

June 20, 2021

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 20, 2021 8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – HOLY PENTECOST. Hieromartyr Methodius, Bishop of Patar (312). Rt. Blv. Prince Gleb Andreevich (son of St. Andrew Bogoliubsky – 1174). Translation of the Relics of St. Gurias, Archbishop of Kazan' (1630). Martyrs Inna, Pinna, and Rimma, disciples of Apostle Andrew in Scythia (1st-2nd c.). Martyrs Aristocleus – Presbyter, Demetrian – Deacon, and Athanasius – Reader, of Cyprus (ca. 306). St. Leucius, Bishop of Brindisi (5th c.). St. Callistus, Patriarch of Constantinople (1363). Icon of the Mother of God "Hodēgētria" ("THE GUIDE") at the Monastery of Xenophontos on Mt. Athos. Hodēgētria Icon of the Mother of God (Παύαγια Οδηγήτρια).

FIRST ANTIPHON

The heavens are telling the glory of God; / and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Day to day pours forth speech, / and night to nights declares knowledge. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. **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

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; / the name of the God of Jacob protect you! **O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"**

May He send you help from the sanctuary / and give you support from Zion! **O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"**

May He remember all your offerings, / and fulfill all your plans! **O Gracious Comforter, save us who sing to Thee: "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 and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

In Thy strength the king rejoices, O Lord, and exults greatly in Thy salvation. Troparion (Tone 8): Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withheld the request of his lips.

Troparion: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God...

For Thou dost meet him with goodly blessings; Thou dost set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

Troparion: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God...

SMALL ENTRANCE

Deacon Wisdom! Upright!

Priest: Be lifted up, Lord, in your power; we will sing and chant your mighty works. Good Comforter, save us who sing to you: "Alleluia!"

TROPARION

(Tone 8) Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

KONTAKION

(Tone 8) When the Most High came down and confused the tongues He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-Holy Spirit!

INSTEAD OF THE TRISAGION

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ! Alleluia!

The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth;/ and their words to the ends of the universe.

v. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (2:1-11) In those days, when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made; and all their host by the Spirit of His mouth.

v. The Lord looked down from heaven, and saw all the sons of men.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (7:37-52, 8:12) On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

Without knowing a man you became a mother, without knowing corruption you bore a child, giving flesh to the Word who creates all things, containing Him Who cannot be contained, encompassing your infinite Maker: O Virgin Theotokos, we magnify you!

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Thy good spirit lead me on a level path. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

(Tone 8) Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Matins Gospel of Pentecost

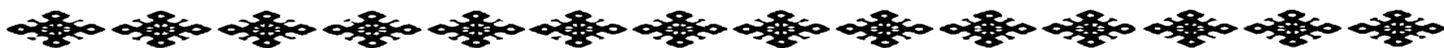
The holy Gospel according to Saint John 20:19-23

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

HOLY PENTECOST Fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles gathered in Jerusalem. By the power of the Spirit they went forth to proclaim the good news that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God made flesh and that by His death and Resurrection we have been saved. This kernel of faith has been passed on from generation to generation and faith has been passed on from generation to generation and preached to the four corners of the world. We ourselves receive this missionary command because we, too, have received the Holy Spirit. At our chrismation, our own

personal Pentecost, we were anointed with the sacred chrism and the words were pronounced to us: "The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit!" Sealed with the Holy Spirit as God's gift to us, our bodies have become living temples of God's Spirit. And we at our baptism and chrismation heard the words of Christ, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19) This mission given to the first apostles in the first century is given to us the Church in the twenty-first century. We who believe are not to hide our faith under a bushel basket but to live it as a light before all people. We are not to be ashamed of our faith or apologetic about it. And we must be prepared to give good answer to those who ask us why we believe in Jesus, what makes us follow Him. "Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence." (1 Peter 3:15-16) We believe and follow Him because He is God Himself become man who has given us the words of eternal life. By His death and resurrection He has saved us from the bondage of sin and death. And as a memorial of all this He has given us His own Body and Blood that we may be united with Him and He with us. May we reflect in our lives the communion with one another and with the Father that Christ calls us to by the power of the Holy Spirit who came upon the Apostles at the first Pentecost and who dwells with us, the Church, even today.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

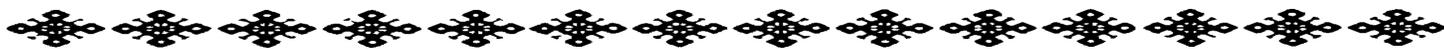
Birthday blessings to sons Adam & Eli on June 8 th	Mom & Dad
God's blessings for good health for our granddaughter's birthdays, Anna Panoff June 14 th & Ellie Panoff June 21 st	Baba & Dedo
Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends	Joe Tome Joe Tome
Special Intention	

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Peter & Josephine Sredich, Mike & Sophia Sredich and Milo & Mary Rambat	Kris Sredich-George & family
Nikolaos Bakousidis (2 yrs. - June 6)	Gerry, Lena & Ritsa
Theodora Papalazarou (10 years - May 30)	her family
Blessed Repose to our grandsons Andrew & Matthew	Baba & Dedo

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Fr. Andrew Nowak (40 days)	Arlene Timma
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WELCOME to all our friends and visitors! Happy Father's Day. 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 Assumption Church](#) or [Dormition Monastery](#) for their livestreams.

WEEKLY MAILING As of June 20th we discontinued mailing out the weekly bulletin & vespers. If you want to continue receiving them please contact the office by phone or email. (810)744-0070.

PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME June 27 at St Pius X School ball field. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall near the kitchen serving window. Even if you do not play, come and join us for the picnic and camaraderie as our four parishes get together for sport, food, and fellowship.

GRADUATE SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY June 27. We will honor our graduates from 2020 and 2021 at the Divine Liturgy with special petitions for them and a blessing. Graduates, plan on attending with your families. You are welcome to wear your graduation gown for the Liturgy.

COFFEE & DONUTS Everyone is welcome to join us in the parish hall after Liturgy. If you would like to volunteer to help serve or sponsor the coffee & donuts there is a signup sheet next to the kitchen window. Help is always appreciated!

MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE will be held tomorrow, June 21st at the Flint Elks Golf Club.

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

CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS can be emailed to the office at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or called in.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: PENTECOST WEEK - fast-free week

Monday, June 21 **DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
Macedonian Open Golf Scramble at the Flint Elks Club (Grand Blanc)

Tuesday, June 22 *Father in Toledo*
7 pm **OCA online church school**

Wednesday, June 23
11:15 am *No Divine Liturgy*
adult education class

Thursday, June 24 **NATIVITY OF THE HOLY PROPHET, FORERUNNER, AND BAPTIST JOHN**
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 26
5 pm **Great Vespers**

Sunday, June 27 **SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS**
9:30 am Hours
10 am **Divine Liturgy** - honoring our graduates from 2020 and 2021
40 day Parastas for Peter Sredich
3 pm Pan-Orthodox Softball Game at St Pius X school ballfield 3139 Hogarth Ave, Flint

Offerings for the week June 13th, 2021

62 persons in attendance on June 13th

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,828.21
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -1,275.79

