

July 6, 2025

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 narthex. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

Holy Communion – for Orthodox Christians (those received into the Orthodox Church through baptism or chrismation), please note that there are specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion – fasting from midnight (unless you need to take medication) and recent Confession. 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

For our visitors who are not Orthodox Christian: we welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (antidoron) which will be given when coming forward to receive the final blessing from the priest at the conclusion of the Liturgy. **Again, welcome!**

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Ven. Sisoës the Great (429). Ven. Sisoës, Schema-monk, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 13th c.). Uncovering of the Relics of Holy Princess Juliana Ol'shanskaya (16th c.). Martyrs Marinus and Martha, and their children, Audifax and Abbachum (Habákkuk) and those with them at Rome: Cyrinus, Valentine, and Asterius the Presbyter (269). Martyrs Isaurius the Deacon, Innocent, Felix, Hermias, Basil, Peregrinus, Rufus, and Rufinus of Apollonia in Macedonia (3rd c.). Martyr Quintus of Phrygia (ca. 283). Virgin Martyr Lucy, Martyr Rixius, and those with them at Rome: Martyrs Anthony, Lucian, Isidore, Dion, Diodorus, Cutonius, Arnosus, Capicus, Saturus (Satyrus), and others (301). Synaxis of the Saints of Rádonezh.

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, Mediatress 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

For health Sviatlana Khait

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome



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 6 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff

HOURS: Angelo Panoff

READER: Madison Green

July 13 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Barry Cavett

READER: Phil Wiles

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Fr Matthew today from 12 to 12:45 pm. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith. The class meets in the library.

COFFEE SOCIAL Please join us in the fellowship hall for our coffee social. Everyone is welcome!

ANNUAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT July 19, 2025 from 8:45 am to 3 pm at Dormition Monastery. Calliope Couchell-Wilson is the guest speaker. Weathering the Hurricanes of Life is the title of her message. **The deadline to sign-up is July 12th.** The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members; mail payments to Orthodox Christian Women of Michigan c/o Katherine Alioto, 377 Woodedge Dr., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

"AS MANY AS HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST..."

Penelope Marie Bailey was baptized into Christ on Sunday, June 29. Her parents are Annie & Alex Bailey. **Jaxson Iordachianu** was baptized into Christ on Saturday, July 5. His parents are Ciara & Stefan Iordachianu.

HELP NEEDED on the church grounds. 3 or 4 people to help in the following areas:

- sealing the joints in the parking lot
- pavilion needs painting to be completed
- clean-up of the pavilion

Please contact Dennis to help at 810-908-3631.

GODPARENTS for our inquirers who need godparents – **Paul Brayan, Susie Ford, Alexander Gonser, Constance Maxim, and Staci Shank** are willing to be godfathers and godmothers, respectively. Inquirers must have godparents before being made catechumens as their godparents will stand with them during the making of a catechumen service.

"HERE I AM" Please step forward to help! Do not wait to be asked. 😊

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER To be transparent in our 5-year vision to a financially secure parish:

2025	April	May
Monthly Offering Income	\$ 22,026	\$ 11,750
Monthly General Operating Expenses	\$ 17,492	\$ 25,864
surplus/deficit	\$ 4,534	\$ -14,114

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED:

- **Additional Chairpersons for the picnic and dance on Sunday, August 17.**
- Sharon Jernigan & Staci Shank serving as co-chairs and looking for one more person.
- **Committee members to prepare for the Diocesan conference October 10, 11 & 12**
Presently: Christopher Taylor, Matushka Lisa, Connie Maxim, Susie Ford.
- **Assistant choir director trainee.**
- **Livestream - persons to assist beginning and ending livestreaming of services**
- **Maintenance ministry - persons to assist.**
- **A church school substitute teacher and an additional teacher because of the increase in number of students in church school - please see Stephanie Price.**



OUTDOOR LITURGY, SHRINE FEAST & DANCE Sunday, August 17th. **Dinners are Pre-sale Only.** The menu for lunch is lamb/chicken, rice, coleslaw, vegetable, & dessert. Tickets are \$20 adult & \$10 children 12 & under. **Please purchase tickets from Sharon Jernigan by August 13th.** We are looking for donors for the lambs we'll be cooking! **Please consider donating \$300 for a whole lamb or making a partial donation, it will be a big help.** Volunteers are needed Thursday, August 14 at 9:30 am to clean the pavilion, Saturday, August 16 at 10 am and after Vespers to set up the pavilion for the Liturgy! Volunteers are needed to break down the pavilion after Liturgy on Sunday! There will be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall. Live Music and Dancing with Skimos Band who will play from 2-6 pm.

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

PAYPAL You can use PayPal for your financial stewardship! Go to our website www.saintnicholasburton.org and click on the box **Give now with PayPal**; this is a secure site. (1.99% + \$0.49 of your donation goes to PayPal 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
Instructions on how to give through PayPal; Anyone wishing to may donations through PayPal will need:

- PayPal account
- Enter the church email address stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com
- Enter the amount of donation
- Verify the givers account or debit/credit card they are using for this transaction
- Confirm that the email address entered belongs to: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

PayPal will send an email to the church to let us know a donation was received for St. Nicholas Church, the amount, and the giver.

Givelify is also available for making online donations.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today 3 pm Pan-Orthodox Softball Game @ St. John Catholic School, 514 Lincoln St., Fenton

Tuesday, July 8

6 pm Prayer Service for the sick and suffering at St Mary Magdalene
 6:30 pm **Parish Council meeting**

Wednesday, July 9

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Friday, July 11

Father with Archbishop Alexander

Saturday, July 12

5 pm **Vespers - live-streamed** no confessions

Sunday, July 13

9:30 am **Hours-live-streamed**
10 am **Divine Liturgy-live-streamed**

Offerings for the week June 29, 2025

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,159.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,221.00

92 persons in attendance on June 29