

June 26, 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 26, 2022 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1. ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA. **New Martyr David of St. Anne's Skete (1813). St. David of Thessalonica (ca. 540). St. Dionysius, Archbishop of Suzdal' (1385). Translation of the Relics of St. Tikhon of Lukhov (Kostromá – 1569). St. John, Bishop of the Goths in the Crimea (8th c.). Appearance of the TIKHVIN Icon of the Mother of God (1388). The "SEDMIYEZERSKAYA" Icon of the Mother of God (17th c.).**

TROPARIA

Tone 1 When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! // Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of 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 Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on You. (Psalm 32:22)

v. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Psalm 32:1)

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 1

v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Psalm 17:48)

v: He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed to the age. (Psalm 17:51)

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! (*Psalm 148:1*)

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.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

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

Health & blessings for my husband Richard

Pam Pitlanish

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Bob Edwards~Blessed Repose
Ivan & Evdokia Ponomarenko

Paul Brayan

Lucy Hogg



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](#).

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



COFFEE SOCIAL Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a sign-up sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate bagels & coffee and/or serve in the coming weeks.

MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Golf Scramble, especially to the committee members: Chris Nedanis, Angelo Panoff, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, and George Branoff. Ninety-seven golfers participated this year.

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:

Wednesday, June 29 **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**

10 am Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at our church served by Fr. Joseph Abud
No Adult education class

Saturday, July 2

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

Sunday, July 3

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
10 am **Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel**

Offerings for the week June 19, 2022

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| <i>Weekly Offerings</i> | \$ 933.01 |
| <i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i> | \$ 3,104.00 |
| | \$ -2,170.99 |

56 persons in attendance on June 19th