

May 15, 2022

**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, MAY 15, 2022 4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 3. Paralytic. Ven. Pachomius the Great, Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism (348 A.D.). Saint Isaiah the Wonderworker, Bishop of Rostov (1090). The Holy Right-believing Tsarevich Dēmétrios of Uglich and Moscow (1591). Ven. Isaiah, Wonderworker of the Kiev Caves (1115). Ven. Pachomius – Abbot, and Silvanus, of Nerekhta (1384). Ven. Evfrosin (Euphrosynus) the Wonderworker, Abbot of Pskov, and his disciple, Ven. Serapion (Pskov – 1481). St. Achilles, Bishop of Larissa (4th c.).**

**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 3** Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // 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** You descended into the tomb, O Immortal; You destroyed the power of Death. In victory You arose, O Christ God, proclaiming "Rejoice!" to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Your apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

*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 in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Psalm 32:1)**

**THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (9:32-43)** *In those days:* as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas, that is Gazelle. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

*Alleluia, Tone 5*

**v. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Psalm 88:1-2)**

**v. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Psalm 88:3)**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (5:1-15)** At that time there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

**THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS** The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

**COMMUNION HYMN** Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of Immortality. 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.

**Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!**

**Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! (Greek)**

**Hristos vaskrese! Voistinnu vaskrese! (Serbian)**

**Christos voskrese! Voistinnu voskrese! (Slavonic)**

**Al Maseeya kam! Hakkan kam! (Arabic)**

**Hristos a înviat! Adeverat a înviat! (Romanian)**

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

Health & God's blessings to David Goodman on his birthday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mom
God bless Cathy Edwards with peace & comfort on the loss of her beloved husband Bob	Connie Maxim
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, Ted, Joseph, Marlene, Mary, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome
God's blessings on Dave, Barb & Josh Vuckovich	Ralph, Debbie, Joe, Sarah & Dorothy

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Memory Eternal Bob. You are & will always be missed	Connie Maxim
Jo Sredich, Sophia Sredich, Elva Paul, Helen Ethington, Rosemary Vuckovich Rose Goodman and Stella Branoff	the George family

**ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR**

Sophie Tula Stavridis, Alex, Vasa & Larry Karatza, Sophie & Angelo Stavridis, Tom Sekuloff, Tula & John Nastos	Teddy & Jessica Stavridis
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**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**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](#) or [Dormition Monastery](#).

**MEMORY ETERNAL - CHRIST IS RISEN!** BOB EDWARDS fell asleep in the Lord on May 8. Bob is the husband of Cathy Edwards and is also survived by his children: Debbie McMillian, Kim (Bruce) McElhaney, Theresa Edwards, Catherine (Dylan) Bunkosky, Bob (Cheryl) Edwards, Anne Marie (Father John) Wehling and Matthew (Stacy) Manning; and his brother Steven. You may read Bob's obituary here. The funeral was May 12 at church followed by the burial in Evergreen Cemetery. Christ God, risen from the dead, grant His servant Robert rest in the light of His Face. God sustain his wife, Cathy, his children and all his family by His grace. Please remember Robert in your prayers and his family. Bog da prosti! Christos voskrese! Christ is risen!

**COFFEE SOCIAL** Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a sign up sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate donuts & coffee and/or serve.

**MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE** Spring is here and that can only mean one thing, the Macedonian Open is right around the corner. 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. This year's outing will be held on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Flint Elks Golf Club. As has been our tradition, that is the Monday after Father's Day. 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 Angelo Panoff (angelo.panoff@stifel.com or 810-249-6031), Christine Panoff (capanoff@umflint.edu or 810-232-4868), Linda Branoff (branoff721@aol.com or 810-964-3654), George Branoff (george.branoff27@frontier.com or 810-252-5395) or Chris Nedanis (cned77@gmail.com or 810-877-0889).



**GRADUATIONS** It's that time of year again. If you have anyone in your family that will be graduating from High School or College please let us know so that we may put their name in our June bulletin. We will need the following information no later than May, 16<sup>th</sup>. 1) Name of Graduate 2) School they are graduating from 3) If they are graduating with honors 4) Name of the parents and grandparents and 5) Where they will be attending in the fall if they are a high school graduate.

**RUMMAGE SALE** Parish council is asking for a volunteer/volunteers to chair a rummage sale on July 29 and 30 with set-up on July 27 & 28.

**BURTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** will be taking place on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Our parish plans on being represented in the parade. Lineup is at 12 noon and the parade starts at 1 pm. If anyone has a truck and a trailer that people can ride in or if you are able to walk in the streets and hand out leaflets or candy that would be helpful too. Please text or call Stephanie Price at 248-396-3899 if you plan on participating.

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE** Kelly Bakousidis, a registered nurse, made a presentation on what to do for health emergencies, using the AED (automated external defibrillator - located by the water fountain), applying chest compressions, and the Heimlich maneuver. The parish finances remain stable (in the black). The endowment fund, however, is subject to the variations in the stock market. Pan-Orthodox Vespers with Liturgy for Ascension of our Lord will be Wednesday, June 1 at 6 pm at St George Church. Annual outdoor Liturgy and parish picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 21. Clean-up day at Dormition Monastery on Saturday, June 4. Please call 517-569-2873 if you plan on attending. Lunch will be provided at the monastery. Dennis Jernigan worked on the air compressor, picked up some thermostats, and bought a motor for the exhaust fan in the bar area. Boiler room needs piping replaced to the furnaces which will require a certified welder. Need an outdoor clean-up on the church property - a date will be set and announced. Cracks in asphalt need to be filled in. Quickbooks which is used to enter financial information and generate financial reports and quarterly and annual statements will be updated by purchasing through Tech Soup which offers non-profits the ability to purchase computer programs at deep discounts. Church and hall floors were waxed and light fixtures in church were cleaned between Lent and Pascha.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** will finish the academic year on June 5 in church recognizing milestones such as students moving from elementary to middle school, high school graduations, acknowledge participants with certificates and our teachers. There are plans to have a fun event such as bowling which can accommodate both the older and younger youth.

**MIDDLE EASTERN TAKE-OUT LUNCHEON** is Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> 11 am-2 pm at St. George. The deadline to order is tomorrow May 16<sup>th</sup>. Flyers with all the details are on the tables in the parish hall.

**FUNDS FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES** Anyone who wishes to support International Orthodox Christian Charity's (IOCC) humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis is asked to pray for all those affected and the people serving them, to share what IOCC is doing in order to spread the word, and to give as they are able financially. Please visit [iocc.org/ukraine22](http://iocc.org/ukraine22) or call 877.803.4622 to make a donation.

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

*Prayers at graves will be held on Pentecost weekend June 11 & 12.*

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Tuesday, May 17** Fr. in Toledo

**Wednesday, May 18 Mid Pentecost**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Adult ed class - *Transfigured in the Night: Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra* by Fr. Maximos Conostas in The Orthodox Word magazine. You may read it [here](#).

**Saturday, May 21**

**5 pm** [Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

**Sunday, May 22 Samaritan Woman**

9:30 am Hours

**10 am** [Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

**Offerings for the week May 8, 2022**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,594.99
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	<b>\$ -509.01</b>

61 persons in attendance on May 8<sup>th</sup>