

June 1, 2025

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America • 2143 S. Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519

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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, JUNE 1, 2025 7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 6. The Three Hundred and Eighteen Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicæa. Afterfeast of the Ascension. Martyr Justin the Philosopher and those with him at Rome: Martyrs Justin, Chariton and his wife, Charity, Euelpistus, Hierax, Peon, Valerian, and Justus (166 A.D.). Ven. Dionysius, Abbot of Glushitsa (Vologdá – 1437). Ven. Agápit, Unmercenary Physician, of the Kiev Caves (11th c.).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy. (*Psalm 46:1*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

For the Lord, the Most High is terrible! A great God over all the earth! (*Psalm 46:2*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet! (*Psalm 46:3*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! (*Psalm 46:5*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! (*Psalm 47:1*) **O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Mount Sion, in the far north, the city of the great King! (*Psalm 47:2*) **O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Within her citadels God is known when He defends her! (*Psalm 47:3*) **O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together! (*Psalm 47:4*) **O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world! (*Psalm 48:1*) **Tone 4** You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

The earth-born and the sons of men, rich and poor together! (*Psalm 48:2*) You ascended in glory ...

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (*Psalm 48:3*) You ascended in glory ...

I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle in psalmody. (*Psalm 48:4*) You ascended in glory...

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 You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

Tone 8 You are most glorious, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them you have guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, 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 When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven, You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love You, but remaining with them and crying: "I am with you and there is no one against you!"

The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Your Name forever! (Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)

v. For You are just in all that You have done for us! (v. 4)

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (20:16-18, 28-36) *In those days:* Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day that I set foot in Asia. Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and called the earth, from the risings of the sun to its settings. (Psalm 49:1)

v. Gather his venerable ones to him, the ones who distribute his testament upon sacrifices. (Psalm 49:6)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (17:1-13) When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

WE SING "IT IS TRULY MEET TO BLESS YOU..."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..." **Tone 4** You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & a safe trip Alexis Nedanis

Alex & Menka Nedanis

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Elizabeth, Sviatlina, Nicholas, Artyom & Aleksander

Elizabeth Khait

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Memory Eternal, Bog da prosti Allison Borkovich

Christopher & Sandy Taylor

Demitrios Vasilov

Alex & Menka Nedanis



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](#).

June 1 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Barry Cavett

READER: Alexander Bačik

June 8 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Katherine Gonser

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS no class this Sunday, June 1.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS on Wednesdays, at 11:15 am. We are reading - *Wounded by Love*, a transcription of conversations with Saint Porphvrios (1906-1991).

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER will visit our church at **Vespers on Saturday, May 31** and the next day for **Liturgy on Sunday, June 1**, the Sunday of the Fathers of the first council of Nicaea.

SPRING DINNER June 1 after Liturgy, in honor of Archbishop Alexander. The menu is: ribs, chicken, potato salad, baked beans & macaroni salad. Please bring a dessert to share. Tickets are \$18 adult, \$9 child, 6 & under-free. All proceeds will go towards the cost of the band for the parish picnic. See Sharon Jernigan for reservations/tickets or call her at 810-877-1766.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to water the flowers outside! There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall.

PRAYERS AT THE GRAVES will take place on Souls' Saturday (Zadušnica), June 7 and Pentecost, June 8
The schedule is:

Saturday, June 7 Souls' Saturday

9:00 am Evergreen Cemetery beginning in the chapel with a Trisagion service

12:30 pm Crestwood Cemetery

1:30 pm Sunset Hills Cemetery

2:00 pm Gracelawn Cemetery

Sunday, June 8 Holy Pentecost

2:00 pm St. Nicholas Cemetery

4:00 pm Great Lakes National Cemetery



If there is another cemetery you'd like to be visited, please contact the parish office as soon as possible so that it can be scheduled. If you know anyone who has family buried at the parish cemetery but who are not parishioners of St. Nicholas, please let them know of the date and time for the services at the graves on Sunday, June 8.

VISIT TO HOLY DORMITION MONASTERY on Saturday, June 28 beginning with Divine Liturgy at 8:45 am. This visit is for our catechumens and inquirers and any faithful who would like to attend. We will receive a tour of the monastery church and grounds following the Liturgy and luncheon. Mother Abbess Gabriella asks for a count of how many will attend. Please call the church office at 810-744-0070 or e-mail stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com with the number of persons attending. Also, we will offer a monetary gift to the monastery for the hospitality we receive. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall.

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

MYOCN.NET Orthodox Christian Network is a nonprofit ministry created to communicate the beauty and richness of the Orthodox Christian faith to believers and seekers throughout North America and around the world. You may read their quarterly magazine here: <https://myocn.net/orthodoxy-now-quarterly-magazine-issue-13/> **Christopher Branoff is among the board of directors.**

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED:

- Chairperson(s) for the picnic and dance on Sunday, August 17.
- Committee members to prepare for the Diocesan conference October 10, 11 & 12
- Assistant choir director trainee.
- Livestream - persons to assist beginning and ending livestreaming of services
- Maintenance ministry - persons to assist.
- An additional church school teacher and substitute because of the increase in number of students in church school - please see Stephanie Price.



COMMUNITY GARDEN has begun at St Nicholas. Anyone interested in participating or would like to donate towards it please contact Christopher Taylor (810-252-2255) or Staci Shank (269-352-4309).

MACEDONIAN OPEN The Macedonian Open is right around the corner. This year's outing will be held on Monday, June 16th at the Flint Elks Golf Club.

HOW CAN I HELP? I DON'T GOLF.

- Purchase a sponsorship sign wishing "good luck" or in memory of a loved one.
- Donate money for prizes - any amount you can give would be very much appreciated.
- Donate a gift card - specifically gift cards in the amount of \$25
- Donate a prize - donate a prize, whether it is golf related or not
- Volunteer to help at the outing.
- Join us for dinner.

Look for a flyer in our fellowship hall or contact one of our committee members if you have any questions: Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, Chris Nedanis, Philip Bakousidis, Peter Branoff, or George Branoff.

The Macedonian Open is our biggest fundraiser and we encourage everyone to participate in some way.

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 Spring Dinner after Liturgy

Wednesday, June 4

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 pm Adult ed

Thursday, June 5

9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, June 7

Souls' Saturday

9 am Evergreen Cemetery beginning in the chapel with a Trisagion service
12:30 pm Crestwood Cemetery
1:30 pm Sunset Hills Cemetery
2 pm Gracelawn Cemetery
5 pm Vespers - live-streamed



Sunday, June 8

Holy Pentecost

9:30 am Hours-live-streamed
10 am Divine Liturgy-live-streamed
12:15 pm Vespers with kneeling prayers
2:00 pm St. Nicholas Cemetery
4:00 pm Great Lakes National Cemetery

Offerings for the week May 25, 2025

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 698.41
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -3,681.59

49 persons in attendance on May 25