

July 28, 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 28, 2024 5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Holy Apostles of the Seventy and Deacons: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas (1st c.). St. Pitirím, Bishop of Tambov (1698). Ven. Moses, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 13th-14th c.). Martyr Julian of Dalmatia (2nd c.). Martyr Eustathius (Eustace – ca. 321), of Apamea. Ven. Paul of Xeropotamou, founder of the Monastery of St. Paul on Mt. Athos (10th c.). The Smolensk “Hodēgētria” (“THE GUIDE”) Icon of the Mother of God (brought from Constantinople in 1046). Seraphim-Diveyevo Tenderness Icon of the Mother of God (1885).

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 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: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all. (Psalm. 103:26)

v. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Lord, my God, you magnified yourself greatly. (Psalm 103:1)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (10:1-10) Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.” But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised

Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v: Draw and prosper and reign, on account of truth and meekness and righteousness. (*Psalm 44:4*)

v: You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness. (*Psalm 44:7*)

THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (8:28-9:1) At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

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 24:12-35 (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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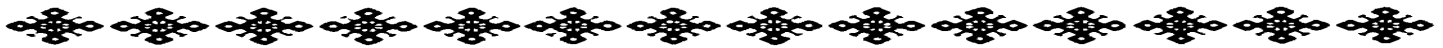


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

May God grant my daughter Ellyn & son-in-law Michael with many happy & healthy yrs. Connie
Good health & blessings for Jeanette Brayan Paul Brayan
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

In memory of my loving husband Nick on our wedding anniversary July 27 (38 yrs.) Connie
Tom Bruce & Rebecca



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 28 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford **HOURS:** Phil Wiles **READER:** Katherine Gonser
Aug 4 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman **HOURS:** Barry Cavett **READER:** Phil Wiles

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by Connie Maxim in memory of her husband Nick and their anniversary (38 yrs. July 27). 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.

PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS SUNDAY is today, July 28. The Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) provides many facets of outreach such as: correspondence, onsite visits, re-entry support, prayer & advocacy. Ways you can help are prayer, volunteering to be a correspondent, onsite ministry and donating to the national OCPM. For further information contact Protodeacon Luke Gonser at kerry.gonser@edag or call him at 810-694-9001. You can also contact OCPM directly online at theocpm.org. *"I was in prison, and you visited me."* Matthew 25:36

DORMITION FAST begins on August 1 and continues to August 14. As is the custom at our parish, the Moleben to the Mother of God will be served in her shrine on Sundays after Liturgy beginning on Sunday, August 4 and continuing to August 11. Take the time to come before her icon at the shrine and ask her intercession for your and your family's needs. At the conclusion of the service you will be anointed with the myrrh from the myrrh-streaming Hawaiian icon of our Lady of Iveron.

OUTDOOR LITURGY, SHRINE FEAST & DANCE Sunday, August 18th. The menu for lunch is lamb/chicken, rice, coleslaw, vegetable, & bread. Please bring a dessert to pass. Tickets are \$20 adult & \$9 children. Please purchase them from Sharon Jernigan by the 14th to ensure there is enough food for everyone. 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. **Skimos Band will play from 2-6 pm.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED Thursday, Aug. 15 at 1 pm for pavilion clean-up & Saturday, Aug 17 at 10 am to set up the pavilion for the Liturgy! Volunteers are needed to break-down the pavilion after Liturgy on Sunday! There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall for those who can help and for dinners

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD is celebrated on August 6. On Mount Tabor Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. "‘He was transfigured,’ Saint John Damascene assures us, ‘not by assuming what He was not, but in revealing to His disciples what He was, opening their blind eyes and making them see.’ Christ opened the eyes of His disciples, and it was with sight transfigured by the power of the Holy Spirit that they saw the divine Light indissolubly united to His body. There were therefore transformed themselves and it was in prayer that they were able to see and understand the change that has taken place in our nature through its union with the Word (St. Gregory Palamas)...[The] feast is therefore that of the divinization of our human nature and the participation of our corruptible body in those eternal blessings that are beyond nature. Even before accomplishing our salvation through His Passion, the Saviour showed that the goal of His Incarnation was precisely to lead the whole of mankind to the contemplation of His divine glory." *The Synaxarion* by Hieromonk Makarios of Simonos Petra, Volume 6, pg 392, 394

36th ANNUAL DORMITION MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE August 14-15. The guest speaker will be His Eminence Archbishop Daniel. Archbishop Nathaniel and Bishop Andrei will be in attendance. Look at the flier for more details.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL subscribe to our YouTube channel [Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services. Livestreams begin at 9:30 with Hours.

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

GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY Go to our website www.saintnicholasburton.org and click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#); this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). ***Please consider adding a little extra to your donation to cover the fee we are charged.** If you do not wish to donate online, you may write a check to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and send it to the parish address: 2143 S Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: *Today Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday*

Tuesday, July 30

11 am Powers Catholic High School students visit our church

Wednesday, July 31

9:30 am Divine Liturgy served by Fr Michael Bassett, Fr. Matthew leads responses

Thursday, August 1 **Dormition Fast begins**

9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Friday, August 2 *Fr Matthew in Toledo*

Saturday, August 3

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

Sunday, August 4

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

12:30 pm Moleben to the Mother of God at the shrine

Offerings for the week July 21, 2024

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,509.20
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -1,870.80

45 persons in attendance on July 21