

June 19, 2022

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, JUNE 19, 2022 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 8. All Saints. Holy Apostle Jude, the brother of the Lord (ca. 80). All Saints. Ven. Barlaam of Shenkursk (1462). Martyr Zosimas the soldier at Antioch in Pisidia (2nd c.). Ven. Paisius the Great (5th c.). St. John the Solitary of Jerusalem (6th c.). Ven. Paisius of Chilandari (Bulgarian – 18th c.). Repose of St. Job, Patriarch of Moscow and all Rus' (1607).

TROPARIA

Tone 8 You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! // O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Your Church has been adorned with Your martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to You, O Christ God: Send down Your bounties on Your people, grant peace to Your habitation, and great mercy to our souls.

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 8 The universe offers You the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. By their prayers keep Your Church, Your habitation, in abiding peace through the Theotokos, O Most Merciful One.

The prokeimenon in the eighth tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God! (Psalm 75:10a)

v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Psalm 75:1)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (11:33-12:2) *Brethren:* all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith - Jesus.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v: The righteous called and the Lord heard them and e delivered them from all their troubles. (Psalm 33:18)

v: Many are the afflictions of the righteous; and the Lord delivers them out of them all. (Psalm 33:20)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30) At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

COMMUNION HYMN

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (*Psalms 32:1*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

SYNAXIS OF ALL SAINT - THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.).

Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

Saint Peter of Damascus, in his "Fourth Stage of Contemplation," mentions five categories of saints: Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, and Monastic Saints (*Philokalia* [in English] Vol. 3, p.131). He is actually quoting from the *Octoechos*, Tone 2 for Saturday Matins, kathisma after the first stichology.

Saint Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain (July 14) adds the Righteous to Saint Peter's five categories. The list of Saint Nicodemus is found in his book *The Fourteen Epistles Of St Paul* (Venice, 1819, p. 384) in his discussion of I Corinthians 12:28.

The hymnology for the feast of All Saints also lists six categories: "Rejoice, assembly of the Apostles, Prophets of the Lord, loyal choirs of the Martyrs, divine Hierarchs, Monastic Fathers, and the Righteous...."

Some of the saints are described as Confessors, a category which does not appear in the above lists. Since they are similar in spirit to the martyrs, they are regarded as belonging to the category of Martyrs. They were not put to death as the Martyrs were, but they boldly confessed Christ and came close to being executed for their faith. Saint Maximus the Confessor (January 21) is such a saint.

The order of these six types of saints seems to be based on their importance to the Church. The Apostles are listed first, because they were the first to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

The Martyrs come next because of their example of courage in professing their faith before the enemies and persecutors of the Church, which encouraged other Christians to remain faithful to Christ even unto death.

Although they come first chronologically, the Prophets are listed after the Apostles and Martyrs. This is because the Old Testament Prophets saw only the shadows of things to come, whereas the Apostles and Martyrs experienced them firsthand. The New Testament also takes precedence over the Old Testament.

The holy Bishops comprise the fourth category. They are the leaders of their flocks, teaching them by their word and their example.

The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. Although some people erroneously believe that monks and nuns are useless and unproductive, Saint John Climacus had a high regard for them: "Angels are a light for monks, and the monastic life is a light for all men" (*Ladder*, Step 26:31).

The last category, the Righteous, are those who attained holiness of life while living "in the world." Examples include Abraham and his wife Sarah, Job, Saints Joachim and Anna, Saint Joseph the Betrothed, Saint Juliana of Lazarevo, and others.

The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo VI the Wise (886-911). His wife, the Holy Empress Theophano (December 16) lived in the world, but was not attached to worldly things. She was a great benefactor to the poor, and was generous to the monasteries. She was a true mother to her subjects, caring for widows and orphans, and consoling the sorrowful.

Even before the death of Saint Theophano in 893 or 894, her husband started to build a church, intending to dedicate it to Theophano, but she forbade him to do so. It was this emperor who decreed that the Sunday after Pentecost be dedicated to All Saints. Believing that his wife was one of the righteous, he knew that she would also be honored whenever the Feast of All Saints was celebrated. *from www.oca.org*

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

God's blessings for a safe trip to our godson Alexander Gonser	Baba & Dedo
God's blessings for continued good health to our granddaughters on their Birthdays Anna Panoff June 14 (4 yrs.), Ellie Panoff June 21 (9 yrs.), Rachel Panoff June 18 (18 yrs.) and God's blessings to their parents & siblings for good health.	Baba & Dedo
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, 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
Feodosiy, Oleg, Galina, Irina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev	Irina Sivergina

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Blessed Repose~Adelaïda, Galina, Vitaliy, Vasiliy, Ekaterina, Ekaterina	Irina Sivergina
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WELCOME to all our friends and visitors! Welcome to everyone 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](#).

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by Cathy Edwards in memory of her husband, Bob Edwards (40 days). 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 donuts & coffee and/or serve in the coming weeks.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE God bless everyone for their financial stewardship, especially with the cost of gasoline, food, etc. The parish checking account is low, please give as you are able.

Endowment fund loan: The endowment committee approved a \$15,000 loan from cash on hand in the endowment fund to the church checking account for the purpose of meeting normal expenses through the summer. This loan will be paid back to the endowment fund by installments.

Our parish hosts the pan-Orthodox celebration of Saints Peter and Paul with Liturgy on Wednesday, June 29 at 10 am. Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church will be Saturday, August 27 at Groveland Oaks Campgrounds in Holly.

Rummage sale has been postponed for lack of chairperson(s).

Parish picnic is August 21 - outdoor Liturgy and dedication of the courtyard shrine of the Mother of God in memory of Mildred and Lawrence Bladecki. Followed by the picnic: lamb & limited number of chicken, rice, beans, coleslaw. Please bring desserts to share. 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. Dinner tickets will be sold in advance.

Building and grounds: John and Nancy Borkovich put on new trim boards on the garage. Air compressor for the furnaces needs to be replaced but we can omit this by updating the thermostat zones which will be more efficient. Fan replaced in small kitchen to keep it cool for the refrigerators and freezers. The back field needs to be brush-hogged as soon as possible.

Those who would like to assist at non-parishioner rentals of the fellowship hall and pavilion by being present at the rentals, please contact the office. This is a paid per-hour position. There are rentals on Saturday, July 16 and Saturday, July 23.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is hosting "Stand Down" for all veterans & their families on Friday, June 24 from 9 am-3 pm. Services include help with VA benefits, healthcare, dental, mental health, support groups, housing assistance, employment, legal services, showers, hygiene supplies, haircuts, food & clothing. For more information on how you can become involved or donate contact Debra Hayes at 810-234-1163.

MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE is tomorrow at the Flint Elks Golf Club. **It is not too late to donate!** 94 golfers will be participating, the most in recent memory. If you have any questions or know of someone who would like to help, please contact Angelo Panoff (angelo.panoff@stifel.com or 810-249-6031), Christine Panoff (capanoff@umflint.edu or 810-232-4868), Linda Branoff (branoff721@aol.com or 810-964-3654), George Branoff (george.branoff27@frontier.com or 810-252-5395) or Chris Nedanis (cned77@gmail.com or 810-877-0889).

PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME on Sunday, July 10 at 3 pm at St Pius X Church ballfield, 3139 Hogarth Ave, Flint, MI 48532. Sign-up to play or to cheer on the teams! Sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES Anyone who wishes to support International Orthodox Christian Charity's (IOCC) humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis can visit iocc.org/ukraine22 or call 877.803.4622 to make a donation.

PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL Saint Mary Magdalene Church we will take on a modified version of Vacation Church School for this summer. It will be a one day event, Saturday, August 27th, at Groveland Oaks Campgrounds in Holly (Click [here](#) for website) The topic will be on the Cross. The tentative plan is to arrival at 11:00 AM for the program, and end at 4:00 PM with a pan-Orthodox Great Vespers in the pavilion. Lunch (in the form of cooking their own hotdogs on a stick) will be provided, as well as smores/snacks for all after Vespers.

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS! Adult men and boys, your service is needed in the holy altar to assist in the Divine Liturgy! If you would like to learn to serve, please see Deacon Luke, send an email stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or call the office 810-744-0070. Training sessions will be set up for altar servers to learn the importance of this ministry and the "how to" for serving.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today 40 day memorial for Bob Edwards

Monday, June 20 Father in Toledo
Macedonian Open at Flint Elks Club

Wednesday, June 22

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult education class - *Transfigured in the Night: Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra* by Fr. Maximos Constas. You may read it [here](#).

Friday, June 24 NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST - *fish, wine, & olive oil permitted*

9:30 am Divine Liturgy - Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Saturday, June 25

2 pm 1 year Parastas for Eleni Servinis at Evergreen Cemetery
[5 pm Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)
Confessions

Sunday, June 26 ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA - *fish, wine, & olive oil permitted*

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
[10 am Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Offerings for the week June 12, 2022

Weekly Offerings	\$ 3,535.02
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 431.02

54 persons in attendance on June 12th

