

June 30, 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 30, 2024 1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 8. **All Saints. "Seven Arrows". Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious and All-praised Twelve Apostles: Peter, Andrew, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, the son of Alphæus, Jude, the brother of James, Simon the Zealot, and Matthias (1st c.). St. Peter, Prince of Ordinsk (Rostov – 1290). Translation of the Relics of St. Sophroný, Bishop of Irkutsk (1918).**

TROPARIA

Tone 8 You descended from on high, O Merciful One! You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!// O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

Tone 4 As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Your Church has been adorned with Your martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to You, O Christ God: "Send down Your bounties on Your people, // grant peace to Your habitation and great mercy to our souls!"

Tone 4 First-enthroned of the apostles, / teachers of the universe: / Entreat the Master of all / to grant peace to the world, / and to our souls great mercy!*

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 You the God-bearing Martyrs as the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. By their prayers keep Your Church, Your habitation, in abiding peace // through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

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 FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

(4:9-16) Brethren: I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v: The Lord is near the ones shattered of heart, and the humble in spirit he will save. (*Psalm 33:18*)

v: Many – the afflictions of the righteous, but from them all the Lord will deliver them. (*Psalm 33:20*)

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! (*Psalm 32:1*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

SYNAXIS OF ALL SAINTS - 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.

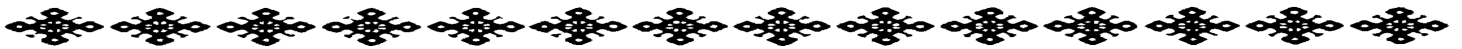
The Monastic Saints are those who withdrew from this world to live in monasteries, or in seclusion. They did not do this out of hatred for the world, but in order to devote themselves to unceasing prayer, and to do battle against the power of the demons. Although some people erroneously believe that 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*

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

God's blessings for good health to our granddaughters on their birthdays; Anna June 14,

Rachel June 18, Ellie June 21

Baba & Dedo

God's blessings on my granddaughter Delaney Serra for her marriage to Sean Mchaffy.

God grant them many years.

Connie Maxim

Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan,
Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Les,
Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted,
Joseph, Marlene, Ellyn, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family
and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENENTION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Andrew, Matthew & baby angels

Baba & Dedo



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors and those 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](#).

June 30 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Angelo Panoff

July 7 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Phil Wiles

READER: Katherine Gonser

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

PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME July 7 @ St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Fenton. The game starts at 3 pm. Drinks and food are provided by Assumption this year. Note the location changed this year. All ages are welcome. Please join us for an afternoon of family fun.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FORUM July 9 to July 11 at Saint Michael Church, Broadview Heights, OH co-sponsored by our Diocese. Christopher Taylor will be attending for St. Nicholas this year.

FAMILY NIGHT S'MORES AND BON FIRE July 13 after Vespers. Join us for an evening of fun & fellowship for all ages. Bring lawn chairs, everything else will be provided. Stephanie & Ian Price are hosting the event so you can contact Stephanie at (248) 396-3899 if you have any questions.

2024 ANNUAL OCW RETREAT on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery. The information is on the attached flyer. The form to fill out, if attending, is at the bottom of the flyer itself. Send the form (bottom portion) in to Gia Cherpes-See at the address listed with a check made out to the Orthodox Christian Women of Michigan. Or, you can send in a separate piece of paper with the information on the form along with your payment. The cost is \$25 per OCW member/ \$30 per nonmember. A portion of the cost will be used for a donation to the Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery, especially to help out with the rising cost of the food for lunch. With all due love and respect, please double check with us if you are a member in good standing. If you have any questions you can email Gia at ocwmichigan@gmail.com.

40 DAY PARASTAS for Mira Prusac will be on Tuesday, July 23 at 12 noon at Evergreen Cemetery.

REDEDICATION WEEKEND at St. Mary Magdalene July 19 & 20. **July 19** at 6 pm Akathist to St Mary Magdalene; 7 pm welcome & hors d'oeuvres. **July 20** at 9 am Pontifical Liturgy; 12:30 pm Banquet (a ticketed event); 5 pm Vespers. To attend the banquet RSVP by Friday, July 12 at smmocafernton@gmail.com, go to <https://www.st-marymagdalene.org/> or call 810-750-1401.

ST. NICHOLAS' PARISH PICNIC & DANCE is August 18. There is a signup sheet in parish hall for those who can help with cleaning the pavilion, set-up & the dinner. We are looking for donors for the lambs we'll be cooking! Please consider donating the cost of a whole lamb or making a partial donation.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL subscribe to our YouTube channel [Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#) to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services. Livestreams begin at 9:30 with Hours.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9-3.

GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY Go to our website 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:

Wednesday, July 3

No Divine Liturgy



Thursday July 4

9am-12:30 pm

Independence Day

North End Soup kitchen

Saturday, July 6

5 pm [Vespers - live-streamed](#) *Confessions*

Sunday, July 7

9:30 am [Hours & 10 am Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)

3 pm Pan-Orthodox Softball Game at St John Catholic School, Fenton



Offerings for the week June 23, 2024

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,486.05
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,893.95

72 persons in attendance on June 23