

June 23, 2024

**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 4, 2023 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA – HOLY PENTECOST. Martyr Agrippina of Rome (253-260). Righteous Artemii of Verkol'sk (1545). Translation of the Relics of St. Herman, Archbishop of Kazan' (1567). Martyrs Eustochius, Gaius, Probus, Lollius, and Urban, of Ancyra (4th c.). Synaxis of the Saints of Vladimir. The Meeting of the VLADIMIR Icon of the Mother of God (in commemoration of the saving of Moscow from the invasion of Khan Akhmat – 1480). Nikéttas of Thebes and those with him (11th c.).**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

The heavens are telling the glory of God; / and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (*Psalm 18:1*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Day to day pours forth speech, / and night to night declares knowledge. (*Psalm 18:2*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Their voice goes out through all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the world. (*Psalm 18:4*) **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! (*Psalm 19:1*) **O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

May He send you help from the sanctuary / and give you support from Sion! (*Psalm 19:2*) **O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

May He grant you your heart's desire, / and fulfill all your plans! (*Psalm 19:3*) **O Good Comforter, 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 and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and were crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

**THIRD ANTIPHON**

**O Lord, in your power the king will be gladdened, and in your salvation will rejoice greatly.** (*Psalm 20:1*) *Troparion - Tone 8* Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You have revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of Man, glory to You!

**His heart's desire you gave him, and of the will of his lips you did not deprive them.** (*Psalm 20:2*) Blessed are You...

**For you came before him with blessings of kindness, you set upon his head a crown of precious stone.** (*Psalm 20:3*) Blessed are You...

**SMALL ENTRANCE**

*Deacon* Wisdom! Upright!

**Priest:** Be lifted up, Lord, in your power; we will sing and chant your mighty works. (*Psalms 20:13*) O Good Comforter, save us who sing to you: "Alleluia!"

### **TROPARION**

**Tone 8** Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You have revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of Man, glory to You!

### **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! (*Galatians 3:27*) 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. (Psalm 18:4)*

*v. The heavens describe the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the making of his hands. (Ps. 18:1)*

**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 firm, and by the spirit of his mouth all their power. (Psalm 32:6)*

*v. From heaven the Lord looked upon, he saw all the sons of men. (Psalm 32:13)*

**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 Your good Spirit lead me on a level path! (*Psalms 142:12a*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

**Tone 8** Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You have revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of Man, glory to You!



**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE** God bless you for maintaining your tithes and offerings. Endowment fund is up \$14,500 as of the end of May. The diocesan treasurer, Steve Timofeev, is working on our Quickbooks at the invitation of parish council.

Prayers at the graves will take place on Souls' Saturday, June 22, and Pentecost, June 23.

A church school planning meeting will take place in July. The Burton Memorial Day Parade went very well. We do need even more candy for the parade. S'mores and bonfire is Saturday, July 13. No family game night on June 22. Mosquito-spraying is planned for before the bonfire and the August picnic.

North End Soup Kitchen is Thursday, July 4 from 9 am to 12:30 pm.

Maintenance envelope can be put in the Sunday bulletin. Weeds will be taken care of at the large sign in the front.

August picnic, a tentative schedule is - Thursday, August 15 clean up pavilion and kitchen area; Friday, August 16 treat for mosquitos; Saturday, August 17 set-up. Picnic price \$20 per dinner, no charge for those who come only for dancing with Skimos Band, (a donation basket will be placed). Help is needed - you are needed - to help with prep, set-up, and breakdown. Two separate fliers: one for our parishioners advertising the dinner after the Liturgy. One flier for wide distribution only for the dance with Skimos Band.

Need a sexton for the cemetery. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

Work is being done on installing the new, energy-efficient thermostats. Suggestion of a center rail at the steps in the front of the church.

Vision meeting on Tuesday, November 5 at 6:30 pm - separate from regular parish council meeting - so that we can focus on what we see for the next 5 years, next 3 years, next year.

Next meeting is Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30 pm.

**MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE** Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Golf Scramble, including all of the volunteers, especially to the committee members: Chris Nedanis, Angelo Panoff, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, Peter & Marilynn Branoff, Phil Bakousidis and George Branoff.

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**, the chief apostles, are honored universally on June 29. Both were martyred in Rome and their relics are there - Saint Peter's at St Peter Basilica and Saint Paul's at Saint Paul Basilica Outside the Walls. **Come and honor the two great apostles at the pan-Orthodox Liturgy on Saturday, June 29 at 10 am at our church.**

**PART TIME HELP** needed for companionship & light duties for a senior man & woman. Please contact Kathy Condon at 810-922-8305 if you or someone you know is interested.

**PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME** @ St. John the Evangelist Catholic School on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The game starts at 3 pm. Drinks and food are provided by Assumption Church this year.

**ST. NICHOLAS' PARISH PICNIC & DANCE** is August 18. There is a signup sheet in parish hall for those who can help.

**GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY** Go to our website [www.saintnicholasburton.org](http://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 the extra fee we are charged to your donation.** 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:**

**Sunday, June 23**

12:15 pm Vespers with Kneeling Prayers for the Day of the Holy Spirit  
2:00 pm prayers at St. Nicholas Cemetery  
4:00 pm prayers at Great Lakes National Cemetery

**Monday, June 24** *Fr. in Toledo then at Dormition Monastery for the Diocesan Clergy Retreat June 25-28*

**Wednesday, June 26** Office Closed  
No Liturgy

**Friday, June 28** Office Closed

**Saturday, June 29** **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**  
**10 am** **Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy-live-streamed**  
**5 pm** **Vespers - live-streamed** *Confessions*

**Sunday, June 30**  
**9:30 am** **Hours & 10 am Divine Liturgy-live-streamed**

**Offerings for the week June 16, 2024**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,736.30
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	<b>\$ - 2,643.70</b>

72 persons in attendance on June 16