

July 23, 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 23, 2023 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6. Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus, and 13 others in Lycia (4th c.). Hieromartyr Apollinaris, Bishop of Ravenna (ca. 75). Icon of the Mother of God, "THE JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW" (with coins) in St. Petersburg (1888).**

**TROPARIA**

**Tone 6** The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Your grave, / seeking Your most pure body. / You captured hell, not being tempted by it. / You came to the Virgin, granting life. / O Lord, Who rose from the dead, // 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 sixth tone: O Lord, save Your people / and bless Your inheritance! (Psalm 27:9a)*

*v. To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Psalm 27:1a)*

## **THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (15:1-7)**

*Brethren:* we then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

### *Alleluia, Tone 6*

*v: The one who dwells in the help of the Most High, in the shelter of the God of heaven will be abiding.* (Psalm 90:1)

*v: He will say to the Lord, You are the one who takes hold of me and my refuge, my God, and I will hope in him.* (Psalm 90:2)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (9:27-35)** At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

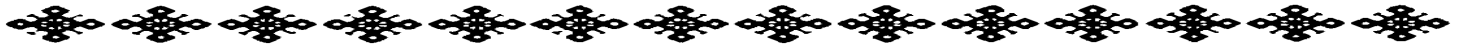
### **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

### **The Holy Gospel according to John 20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

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

Birthday blessings for our son Alexander Christian

Dcn Kerry & Kathy Gonser

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**

Memory Eternal Michael Goodman

Goodman family

My beloved husband Nick, now in repose, on the anniversary of our marriage

July 27

Connie Maxim

Jimmy Nedanis (3 yrs.) Blessed Repose

his family



**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 23 - CANDLESTAND:** Dennis Jernigan

**HOURS:** Lucy Hogg

**READER:** Phil Wiles

**July 30 - CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford

**HOURS:** Calvin Conrad

**READER:** Phil Wiles

**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.

**COFFEE SOCIAL** is provided today by Connie Maxim in memory of her husband Nick Maxim & Cathy Edwards. 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.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** organizational meeting for 2023-2024 will take place today.

**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 will be available July 9. 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.**

**OFFICE HOURS** are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9-3. \***The office will be closed July 31-August 6.**

**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 is next Sunday, July 30.

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, July 24** *Fr. Matthew in Toledo*

**Wednesday, July 26**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, July 29**

11:30 am 3 yr. memorial for Jimmy Nedanis at Evergreen Cemetery

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

*Confessions*

**Sunday, July 30** **Prison Ministry Awareness Day**

9:30 am Hours

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

**Offerings for the week July 16, 2023**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,591.45
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	<b>\$ -1,512.55</b>

66 persons in attendance on July 16

**PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES**

Sat, Aug 5 5 pm Great Vespers & Lity for Transfiguration [at St Mary Magdalene Church](#)

Sat, Aug 12 10 am Vacation Church School [at St George Church](#)

Mon, Aug 14 6 pm Great Vespers for Dormition [at Assumption Church](#)

Tues, Aug 15 9 am Orthros & 10 am Liturgy for Dormition [at Assumption Church](#)

Mon, Aug 28 6 pm Vespers & Liturgy for the beheading of St John the Baptist [at Assumption](#)