

June 8, 2025

**St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America • 2143 S. Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519

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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 narthex. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

**Holy Communion – for Orthodox Christians (those received into the Orthodox Church through baptism or chrismation)**, please note that there are specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion – fasting from midnight (unless you need to take medication) and recent Confession. 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

**For our visitors who are not Orthodox Christian:** we welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (antidoron) which will be given when coming forward to receive the final blessing from the priest at the conclusion of the Liturgy. **Again, welcome!**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF PASCHA – HOLY PENTECOST. Translation of the Relics of the Greatmartyr Theodore Stratelates (319). St. Theodore, first Bishop of Rostov and Suzdal' (1023). Finding of the Relics of Ss. Basil and Constantine, Princes of Yaroslavl (13th c.). St. Ephraim, Patriarch of Antioch (545). Ven. Zosimas of Phœnicia (Syria – 6th 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. (*Psalm 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 HOLY 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! (*Psalm 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!

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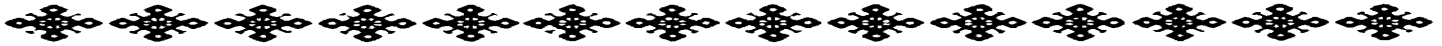


**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

My friends, the St Juliana family	Economou family
Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev & Irina	Irina Sivergina
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted, Kathryn, David, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Elizabeth, Sviatlna, Nicholas, Artyom & Aleksander	Elizabeth Khait

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF**

Memory Eternal beloved father & grandfather Nikolas Bakousidis (6 yrs. June 6)	His family
Adelaïda & Feodosiy	Irina Sivergina
Hana St Juliana	Economou family



**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 8 CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford      **HOURS:** Lucy Hogg      **READER:** Angelo Panoff  
**June 15 CANDLESTAND:** Ian & Stephanie      **HOURS:** Staci Shank      **READER:** Katherine Gonser

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS** led by Deacon Luke after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith. The class meets in the library.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASS** is taking a summer break. Classes resume in September.

**COFFEE SOCIAL** is provided today by Sandy & Christopher Tayler in memory of Julia Peck. Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.

**MACEDONIAN OPEN** is Monday, June 16th at the Flint Elks Golf Club. **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO HELP.**

- Donate money for prizes - any amount you can give would be very much appreciated.
- Donate a gift card - specifically gift cards in the amount of \$25
- Donate a prize - donate a prize, whether it is golf related or not
- Volunteer to help at the outing.
- Join us for dinner.

Look for a flyer in our fellowship hall or contact one of our committee members if you have any questions: Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, Chris Nedanis, Philip Bakousidis, Peter Branoff, or George Branoff. The Macedonian Open is our biggest fundraiser and we encourage everyone to participate in some way.

**VISIT TO HOLY DORMITION MONASTERY** on Saturday, June 28 beginning with Divine Liturgy at 8:45 am. This visit is for our catechumens and inquirers and any faithful who would like to attend. We will receive a tour of the monastery church and grounds following the Liturgy and luncheon. Mother Abbess Gabriella asks for a count of how many will attend. Please call the church office at 810-744-0070 or e-mail [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) with the number of persons attending. Also, we will offer a monetary gift to the monastery for the hospitality we receive. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall.

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED:**

- Chairperson(s) for the picnic and dance on Sunday, August 17.
- Committee members to prepare for the Diocesan conference October 10, 11 & 12
- Assistant choir director trainee.
- **Livestream - persons to assist beginning and ending livestreaming of services**
- Maintenance ministry - persons to assist.
- An additional church school teacher and substitute because of the increase in number of students in church school - please see Stephanie Price.



**NEW ADDRESSES**

**Mike Stikovich** Whispering Pines, 3941 Lippincott Rd., Lapeer, MI 48446  
**Paul Ellis** Flatrock Manor of Goodrich North, 7280 S. State Rd., Goodrich, MI 48438.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to water the flowers outside! There is a signup sheet in the parish hall.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN** St. Nicholas has started a community garden. Anyone interested in participating or would like to donate towards it please contact Christopher Taylor (810-252-2255) or Staci Shank (269-352-4309).

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

**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 a little extra to your donation to cover the fee we are charged. 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:**

**Today** **Pentecost Week - Fast Free Week - June 8 to June 15**

**Monday, June 9** *Holy Spirit Day*  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy  
*adult education class is taking a summer break. Classes resume in September.*

**Tuesday, June 10**  
6 pm Prayer service at St. Mary Magdalene for the sick & suffering  
6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday, June 11**  
No Divine Liturgy or Adult ed

**Thursday, June 12** *Fr. with Archbishop Alexander*

**Friday, June 13** *Fr. with Archbishop Alexander*

**Saturday, June 14**  
5 pm Vigil at St. Mary Magdalene with Archbishop Alexander  
No vespers at St. Nicholas

**Sunday, June 15** **All Saints - Father's Day**  
[9:30 am Hours-live-streamed](#)  
[10 am Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)

**Offerings for the week June 1, 2025**

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 3,179.98
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	<b>\$ -1,200.02</b>

95 persons in attendance on June 1