

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Orthodox Church in America

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SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1. ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA. Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia (3rd-4th c.). Hieromartyr Terence (Tertius), Bishop of Iconium (1st c.). St. Julius, Presbyter of Novara, and his brother, St. Julian the Deacon (5th c.). Martyrs Archil II (744) and Luarsab II (1622), Kings of Georgia.

TROPARIA

(Tone 1) When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!”

(Tone 8) As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. / By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace // through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

(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 First Tone: Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on Thee.
v. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

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 1

v. God gives vengeance to me, and subdues people under me.

v. **He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous.

Saint Herman of Alaska (December 13, August 9), was a member of the first mission of Orthodox monks from Russia to Alaska and fell asleep in the Lord in 1837. The Martyr Juvenal was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, Saint Peter was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Missionary efforts continued in the nineteenth century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were Saint Innocent Veniaminov (March 31 and October 6) and Saint Jacob Netsvetov (July 26), who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages.

As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, an event of enormous significance for the North American Church took place. On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive Saint Alexis Toth (May 7) and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church. Saint Tikhon (Belavin), the future Patriarch of Moscow (April 7, October 9), came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, Saint Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock. He realized that the local church here could not be a permanent extension of the Russian Church. Therefore, he focused his efforts on giving the American Church a diocesan and parish structure which would help it mature and grow. Saint Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and was elected as Patriarch of Moscow ten years later and reposed in 1925.

Saint Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27) was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. He was consecrated by Bishop Tikhon and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, Saint Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to Saint Tikhon in his archpastoral ministry. Saint Raphael reposed on February 27, 1915.

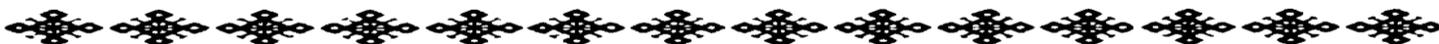
In the twentieth century, in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution, countless men, women, and children received the crown of martyrdom rather than renounce Christ. Saints John Kochurov (October 31) and Alexander Hotovitzky (December 4 and August 7) both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. Saint John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in Saint Petersburg. Saint Alexander Hotovitzky, who served in America until 1914, was killed in 1937.

In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness. *oca.org*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

June 21, 2020



CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Happy Birthday Dennis & Eileen Goodman~health & blessings!

Steve & Ben Goodman

Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Larry, Helen, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Anna, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Katheryn, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family & friends.

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

Milica Beslach and Bosa & her family

Bosa Kantar

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Stevo Musulin~Memory Eternal

Cecilia Musulin

Stevo Musulin~Memory Eternal

Mary (Musulin) Cooley

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Stevo Musulin~Memory Eternal



John B. Musulin

Welcome to everyone joining us via our YouTube channel: [St Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#). Blessed Fathers' Day to all our living fathers, uncles, grandfathers, and godfathers. To all our fallen asleep fathers, uncles, grandfathers, and godfathers: the light of Christ's face shine upon them.

MANY YEARS! to Cathy Edwards who will be received into the Orthodox Church on Sunday, June 21 through Chrismation prior to the Divine Liturgy. Cathy is the wife of parishioner Bob Edwards. Her godmother is Ruth Conrad. God grant Cathy many years!

APOSTLES' FAST continues to June 28 and ends on the feast of the chief apostles, Peter & Paul on June 29.

PANORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME Sunday, July 19 at St. Pius Catholic School. The game starts at 3 pm. Food & drinks will be provided by Assumption Church. Please sign up by calling the office at 810-744-0070 or e-mailing stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com
Any questions? please e-mail Fr. Gabriel at frgabrielismm@gmail.com

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

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THOSE IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of their addresses:

Helen Ashmun	4436 Beecher Rd.	Flint, MI 48532
Larry Bladecki	3254 E. Midland Rd.	Bay City, MI 48706
Anna Branoff	Grand Blanc Fields 12628 Pagels Dr	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Gladys Edwards	2 Harbor Dr.	St. Clair, MO 63077
Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr.	Flint, MI 48532
Vasilka Karatza	Regency 1330 Grand Pointe Ct	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Jo Sredich	Magnolia House 4134 N. State Rd.	Davison, MI 48423

ROTATING SCHEDULE The rotating schedule for attending Sunday Liturgy has begun. The groupings are based on alphabetical order from households that wish to return presently. You will receive a phone call and e-mail from the parish office notifying you the Sunday Liturgy you are scheduled to attend.

WHEN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WISHES TO BE ADDED TO THE ROTATION, PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL THE PARISH OFFICE: 810-744-0070 or stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com

VESPERS ON SATURDAY Those who wish to attend Vespers on Saturday should contact the parish office whether by e-mail or telephone call. If the maximum number of households permitted is reached for Wednesday Liturgy and Saturday Vespers by the time you notify the office of your desire to attend, your household will be put on the top of the list for the following week.

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Weekly schedule:

Today **Father's Day**

Wednesday, June 24

No Liturgy

Saturday, June 27

5 pm **Great Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel**

Sunday, June 28

Group 2A is in the fellowship hall and Group 2B is in the church

10 am **Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel**

Father Matthew will be on vacation June 22-July 3. Please contact Fr Joe Abud 810-444-9108, Fr Gabriel Bilas 330-285-1740 or Fr Jarrod Russell 501-554-1874 in case of an emergency.

Offerings for the week June 14th, 2020

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,069.25
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$-1,034.75



That we should imagine that anger, wrath, jealousy or the such like have anything to do with the divine Nature is utterly abhorrent for us...nor again can we possibly say that He acts thus out of retribution, even though the Scriptures may on the outer surface posit this...A right way of thinking about God would be the following: the kind Lord, who in everything He does looks to ways of assisting rational beings, directs thought concerning judgment to the advantage of those who accept this difficult matter. ...He acts towards us in ways He knows will be advantageous to us, whether by way of things that cause suffering, or by way of things that cause relief, whether they cause joy or grief, whether they are insignificant or glorious: all are directed towards the single eternal good, whether each receives judgment or something of glory from Him not by way of retribution - far from it! - but with a view to the advantage that is going to come from all these things. - *St. Isaac of Nineveh*