

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Newsletter

Diocese of Toledo-Orthodox Church in America

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Services: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday- adult education 11:15 am

Saturday – 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions

Holydays: Vespers & Liturgy as announced

“May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.” St. Jude 1:1

MAY 2023

SAINT ISAAC THE SYRIAN, Bishop of Nineveh

God, deem me worthy of insight into the mystery of your love which is depicted in your dispensation for the perceptible world, in the works of your creation, and in the mystery of the slaughter of your beloved Son.

Our Creator, who are aware of the sick state of my nature, hold back from me the violence of the adversary; beat away from my limbs the upsurge of sin; cause its heat to abate from my heart, proffer the hand of healing to my soul’s prostrate state; bind up my inner senses with the bandage of the cross; increase in me abundance of the love for you that comes from insight into the crucified one; draw my mind inwards with the hidden things of the mysteries which the cross bears; fix within me a remembrance of the humility of your beloved Son; increase in me wonder at your dispensation for me.

O God, who, even before you had brought reconciliation to the world, gave it to your only-begotten, and after you had brought reconciliation caused him to inherit the throne of your divinity, do not abandon me to go to the grave without hope, and do not let me sit with the fetters of my sins in darkness like one who is dead for ever.

~From *The Prayers of Saint Isaac the Syrian* (Prayers 14, 15, and 16).

Translated by Sebastian Brock. Adapted by the Brotherhood of the Monastery of St. John.

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Christ is risen! Христос воскрес! Χριστός ἀνέστη! المسيح قام! إحقا قام! Hristos a înviat!

Dearly Beloved,

In the forty days prior to Pascha we have learned the benefits of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. And now that we celebrate the Feast of feasts, with persistent care we may retain and build upon the compassion, love and patience we have laid by God's grace. And in the days of Passion Week we have partaken in some small measure of the Lord's Passion now we must strive also to be found to be partakers of Christ's Resurrection and "pass from death to life" while we are in this body. At baptism we were changed, dying to our old, sinful life and beginning our new life in the Resurrection of Christ. We must continue to die to the devil and live to God; we must perish to iniquity that we may rise to righteousness. Let our old way of sin sink that the new life may rise in us. And as the Truth tells us "no one can serve two masters", let not him be lord who has caused our downfall (that is the devil) but Him Who has raised us fallen ones to victory.

Let us recognize then that we are a new creation in Christ. And let us understand by Whom we have been adopted and Whom we have adopted. Let not the things in us which have been made new in preparation for the Pascha of the Lord return to the old wickedness. Let us, who have put our hand to the plough, not forsake our work but rather attend to the good works we sow rather than look back on the sins we have left behind. Let no one of us fall back into the sins from which we have risen. Even though we may be weak in spirit and still suffer temptations, let us continue urgently to desire to be healed and raised up. This is the path of spiritual health through imitation of the Resurrection begun in Christ. Even though we may fall again into sin in this slippery life in a fallen world let our feet be guided onto solid ground as the Psalmist says, "from the Lord the steps of a man are made straight, and his way will be willing greatly. When he falls, he will not be broken down, for the Lord makes firm his hand." (Psalm 36:23-24) These thoughts should accompany us not only now during the festival of Pascha but also for the sanctification of the whole of our lives so that the delight of our souls we have received during so short a time as forty days may become for us a habit of life and remain with us. And, should any sin creep in, let us destroy it by speedy repentance. And so, rising ever anew from the downfalls of sin, we may deserve to attain to the incorruptible Resurrection of our glorified flesh in Christ Jesus our Lord, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit to the ages of ages. Amen. (St. Leo, Pope of Rome - died 461, *Sermon on the Lord's Resurrection, I*; delivered on Holy Saturday in the Vigil of Pascha)

With love in the risen Christ,

Father Matthew

Hours Schedule

May	June	July
7 Calvin	4 Calvin	2 Calvin
14 Alexander	11 Alexander	9 Alexander
21 Lucy	18 Lucy	16 Lucy
28 Angelo	25 Angelo	23 Angelo
		30 Calvin

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please find a replacement.

Reader Schedule

May	June	July
7 Ruth	4 Ruth	2 Ruth
14 Angelo	11 Angelo	9 Angelo
21 Alexander	18 Alexander	16 Alexander
28 Kathy	25 Kathy	23 Kathy
		30 Ruth

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please find a replacement.

Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

May	June	July
7 Susie Ford	4 Dennis Goodman	2 Dave Houser
14 Christine Panoff	11 Ian & Stephanie P.	9 Dennis Goodman
21 Dennis Jernigan	18 Susie Ford	16 Christine Panoff
28 Dave Houser	25 Dennis Jernigan	23 Susie Ford
		30 Dennis Jernigan

If you are unable to make your assigned date, please find a replacement.

PRAYER SERVICE for the sick & suffering at St. Mary Magdalene resumes on May 2nd at 6:30 pm.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on May 4 from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

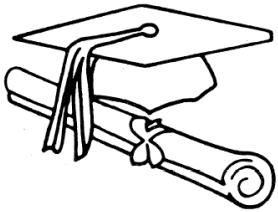


OUTDOOR SPRING CLEAN UP Saturday, May 6th starting at 9:30 am. Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of things such as brush removal, bush trimming, yard cleanup & painting the pavilion. Bring your gloves, rakes & shovels. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call the office if you are willing & able to participate so Dennis can coordinate the jobs beforehand. Everyone is welcome whether you can help a little or a lot!

HAM DINNER May 7 after Liturgy. See or call Sharon Jernigan to purchase tickets, which are \$15. Please bring a dessert to pass.

CHURCH SCHOOL will finish the academic year on May 14th 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 at a later date.

ST GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH - Banquet Center Renovation Grand Opening Gala on Friday, May 12 at 7 pm to celebrate the re-opening of their renovated banquet center. Tickets are \$200. Cocktail attire. All funds raised to support the recent renovation. Please call St George Church office at 810-732-0720.



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, 17th. 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.

BURTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE on Monday, May 29. Our parish will participate 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.

DIOCESAN PRIESTS' & DEACONS' RETREAT at Dormition Monastery May 30 to June 2.

MEMORY ETERNAL- CHRIST IS RISEN! Elizabeth Petney, the sister of our parishioner Pauline Petney, fell asleep in the Lord on March 26. Her memorial service will be at Christ the Savior Church in Johnstown, Pennsylvania at the end of May. You may read Elizabeth's obituary [here](#). Christ God rest his newly fallen asleep handmaiden Elizabeth in the light of His face. Please remember Elizabeth in your prayers, all her family, and friends that the Lord God sustain them in this time of grief by His grace. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by our parish catechist, Reader Alexander Gonser, takes place on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

ADULT EDUCATION will continue reading Fr Silviu Bunta's talks on the Liturgy in [Your Life Will Be Hung Before Your Eyes': Meanings of Our Life in Orthodox Liturgy](#). The book is available for purchase through [Cherubim Press](#).

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE There is no update as the April meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, April 26 after this newsletter was mailed out. Look for the next update in the June newsletter.

JUNE 3 - MEMORIAL SATURDAY / SOULS' SATURDAY Prayers at the graves will take place June 3 at Evergreen, Crestwood, Sunset Hills and on Pentecost, June 4 at Great Lakes National Cemetery & Saint Nicholas Cemetery as well as any other cemetery requested of Father Matthew.

PARISH COUNCIL The next parish council meeting is Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30 pm.

PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES AND EVENTS

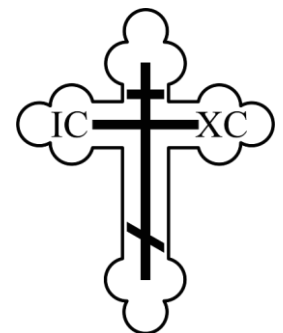
THURSDAY, MAY 25 - ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

10 am pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 - VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL (tentative)

all-day Vacation Church School - details will be available in the coming months



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 19th 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@umich.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).

HOW CAN I HELP? I DON'T GOLF.

- ❖ Donate money for prizes-any amount you can give would be very much appreciated to offset the cost of buying prizes.
- ❖ Donate a gift card-we are looking for gift cards to give as prizes in the amount of \$20 or \$25 similar to these: Visa gift cards, Meijer, Dunham's, Gas Cards, Restaurant cards, or any establishment you frequent.
- ❖ Donate a prize-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!

SEMINARIAN OFFERING On the stewardship envelopes in the envelope box there is a category marked "Seminararian." Through the years these funds have been used to support our seminarians, most recently Father Esteban Vázquez. Reader Alexander Gonser is currently enrolled in classes to be ordained a deacon, God-willing. Your offering to the seminarian fund will help with his class expenses.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN we serve on Thursday, May 4 from 9 to 12:30 pm.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Bar & Hand Soap for the month of May. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

ALL ABOUT ANIMALS is a non-profit animal shelter in Flint for low-income families. They need towels, blankets, dog & cat food. Sandy Taylor is collecting donations so see her if you're interested in helping.

HELP WANTED A Coptic Orthodox resident at Lockwood is looking for a woman to provide some light duties 2 to 3 days a week (2 to 3 hours per day). Please contact the parish office 810-744-0070.

 <h1 style="margin: 0;">HOPE IN A BOX</h1>	
May	Bar & Hand Soap
May	Laundry Soap & Jeans
June	Toilet Paper & Travel Size Toiletries

May Coffee Social Volunteers & Sponsors	
7	Ham dinner
14	
21	
28	

MAKE YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING EASY AND CONVENIENT WITH GIVELIFY Go to the [website](#) and on the home page click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#) which will walk you through the donation process; this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). 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.

INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITY is asking for continued support for the Ukraine refugees and those suffering from the aftermath of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Anyone who wishes to support (IOCC) humanitarian response is asked to pray for all those affected and you can go to [IOCC](#) or call 877.803.4622 to make a donation. Any donations given to St. Nicholas toward IOCC or any other charity is then sent to the designated parties.



MAY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Arinn Pray
- 6 Alexis Sfetkides
- 7 Bill Economou
- 9 Daniel Krigner
- 10 Paul Yosheff
- 12 Diana Mitevski
- 16 David Mitevski
Kosta Todorovsky
- 20 Fanny Popoff
Kraig Houser
- 24 Cindy Economou
George Popoff
- 27 Archbishop Alexander
- 31 Jennifer Shann



NAMESDAYS

- 5 Irene Batcos
Irina Sivergina
- 6 Mira Prusac
- 9 Christopher Branoff
Christopher Nedanis
Risto Nicevski
- 12 Germanos Bakousidis
Jerry Brucksch
- 21 Connie Maxim
Dakota Helena Selmi
Eileen Branoff
Ellyn Serra
Helen Popoff
Kosta Popoff
Kosta Slaughter
Kosta Tasevski
Kosta Todorovsky
Lena Bakousidis
Lena Grousopoulos

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Mike & Stephanie Stikovich (1981)
- 5 Archbishop Alexander consecration (2012)
- 11 Ralph & Deborah Neely (1997)
- 14 Fr. Matthew ordination (1995)
- 15 Kosta & Nancy Tasevski
Les & Susie Ford (2015)
- 16 Michael & Jennifer Borkovich (1992)
- 19 Teddy & Jessica Stavridis (2018)
- 29 Bob & Cathy Steiner (1977)

If your name is missing or has the incorrect information in the birthday, anniversary or namesday list please call the office: (810) 744-0070



DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

VISITATION TO THE SICK If you would like Fr. Matthew to make a visit to home, hospital, or nursing home, please contact the office 810-744-0070.

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The following are our brothers and sisters of St. Nicholas who are currently homebound, suffering from chronic illness, in recovery or in need of special prayers. Please remember them in your prayers and reach out to them with a card, a phone call or a visit! Please call the office to schedule a visit for Holy Communion.

Deacon John Bocek
Linda Branoff
Mary Abu-Aita

Paul Ellis
Bill Haw
Mary Karayanis

Nick Karayanis
Macy Lemmen
Ron Salhany

Bill Tadrick
Wendy Tadrick
Dave Vuckovich

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of our Homebound:

Paul Ellis 2360 Stonebridge Dr
Dave Vuckovich 9352 Morrish Rd

Flint, MI 48532
Swartz Creek, MI 48473

DONATIONS FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK & PASCHA

Flowers & Ferns

Irene Batcos
Jeanette & Paul Brayan
Calvin & Ruth Conrad

Lucy Hogg
Bosa Kantar

Connie Maxim
Angelo & Christine Panoff

Angelo & Helen Popoff
Magda Popoff
Ian & Stephanie Price

Mira Prusac

Kira Rabkina
Kris, Mara, Jana Sredich & families

Special Items
Mary Batzos
Linda Branoff
Diane & Randy Broadfoot
David & Kathy Condon
Dennis & Eileen Goodman
Bosa Kantar

Nancy & Tom Krigner
Connie Maxim
Alex & Menka Nedanis

Julia Peck, Sandy &
Chris Taylor

In Memory of Germanos Batcos
In Memory of Mary Lou & Boris Brayan
In Honor of Calvin, Ruth, Jeremy, Christa, Joshua, Theophan, Cambrey, Jaidrick, Basil, Rachael, Jerry, Jorian, Zachiah, Landon, Elias, Janelle, Kendan, Avalai, Austyn, Elizabeth & Genevieve
In Memory of Harold, Meme, Alma, Erastus, Iva, Kenneth, Lorraine, Ruby, Harley, Albert, Winnie, Morsten, Viona, Jurgen & Preston
In Memory of Evdokia & Ivan Ponomarenko
In Honor of Bosiljka, Mira, Jim, Gracie, Ellie, Miroslav, Alex, Tatiana, Miroslav, Radmila, Jeff, Nikolas, Jeffrey, Hannah, Milan, Smilja & Jelena
In Memory of Milutin, Pera, Rade, Nikola, Dane, Milutin, Anka, Pajo, Rade, Bogdan, Milan
In Memory of my loving husband Nicholas
In Honor of all of our kids, grandkids and all family members
In Memory of grandsons Andrew & Matthew Panoff & all other departed family members

In Memory of Alex & Peter
In Memory of George & Mary Naumoff, Harold & Nicholas Brock and Harry Price
In Honor of Mira Prusac, Ljuhmir & family, Danny & Fanny and Matt, Alexis & family
In Memory of Stojan, Luka, Mara, Luka, Ljubomir, Danica, Milosh, Mary & Milka
In Memory of Luba & Don Stevens
In Memory of Peter & Josephine Sredich, Walter Borkovich, Stojan Prusac, Rose & John Goodman, Dorothy & Joe Goodman, Helen & Don Ethington, Bogdan & Rade Beslach, John & Gloria Zelenko, and Rosemary & Marko Vuckovich

In Honor of the Batzos family
In Memory of Tom & Stella Branoff
In Memory of Lawrence & Millie Bladecki
In Honor of Angelo & Helen (Popoff) Papadopoulos
In Memory of John & Rose Goodman, Angelo Branoff & Freda Farone
In Honor of Bosiljka, Milan, Mira, Jim, Miroslav, Alex, Tatiana, Radmila, Jeff, Nikolas, Jeffrey, Hannah, Gracie, Ellie, Jelena
In Memory of Milutin, Pera, Rade, Nikola, Dane, Radić, Radica, Milutin, Anka, Pajo, Rade, Bogdan, Milan
In Memory of Lewis & Evanka Elieff
In Memory of my brother Charles & our parents
In Honor of Alex, Menka, Christopher & Alexis Nedanis, Marianna, Matt, Samantha & Nick Kilbourne, and Vera, Jim & Michael Vasilov
In Memory of Jerome Peck, Mary & John Ferchak and Olga & Peter Samaras

Please join us for our 42nd

MACEDONIAN OPEN



GOLF SCRAMBLE

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023

LUNCH & REGISTRATION @ 11 AM

SHOTGUN START @ **12 NOON**

Dinner & Prizes following golf

FLINT ELKS GOLF CLUB

FLINT ELKS LODGE 222 BANQUET FACILITY
7177 E. Maple Rd. (810) 743-9440
Grand Blanc, MI 48439 flintelks222.com

\$125 PER GOLFER INCLUDES:

- 18 HOLES OF GOLF W/ CART
- GOLF SCRAMBLE FORMAT
- FULL USE OF DRIVING RANGE
- FLINT CONEYS FOR LUNCH
- LONG DRIVE CONTEST
- CLOSEST TO THE PIN CONTEST
- BUFFET DINNER
- PRIZES & AWARDS AT DINNER

ASK ABOUT THE SKINS GAME AT CHECK-IN

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:

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Angelo Panoff (810) 423-6020 angelo.panoff@stifel.com	Peter Branoff (810) 877-8773 ptb704@yahoo.com	George Branoff (810) 252-5395 gabman24@charter.net

Please return this portion by June 2nd

GOLFER #1:

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

GOLFER #2:

GOLFER #3:

GOLFER #4:

Note: if you do not have a foursome we can place you in one

REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP FORM

- Golfer(s) (\$125 per Golfer)
 - Sponsor a Hole (\$125)
 - Contest Sponsor (\$200)
 - Birdie Sponsor (\$500)
 - Eagle Sponsor (\$1,000)
 - Platinum Sponsor (\$1,250)
 - Goodie Bag Sponsor (\$500)
 - Cash Donation (amount) _____
- (contact a committee member if you wish to donate a gift basket)
- = TOTAL AMOUNT DUE _____**

Please write Name/Logo/Info to put on sign in box below:

Note: if you have .jpg file (or another format) of your logo please email it to Chris Nedanis at: cned77@gmail.com

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ATTN: Macedonian Open

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 pm Prayer Service @ St. Mary Magdalene Church for the sick & suffering	3 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed. 	4 9am to 12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen Office Closed	5 	6 9:30 am Church Cleanup Day 5 pm Vespers confessions
7 Paralytic 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Trisagion for Bob Edwards Ham Dinner	8	9 6:30 pm Parish Council	10 Midpentecost  9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed. 	11 Office Closed	12 7 pm Gala at St George Church - tickets must be purchased in advance 	13 10 am Slavonic Liturgy 5 pm Vespers confessions
14 Samaritan Woman Mother's Day 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church school ends	15	16	17 	18 Office Closed	19 	20 5 pm Vespers no confessions
21 Blind Man 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy	22	23	24  Leavetaking of Pascha 	25 Ascension of the Lord 10 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church	26  Office Closed	27 5 pm Vespers no confessions
28 Fathers of 1st Council 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy	29 12 noon line-up 1 pm Burton Memorial Day Parade Office Closed	30	31 	June 1	 Fast  Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat)  Fish Permitted (no other meat)	
		Diocesan Priests' & Deacons' retreat at Dormition Monastery May 30 to June 2				