

March 29, 2026

**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 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, MARCH 29, 2026 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – Tone 1. St Mary of Egypt. Hieromartyr Mark, Bishop of Arethusa, Martyr Cyril the Deacon, of Heliopolis, and others who suffered under Julian the Apostate (ca. 364). Ven. John, Anchorite, of Egypt (4th c.). St. Eustathius the Confessor, Bishop of Bithynia (9th c.). St. Nikéas of the Roslavl Forests (Russia – 1793).**

**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** The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother, / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away; / but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal. // Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary, rejoices with the angels.

**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, O righteous ones, in the Lord. To the upright is due praise.** (Psalm 32:1)

**THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (9:11-14)**

Brethren: Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

**Alleluia, Tone 1 v: God who gives me vengeance and subdues peoples to me.** (Psalm 17:48)

**v: Magnifying the salvations of the king, and making mercy to his anointed, to David and to his seed to the age.** (Psalm 17:51)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (10:32-45)** At that time, as the disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again. Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.” And

He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

**Instead of "It is truly meet,"** All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child, our God before the ages. He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

**COMMUNION HYMN** Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (*Psalm 148:1*)

### **THE SIXTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST- THE WEEK OF PALMS**

This last week of the Great Fast is called the Week of Palms or Palm Week because it leads us to Palm Sunday. During this week the hymns of the Church unfold for us the sickness of Lazarus and the journey of Jesus from Bethphage to Bethany to raise Lazarus from the dead. This miracle results in the triumphal entry of our Lord Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Below are a selection from the hymns of this week that will lead us to the festive days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday.

#### **MONDAY - Lazarus is fatally ill**

*Matins, Monday*

*Ode 7* Behold, Christ is in the city of Bethphage. Rejoice, O Bethany, home of Lazarus, for He will show you a miracle without equal, by raising Lazarus from the dead.

*Ode 9* Today the illness of Lazarus is made known to Christ, Who is lingering beyond the Jordan; however, in His foreknowledge, He declares: This sickness does not lead to death.

#### **TUESDAY - Lazarus is fatally ill**

*Matins, Tuesday*

*Sessional Hymn 3* Yesterday and today Lazarus suffers from his illness; his sisters send word to Christ about him. Prepare yourself, O Bethany, to receive your Master and King in joy and to sing with us: O Lord, glory to you!

#### **WEDNESDAY - Lazarus dies & is buried - 1<sup>st</sup> day in the tomb**

*Matins, Wednesday*

*Ode 3* Today Lazarus dies, but this death does not escape the divine eye of Jesus. Therefore, He spoke to His disciples and said: "My friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I shall go and raise him."

*Ode 9* The sisters of Lazarus weep over the tomb of their brother today, seeing him buried beneath the stone; you have said clearly to your apostles, O Christ: "I rejoice for you that I was not there, so that you may believe."

#### **THURSDAY - 2<sup>nd</sup> day in the tomb**

*Matins, Thursday*

*Sessional Hymn 3* Lazarus is in the tomb for two days, and his two sisters, Martha and Mary, grieve deeply as they look sadly at the rock covering the tomb. With his disciples, the Creator comes to despoil Death and give us life. Therefore, we cry out: "O Lord, glory to you!"

#### **FRIDAY - 3<sup>rd</sup> day in the tomb**

*Matins, Friday*

*Sessional Hymn 3* On this day two disciples are sent to look for the colt of a donkey for the Master of the universe Who is seated upon the hosts of Cherubim. Death, the great devourer of the human race, begins to tremble, for Christ first carried away Lazarus; and soon He will take with Him all humanity.

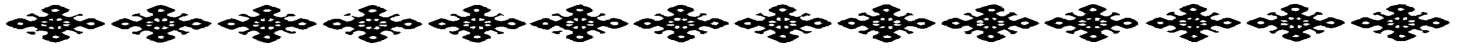
*Ode 8* The sound of your steps resounds in Bethphage, and they were sensed by Hades who was enraged; and It entreated Lazarus, saying: "If He Who is Life calls you, hasten to leave, for I know that my end is near."

#### **LAZARUS SATURDAY - 4<sup>th</sup> day in the tomb**

*Vespers & Matins, Saturday*

*Vespers, sticheron* The kingdom of Hades was demolished at the sound of your voice, O Lord; your powerful word awakened from the tomb one who had been dead four days. Lazarus becomes a saving prelude of our regeneration. Nothing is impossible for the King of the universe; O Lord, grant to your servants forgiveness and great mercy! *Matins, at the Praises* Even though Lazarus had been dead four days, you raised him from Hades, O Christ; before your own death, you destroyed the power of Death; you freed one of your friends from the tomb to announce the resurrection of all. Therefore, we bow before your sovereign power and cry out: Blessed are you, O Savior, have mercy on us!

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

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, Dennis, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friend

Special Intention

Elaine Gingras Bartlett & special intention

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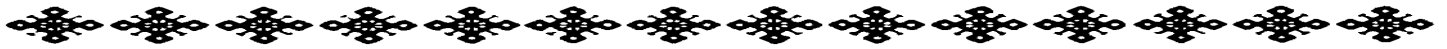
Joe Tome

Joe Tome

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Sharon & Charlie

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF**



**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](#).

**Mar 29 CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford

**HOURS:** Lucy

**READER:** Madison

**Apr 05 CANDLESTAND:** Dennis G.

**HOURS:** Staci

**READER:** Barry

**PLEASE JOIN US** for our coffee social in the fellowship hall after the Liturgy.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29** The Pirković Family will be hosting coffee hour on Sunday March 29 in honor of Nikola Pirković (March 31, 2025), one year memorial.

**2026 PLEDGE CARDS** If you haven't already done so, please return your pledge card so the parish council can budget accordingly. To be a voting parishioner of St. Nicholas Church you must receive Confession and Communion within the past year and return a signed pledge card even if you don't enter a pledge amount

**KOLBASA** Please see Joe Tome if you would like to pre-order kolbasa for the **Palm Sunday** bake sale (April 5) and for details. Pre-orders only!

**Deadline for making an order is April 1.**

**MACEDONIAN NIGHT AT THE TIGERS**

**Tuesday, April 21 at 6:40 pm**

Tigers vs Brewers

Package includes a Tigers Macedonian Heritage jersey and game ticket.

Please sign up in the fellowship hall. If 10 or more people sign up, there will be a discount on the price. **Kathy Gonser is coordinating.** Those who have signed up please add a contact phone number and email address for Kathy. **DEADLINE to sign up is April 5.**

**COIN BOXES** during Lent we collect coins to help support the Orthodox missions here in the US and around the world through the Orthodox Christians Mission Center (OCMC). Boxes are found on the tables in the church hall. Please be generous!

**FLOWERS FOR PASCHA & ITEMS FOR LENT** donations this year are not specified by a certain amount. Give as you are able to. Please fill out the form (at the candle stand) & return it to the office. Sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Today**                    **Church School – learning about Confession, Confessions**  
**12 pm** class for inquirers, catechumens, neophytes reading, **The Liturgy of St Basil** in *Your Life Will Be Hung Before Your Eyes – Meanings of Our Life in Orthodox Liturgy*. **Deacon Luke leads class today.** Copies are available at the kiosk.

**Monday, March 30**      *Fr Matthew goes to Archbishop Alexander's*

**Tuesday, March 31**    *Fr Matthew returns from Archbishop Alexander's*  
6:30 pm            Google Meet inquirers, catechumens, neophytes class with Fr Matthew

**Wednesday, April 1**

10 am              Lenten Hours  
6 pm                pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy at St George Church & lenten potluck

**Thursday, April 2**

9 am                we serve at the North End Soup Kitchen

**Friday, April 3**

1 pm                No Presanctified (**please note this change in schedule**)  
tie palms and pussywillows together – your help is needed!

**Saturday, April 4** **Lazarus Saturday**

9:30 am            preparation of the gifts & pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church  
5 pm                Vespers with lity      *Confessions*

**Sunday, April 5**    **TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM**

9 am                Baptism of Mia Johnson  
10 am                Divine Liturgy *followed by Confessions*  
**Palm Sunday bake sale**  
6 pm                Bridegroom Matins – **last Confessions before Pascha**

**Offerings for the week March 22, 2026**

<i>Weekly Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>	\$ 2,994.13
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -1,385.87

*67 persons in attendance on March 22*