISH PICNIC Sunday, August 22nd. The menu for lunch is lamb/chicken, rice, coleslaw, vegetable, bread & dessert. Tickets are available now and are \$15 adult & \$8 children. Please purchase tickets from Sharon Jernigan before the 22nd to ensure there is enough food.

15 YEAR MEMORIAL August 23 will mark fifteen years since the repose of Archpriest Raphael Biernacki, rector from 1975 to 1995 and from 2004 until his repose in 2006. At the outdoor Liturgy on August 22 a Trisagion will be served for Fr. Raphael's repose.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL will be held August 17, 18 & 19 and will be hosted by St. Mary Magdalene this year. **We need people to volunteer** - whether you have children participating or not. Please let Popadia Lisa know if you would like to volunteer. Registration forms are in the narthex.

 **COFFEE & DONUTS** are provided today by the Todorovsky family in memory of Jimmy Todorovsky (3 years).

CRAFT & ART SHOW at Assumption Saturday, August 28. **Crafters & artists are needed.** For more information, rules & contract contact Laura Mersinas at 810-444-8436 or email her at lauramersinas@gmail.com.

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

CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS email to the office at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or call in.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, July 19 Fr. Matthew in Toledo

Tuesday, July 20 **HOLY PROPHET ELIAS**
9:30am Divine Liturgy
7 pm **OCA online church school**

Wednesday, July 21
No Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult education
6 pm **Pan-Orthodox Vespers @ St. Mary Magdalene**

Thursday, July 22 **SAINT MARY MAGDALENE**
10 am **Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy @ St. Mary Magdalene**

Saturday, July 24
3 pm Baptism of Makayla Ann Miller, daughter of Arielle Borkovich Miller & Matt Miller
5 pm **Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel**

Sunday, July 25
9:30 am Hours
10 am **Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel**
Parastas for Dimitrios Nedanis (1 yr.)

Offerings for the week July 11th, 2021

52 persons in attendance on July 11th

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 4,157.77
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 1,053.77