

July 9, 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 9, 2023 5th **SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily (1st c.). Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna in Crete (3rd-4th c.). Martyrs Paternuthius, Coprius, and Alexander the Soldier, in Egypt (4th c.). St. Theodore, Bishop of Edessa (9th c.). St. Dionysios the Rhetorician and his disciple Saint Mētrophánēs (Mt. Athos – 1606).**

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. (*Psalms. 103:26*)

v. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Lord, my God, you magnified yourself greatly. (*Psalms 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*)

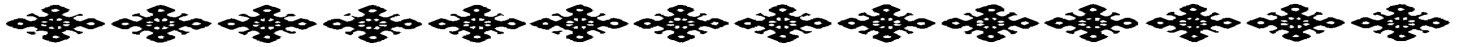
THE READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (8:28-9:1) At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son 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

Timothy I, Timosha, Darisa, Veniamin I & II, Dimitriy I & II, Olga, Tanya,
Ruth & Calvin

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey & Irina
Bosa & family

Kara George on her 21st birthday, Emma Nowak on her upcoming wedding &
health of Iliana & Jana Ragone and Nick & Millie George

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

Special Intention

Svetlana Deshaw

Irina Sivergina

Bosa Kantar

Kris & David George

Joe Tome

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Adelaida & Feodosiy

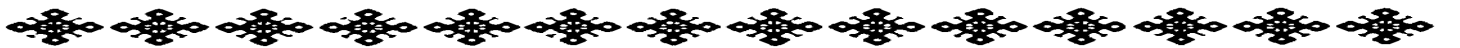
Kum Stojan - Bog Dušu Prosti

Stojan Prusac, Peter & Jo Sredich, Julius & Del Rambat & Rose Brdar and
Mike & Sophie Sredich

Irina Sivergina

Bosa Kantar

Kris & David George



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](#).

CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman **HOURS:** Phil Wiles **READER:** Alexander Gonser

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.

VISIT TO ST ROMANOS HERMITAGE on Wednesday, July 19 following the Divine Liturgy. **Please sign-up in the fellowship hall.** The schedule is to arrive for noon and sing the Akathist for Saint Seraphim of Sarov, lunch, and tour.

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.

PAN ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME is July 9th at 3 pm at St. Pius X. Come and cheer on the teams! Everyone is welcome to play.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING July 11 at 6:30 pm. Please contact Sharon or the office if you cannot attend.

OFFICE HOURS this week are Monday, Thursday & Friday 9-3. ***Office is closed on Wednesday.**

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF MICHIGAN will have their annual retreat at Dormition Monastery on Saturday, July 22 led by Father Dusan Koprivica and Mother Gabriella as special guest speaker. More information can be found [here](#).

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.**

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>.**

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today 3 pm Softball game at St. Pius X ballfield 3139 Hogarth Ave, Flint

Tuesday, July 11

6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting
6:30 pm Prayer service at St Mary for the sick & suffering

Wednesday, July 12 Office Closed

Thursday, July 13 Office Open

Saturday, July 15

11 am 40 day memorial for Pavle Želevarovski at Evergreen Cemetery
[5 pm Vespers - live-streamed Confessions](#)

Sunday, July 16

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

Offerings for the week July 2, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 3,921.32
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 817.32

81 persons in attendance on July 2

PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sat, July 22	5 pm	Great Vespers & Lity at St Mary Magdalene Church for their altar feast
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