

July 21, 2024

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 21, 2024 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Prophet Ezekiel (6th c. B.C.). The Finding of the honored relics of the Venerable right-believing Great Princess and Nun Anna of Kashin, Wonderworker (1649). Ven. Simeon of Emessa, Fool-for-Christ, and his fellow ascetic, Ven. John (ca. 590). Ven. Onuphry (Onuphrius) the Silent, and Ven. Onesimos, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 12th-13th c.). The "ARMATIA" Icon of the Mother of God.

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 4 In truth you were revealed to you 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 third tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises; / Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (Psalm 46:6) v. Clap your hands, all you people, shout to God with loud songs of joy. (Psalm 46:1)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (6:18-23) Brethren: having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak

in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 3

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

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

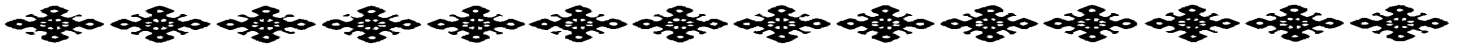
THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (8:5-13) At that time as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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

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

Recovery for Les Ford's back surgery

Susie Ford

God's blessings for a quick recovery for Delores Bruski

Angelo & Christine Panoff

God's blessings to Les Ford for a successful, quick recovery

Angelo & Christine Panoff

Blessings for good health to Allison Borkovich

Angelo & Christine Panoff

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

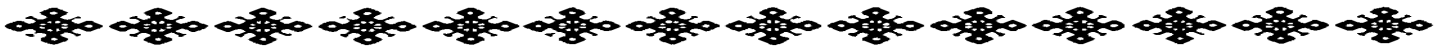
CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Blessed Repose to Dina Tasevska, Frank Oginsky & Mira Prusac

Angelo & Christine Panoff

In memory of Dorothy Goodman on her 90th birthday, July 19

Debbie, Ralph, Joe & Sarah



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 21 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Angelo Panoff

July 28 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Phil Wiles

READER: Katherine 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.

OUTDOOR LITURGY, PICNIC & DANCE is August 18. There is a signup sheet in parish hall for those who can help with cleaning the pavilion, set-up & the dinner. We are looking for donors for the lambs we'll be cooking! Please consider donating the cost of a whole lamb or making a partial donation. There will be a bounce house & ice cream cart for the kids during the picnic & dance.

HOLDING OUR TONGUE In September 2010 Father Thomas Hopko gave a retreat to the members of the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in America. One of the points he made was about our speech and how we can reflect before we speak:

- 1- Is what I am about to say **true**?
- 2- Is it **necessary** for me to say this?
- 3- Is what I am about to say **kind**?

The Apostle Jacob (James) in his letter reminds us "Look at the ships also; though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So the tongue is a little member and boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the cycle of nature, and set on fire by Gehenna. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by humankind, but no human being can tame the tongue -- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brethren, this ought not to be so." (James 3:4-10)

The desert saint Arsenios the Great once said “Many time I have had to repent of my words but never of my silence.”

Our archbishop and father Alexander said, “In our lives in prayer, and in parishes: at one moment a lively and a happy parish can be turned upside down with a cross word, a little flame of jealousy or envy, given free rein...[W]hat is not fragile is the work of God, the action of grace, and it’s our fundamental work as Christians to keep ourselves ever open to that, to the One Thing Needful, which is Christ: to the love of him, and cultivation of him, and memory of him, the continual recollection of him, held up before us always. So I will close by asking us, beloved, if we might avoid some of these other fragilities by keeping that image [of Christ] before us. The image that will stop the harsh word, that will cool the flame of sudden envy or anger, that we may be like that desert father who said: for 20 years I have not let anger get further than my throat – meaning, not to his tongue. And if we do that, if at least we struggle toward it, then I think whatever else may befall us, we will weather it and go on with [Christ our] God’s help: to Whom be glory with the Father and the Spirit forever. Amen.”

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

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, July 22 *Fr. in Toledo*

Tuesday July 23

12 pm 40 day parastas for Mira Prusac at Evergreen Cemetery

Wednesday, July 24 **Passionbearers Boris & Gleb**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 27

[5 pm](#) [Vespers - live-streamed](#) *Confessions*

Sunday, July 28 **Prison Awareness Sunday**

[9:30 am](#) [Hours & 10 am Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)

Offerings for the week July 14, 2024

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,994.27
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,385.73

60 persons in attendance on July 14