

May 12, 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. Robert, 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, MAY 12, 2024 ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday. St. Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus (403). St. Germanus (Herman), Patriarch of Constantinople (740). Glorification of Hieromartyr Germogén (Hermogenes), Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (1913). Ven. Dionisii, Archimandrite of St. Sergius' Monastery (1633). St. Sabinus, Archbishop of Cyprus, and St. Polybius, Bishop in Cyprus (5th c.). Martyr John of Vlachia (Romania – 1662).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! (*Psalm 65:1*)

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You! (*Psalm 65:1*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your name, O Most High! (*Psalm 65:3*)

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

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Your countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

(*Psalm 66:1*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations! (*Psalm 66:2*)

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Let the people give thanks to You, O God! Let all the people give thanks to You! (*Psalm 66:3*)

O Son of God who arose from the dead, 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

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face. (*Psalm*

67:1) Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. (*Psalm 67:2a*) Christ is risen...

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. (*Psalm 67:2b-3*) Christ is risen...

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 117:24) Christ is risen...

TROPARIA

Tone 7 From the sealed tomb, You shone forth O Life! / Through closed doors You came to Your disciples, O Christ God! / Renew in us, through them, an upright Spirit, / by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

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 Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when You came to Your apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: You are my Lord and my God!

The prokeimenon in the third tone: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure. (Psalm 146:5) v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Psalm 146:1)

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (5:12-20) *In those days:* many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Alleluia, Tone 8

v: Come; let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Psalm 94:1)

v: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth! (Psalm 94:3)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (20:19-31) On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

O most radiant lamp, Theotokos, the honor immeasurable, which is more exalted than all creatures, with praises do we // magnify // you.

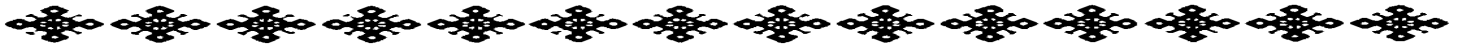
COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Sion! (Psalm 147:1) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..." Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

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 lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

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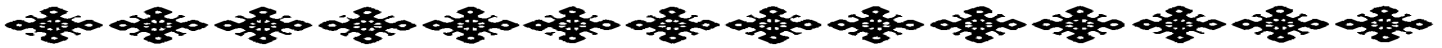


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & blessings for Cindy & Bill Economou on Bill's retirement & birthdays	Kris & David George
Blessings of our Lord on our mothers of St. Nicholas. Special Intention	Kris & David George
God's blessings & good health for Mira Prusac, Helen Popoff & Allison Borkovich	Angelo & Christine
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Les, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted, Joseph, Marlene, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Tony Branoff	Angelo & Christine
Blessed Repose for Bishop Matthias	Tom, Angelo & Christine
Tony Branoff	Connie Maxim
Blessed Repose for the mothers whose presence we miss at St. Nicholas	Kris & David George
Blessed Repose for Tony Branoff, Stella (15 yrs.) & Tom Branoff~Memory Eternal	Linda Branoff
Jospeh & Dorothy Goodman, John & Rose Goodman, John & Helen Bibilikow, Lewis & Eva Elieff, Sgt. William Andringa. Memory Eternal, Christ is Risen!	Ralph, Debbie, Sarah, Joe Neely & Kathy Dunn



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](#).

May 12 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford	HOURS: Phil Wiles	READER: Katherine Gonser
May 19 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie	HOURS: Alexander Gonser	READER: Phil Wiles

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Reader Alexander Gonser after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

ADULT EDUCATION classes will resume on Wednesday, May 22 at 11:15 am. We are continuing with [Psalms and the Life of Faith](#) by Elder Aimilianos looking at twelve of the one hundred and fifty Psalms.

PRAYERS AT THE GRAVES at St. Nicholas Cemetery today, Sunday May 12 at 2 pm.

CHURCH SCHOOL will finish the academic year on May 19th in church recognizing milestones such as students moving from elementary to middle school, high school and college graduations, acknowledge participants with certificates and our teachers.

TURKEY DINNER May 19 after Liturgy. See or call Sharon Jernigan (810-877-1766) as soon as possible to purchase tickets, which are \$18. Please bring a dessert to pass.

"A CHRISTIAN ENDING" RETREAT will be hosted by St. Mary Magdalene & St. Nicholas parishes on May 24-26. It will be led by Protodeacon Mark Barna, author of "A Christian Ending" handbook for burial in the ancient Christian tradition. The retreat will be held at St. Mary starting with a meet & greet on Friday at 7 pm. See the flier or go online for details. It's preferable that you register online using this link [here](#) or you can call St. Mary at 810-750-1401. You can attend in person or virtually but **Pre-registration is required.**

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.

BURTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE on Monday, May 27. Our parish plans on being represented in the parade and we are hoping we have enough people interested in participating. If you would like to be part of this great opportunity, please contact Stephanie Price at 248-396-3899 as soon as possible.

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

MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE This year's outing will be held on Monday, June 17 at the Flint Elks Golf Club. As has been our tradition, that is the Monday after Father's Day. There are a number of ways to get involved. If you can sponsor a sign it is highly encouraged. Donating a gift card, gift basket or cash is also needed. We encourage everyone to participate in some way!

The Macedonian Open is our biggest fundraiser and we are hoping for an even bigger and better turnout this year. If you have any questions or know of someone who would like to help, please contact Chris Nedanis (cned77@gmail.com or 810-877-0889), Christine Panoff (capanoff@umich.edu or 810-232-4868), Linda Branoff (branoff721@aol.com or 810-964-3654), George Branoff (gabman24@charter.net) or 810-252-5395) or Peter Branoff (ptb704@yahoo.com or 810-877-8773).

HOW CAN I HELP? I DON'T GOLF.

- ❖ Donate a prize- whether it's golf related or not; or ask a business you frequent to make a donation (such as a gift card).
- ❖ Join us for dinner.

MAY GOD REPAY ALL FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA:

- ❖ those who read the Gospel in different languages for Agape Vespers
- ❖ those who kept vigil at the Tomb of our Lord Friday night and Saturday
- ❖ all those who offered their sincere gifts to the Lord at Pascha.
- ❖ those who assisted in preparing items during Palm Week and preparing the palms and pussy willows and those who stayed after Holy Week services to prepare the church for services on the next day.
- ❖ our Protodeacon Luke Gonser for his ministry in and outside of the holy Altar.
- ❖ our choir director Reader J. Joseph Tome, for lifting up our hearts and minds during the services of Great and Holy Thursday, Friday, and Saturday & Pascha.
- ❖ Reader Alexander Gonser who led the responses for many of the evening services of Lent and for Holy Week.
- ❖ St. Juliana's Guild for coloring the red paschal eggs.

Thanks be to God for every person and everything!

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today *Saint Thomas Sunday*
Paschal egg hunt
2 pm Prayers at the graves at St. Nicholas cemetery

Tuesday, May 14
6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting
6:30 pm Prayer service for the sick & suffering at St. Mary Magdalene

Wednesday, May 15 *Fr. in Toledo*
No Divine Liturgy or Adult ed class

Saturday, May 18
5 pm Vespers - live-streamed *Confessions*
Parastas for Feodosiy & Adelaida Sivergin
Family Game Night

Sunday, May 19 *Myrrhbearing Women*
9:30 am Hours & 10 am Divine Liturgy-live-streamed
Church School - End of year recognition for teachers & graduates of all ages
Turkey Dinner

Offerings for the week May 5, 2024

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,467.05
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ - 1,632.95

44 persons in attendance on May 5

