

June 27, 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 27, 2021 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 8. **All Saints. St. Sampson the Hospitable of Constantinople (ca. 530). St. Joanna the Myrrhbearer (1st c.). Ven. Serapion of Kozheyézersk (1611). St. Severus, Presbyter, of Interocrea, Italy (6th c.). Ven. George of Mt. Athos (Georgian – 1066).**

TROPARIA

(Tone 8) Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection: glory to Thee!

(Tone 4) As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' bloodshed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy 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 Thee the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. Through the Theotokos and their prayers establish Thy Church in peace.

The Prokeimenon in the Eighth Tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!

v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

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.

v: Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers them out of them all.

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! 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*

The holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

Encyclical for Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday 2021 - Assembly of Bishops

Thursday, June 24, 2021

Prison Ministry Awareness 2021

"Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise Your name." (Psalm 142:7)

To the Reverend Clergy, Monastics, and Pious Faithful of our Holy Orthodox Church in the United States:

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Greetings and blessings to you all!

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States has blessed us to observe the Sunday before the feast of St. Silas, the patron saint of prison ministry, as Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday. This year we remember this sacred ministry on July 25, 2021.

After a year of isolation, we are experiencing the full joy of our freedom this summer. Many of us are making up for lost time: taking trips, seeing our friends, and most importantly, returning to our churches in person.

For our brothers and sisters in prison, it has been a hard year as well. Lockdowns meant many of the 2.3 million men and women incarcerated in the United States were in truly deep isolation without visitations from family, friends, and clergy. As restrictions now ease, we are called more than ever to exercise our own freedoms to serve those who have suffered emotionally, physically, and spiritually over these last months. Now is the moment to cherish our blessings by sharing them with those who our Lord has commanded us to see Himself in.

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' (Matthew 25).

Along with those in prison right now, we can find the Lord in the faces of those who have been released from prison and are seeking to find community in our parishes and rebuild their lives through the Orthodox way of life. We can also visit the Lord in caring for the family members of prisoners. Indeed, the staggering rates of incarceration in the US make it difficult to find an Orthodox parish in our country that does not have a parishioner deeply affected by the incarceration of an immediate family member.

As the Episcopal Moderator of Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry, I respectfully request you observe this day of awareness. The Holy Orthodox Church, through Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry, brings the mercy, forgiveness, and love of Christ to those people who need hope and healing living in the darkness of prison.

We humbly ask that after passing a tray for the ongoing work of your parish, you please pass a second tray on Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday for the work of the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry.

As Saint Isaac the Syrian says, "A cruel and merciless heart is never purified. A merciful man is the doctor of his own soul because as a strong wind from his heart, he drives out the darkness of the passions." Please show mercy to our brothers and sisters in jails and prisons across the United States on July 25th.

With much love and thanks in our risen Lord,

†Archbishop Mark

June 27, 2021



CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Happy Birthday & God's blessings Ralph Neely (June 27)	Dorothy Goodman
Health & blessings of Feodosiy, Galina, Nicholay, Oleg, Irina & Nicholay George & Cathy Suhaj	Irina Sivergina
Kum Bosko Momic God's blessings & good luck	Lucy Hogg
Birthday blessings to our granddaughter Rachel (June 18)	Kuma Bosa
God's blessings for good health to all our grandkids & their parents	Baba & Dedo
God's blessings for good health to all of our golfers & helpers at the Macedonian Open Golf Outing	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	The MOG committee
Special Intention	Joe Tome
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Adelaida, Galina, Nikolay, Andrey, Vasiliy, Vitaliy, Ekaterina & Nelli	Irina Sivergina
Blessed Repose to our grandsons Andrew & Matthew and all our deceased parents & family members	Baba & Dedo
Ivan & Evdokia Ponomarenko	Lucy Hogg
Sophie Tula Stavridis (6 mo.)	Teddy & Jessica
Peter Sredich (40 days)	Bosa Kantar



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](#) [Assumption Church](#) or [Dormition Monastery](#) for their livestreams.

MEMORY ETERNAL - CHRIST IS RISEN! ELENI SERVINIS fell asleep in the Lord on Friday morning, June 25 at Regency at Grand Blanc. She is the widow of Spiro Servinis. With Spiro they had children Magda Popoff, Kosta (Para) Servinis of Australia, Menka (Alex) Petlichkov of Australia, and Thomai (John) Papalazarou of Toronto. Visitation and funeral will be at church on Monday, June 28 with burial at Evergreen Cemetery. Please see the weekly schedule below for details. Christ God, risen from the dead, grant His handmaiden Eleni rest in the light of His Face. God sustain her family by His grace. Bog da prosti! Christos anesti! Christ is risen!

WEEKLY MAILING As of June 20th we discontinued mailing out the weekly bulletin & vespers. If you want to continue receiving them or you have requested it but are not receiving them, please contact the office by phone or email. (810)744-0070.

PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME is today at 3 pm at St Pius X School ball field. 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.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL will be held August 17, 18 & 19 and will be hosted by St. Mary Magdalene this year. We need people to volunteer - whether you have children participating or not. Please let Popadia Lisa know if you would like to volunteer.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN is July 1st from 9 am-11:30 am. Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom



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 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. Eighty-four golfers participated this year.

OFFICE HOURS this week are Monday 9:30-3, Wednesday 9-3 & Friday 9 - 3.

CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS email to the office at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or call in.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE: SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

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

Monday, June 28

APOSTLES' FAST BEGINS

10 am

visitation for Eleni Servinis at church

11 am

funeral for Eleni Servinis followed by burial at Evergreen Cemetery

6 pm

Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Liturgy at St. George for Ss. Peter & Paul

Tuesday, June 29

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

7 pm

[OCA online church school](#)

Wednesday, June 30

No Divine Liturgy

No Adult education

Thursday, July 1

9 am-11 am

North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, July 3

5 pm

Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. George. Deacon Michael Bassett's last service as a deacon. He is being ordained as a priest July 4th.

Sunday, July 4

9:30 am

Hours

[10 am](#)

[Divine Liturgy](#)

Fr. Matthew will be out of town beginning June 29. If you have an emergency, please contact Fr. Gabriel at 330-285-1740 or Fr. Jarrod at 810-554-1874 or Fr. Joe at 810-732-0720.

Offerings for the week June 20th, 2021

63 persons in attendance on June 20th

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,501.51
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ - 602.49