

May 17, 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, MAY 17, 2026 6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 5. Blind Man. Icon of the Mother of God “of the Passion”. Apostle Andronicus of the Seventy and his fellow-laborer, Junia (1st c.). Saint Euphrosynē, Great Princess of Moscow (1407). Martyrs Solochon, Pamphamer, and Pamphalon, at Chalcedon (284-305). St. Stephen, Archbishop of Constantinople (893).**

**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 & ever & unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten..

**THIRD ANTIPHON**

**Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.** (*Psalm 67:1*)

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 5** Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

**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 eighth tone: Pray and make your vows / before the Lord our God!* (*Psalm 75:10a*)

v. **God is known in Judea, in Israel great is his name.** (*Psalm 75:1*)

**THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (16:16-34)** *In those days*, as we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

*Alleluia, Tone 8 v. Look upon me and have mercy on me. (Ps.118:132a) v. Make straight my steps according to your saying. (Ps.118:133a)*

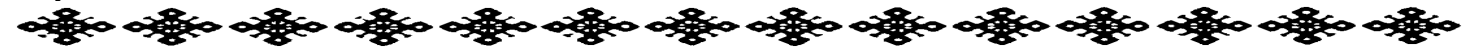
**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (9:1-38)** At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if any one should confess him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if any one is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped 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 (3)

**IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."** Christ is risen from the dead...

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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

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev, Irina

Mother's Day blessing for Panoff mothers:

Janice, Krista, Christy, Kathy, Kelly, Christine

Esther Butrie Kubena & special intention

Our Grandson, Tyler Manning, for graduating with honors from Oakland University on May 1, 2026

Joe Tome

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Irina Sivergina

Angelo & Christine

Panoff

her family

Cathy & the late

Bob Edwards

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF**

Elaine Gingras Bartlett (April 18, 2026) – Matushka Lisa's mother

Evanka Elieff (11 yrs, May 19<sup>th</sup>)

Adelaïda & Feodosiy

Mildred, Dilba, Angelina, Pat, Mitra, Tomka, Katherine, Luba, Flossie, Mary, Elva, Vera, Hazel

Mary Lou Brayan, A blessing from God, with gratitude, to have you as my mother.

Rest in Peace, Mom

My Mother Violet Economou, Memory Eternal

Robert (Bob) Edwards, Memory Eternal (4 years)

her family

Nancy Krigner

Irina Sivergina

Angelo & Christine

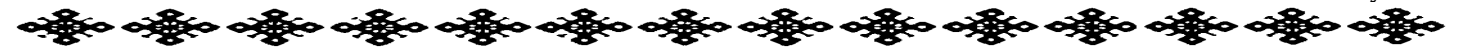
Panoff

Paul Brayan

Bill Economou

Cathy Edwards

& 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](#).

**May 17 CANDLESTAND:** Christine Panoff

**HOURS:** Angelo

**READER:** Katherine

**May 24 CANDLESTAND:** Ian & Stephanie Price

**HOURS:** Lucy

**READER:** Phil

**PLEASE JOIN US** for our coffee social in the fellowship hall after the Liturgy. The coffee social is in memory of **Allison Spence Borkovich** by her family.

**VISIT TO DORMITION MONASTERY & ST ROMANOS HERMITAGE** on Saturday, June 13 beginning with 8:45 am Liturgy at the Monastery. Please sign up to come – especially if you have never been before – our catechumens, inquirers, and faithful! Sign-up with the QR code or here: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxs5kva> or sign-up on the sheet in the fellowship hall.



**CHURCH SCHOOL** end of year program next Sunday, May 24.

**2026 MACEDONIAN GOLF OPEN** Our biggest fundraiser is almost here! The 2026 Macedonian Open Golf Scramble will be held on Monday, June 22 at the Flint Elks Club 7177 E Maple Ave, Grand Blanc, MI 48439. That is the Monday after Fathers' Day for anyone who is looking for gift ideas!

***How can I help if I don't golf?***

- Purchase a sponsorship sign wishing "best wishes" or in memory of a loved one
- Donate money – any amount you can give would be very much appreciated
- Donate a gift card – specifically gift cards in the amount of \$25
- Volunteer to help at the outing
- Join us for dinner

Registration flyers are on each table in the fellowship hall with additional flyers at the long tables there.

You can contact any of our committee members if you have any questions: Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, Chris Nedanis, Philip Bakousidis, George Branoff, or Kathy Condon.

**All proceeds raised from the event benefit capital improvements at our church!** These have included: re-paving the parking lot, new air conditioning units in the church, and – most recently – upgrading our thermostat system.

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT** at 6 pm on Friday, May 22! Pizza and soft drinks are provided.

**LIBRARY PROJECT** We are going to start reorganizing the library. This will include removing outdated items and adding new books. If you would like to donate your time or resources, please contact Staci Shank (269-352-4309). If there are particular books or authors you would like to see in the library, let us know as we are going to start a wish list.

**QUARTERLY STATEMENTS** were emailed on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 to all members with email addresses on file. Some members may have received 2 separate emails; those were both from the office. Be sure to check your spam folders! If you would like to receive your statements this way, please provide your email address to the office. We have also printed hard copies for all donors which are available in the fellowship hall, as to save money on postage. Please let us know if you have any questions!

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE** meeting began with prayer at 6:41 pm Tuesday, May 12, 2026. Present: Fr Matthew, Christopher Taylor, Eileen Branoff, Staci Shank, Lena Bakousidis, Dennis Jernigan, Connie Maxim, Bruce Watson. Absent: Bill Economou, Stephanie Price (work). **Minutes** were accepted as submitted. **Financial reports** Parishioners, catechumens, and future catechumens, God bless you for your continuing financial stewardship! As of the end of April we are \$744 in the black for 2026. If you are not yet a steward, please fill out a pledge card (at the candle stand) and e-mail or call the office for a box of envelopes so that you can receive a letter for your taxes with your total donations for 2026. **Endowment report** the account is up \$31,086.26 at the end of April, more than recouping the \$23,905 decline in March. **Rector's report** Trip to Dormition Monastery on Saturday, June 13 beginning with 8:45 am Liturgy. Open to parishioners, catechumens, inquirers. Please sign-up or e-mail if you would like to go. Mother Gabriella needs a count of how many are coming so enough food will be prepared. **Youth Ministries/Church School** end of year is Sunday, May 24. **Community outreach** family game night on Friday, May 22 at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Come, join us! **Fundraisers** approximately \$500 was raised by the triangle fundraiser to go towards expenses for the August picnic. There are enough funds to cover the band. There will be a bounce-house, lamb, chicken, ćevapi (ćevapčići/kebapi), triangles. Lena Bakousidis suggests a dinner to raise seed money for the picnic which is on August 23. Can add event to ABC 12 community calendar. **Charity ministries** North End Soup Kitchen on Thursday, June 4 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. **Church building and grounds** our May 9 spring clean-up went very well and we had a very good turn-out, a lot done before the rain came. Dennis Jernigan went through the invoices for lawn-cutting. Idea: perhaps buy our own commercial lawnmower (60 inch mowing width, 20 year life) and blower that can be stored in the garage, total cost \$11,500. \$5,835 was spent in 2025 on lawn care. Cemetery would have to be contracted out. Motion made, seconded, approved unanimously. Sealing cracks in the parking lot needs to be done: three quotes have been received which include re-stripping. The west-facing blind in the hall needs to be replaced as it has been repaired but is now beyond repair. **110th Anniversary ideas** catered dinner in the fellowship hall when Archbishop Alexander is here on Sunday, October 4. Possible caterers? A photo directory of parishioners & catechumens. Is there anyone who is skilled with photography who would like to take photos? Pictures can be taken on Sundays during coffee fellowship. **Old business** Secretary performance review - October will be 1 year for our secretary. Old technology in the conference room not working or not being used to clear out. **Adjournment** Bruce Watson motions to adjourn. Closed with prayer at 8:29 pm.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

1 year Trisagion for Allison Spence Borkovich after holy Communion  
12:15 pm Catechesis class with Fr Matthew

**Tuesday, May 19**

6:30 pm Google Meet catechesis class <https://meet.google.com/oyr-hohi-phv>

**Wednesday, May 20**

9:30 am holy Liturgy for the leave-taking of Pascha  
11:15 am adult education class - books are \$19  
6 pm pan-Orthodox Vespers for the Ascension of our Lord at St Mary Magdalene Church

**Thursday, May 21 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

10 am pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene

**Friday, May 22**

6 pm Family Game Night in the fellowship hall

**Saturday, May 23**

9:30 am Church Slavonic Divine Liturgy  
5 pm Vespers - Confessions

**Sunday, May 24 FATHERS OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

9:30 am third & sixth hours  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
Church School end of year program  
12:15 pm catechesis class with Fr Matthew

**Offerings for the week May 10, 2026**

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 3,464.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -916.00

89 persons in attendance on Sunday, May 10th