

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Newsletter

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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 2025

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

Before the dawn, Mary and the women came and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They heard the angelic voice: “Why do you seek among the dead as a man the One who is Everlasting Light? Behold the clothes in the grave! Go and proclaim to the world: The Lord is risen!” He has slain death, as He is the Son of God, saving the race of men.

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 you 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!

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us worship, the holy Lord Jesus, the only Sinless One! We venerate Your Cross, O Christ, and Your Holy Resurrection we praise and glorify; for You are our God, and we know no other than You; we call on Your name. Come, all you faithful, let us venerate Christ’s Holy Resurrection! For, behold, through the Cross joy has come into all the world. Let us ever bless the Lord, praising His Resurrection. By enduring the Cross for us, He destroyed death by death!

The imagery is that at the cross of the Lord we have two gods facing each other, one is the King of Glory and the other one is dust and ashes. But, nevertheless, the dust and ashes has built himself or herself up into a god based on this one thing which is the ego. What is the ego? I can't put a definition on the ego but rather I could put a behavior. The ego is that thing in us which hurts, which desires, which makes plans which has interests, concerns. That's the ego fundamentally.

If we simply say "well, it is an evil inclination" – it's very easy for our intellect to hijack that and turn it into discussions. But the ego is much more pervasive than that. It is so pervasive that it follows us all the way through our desire to be holy, our desire to be good, is the ego. Our desire to be saved is the ego. So it's not just something that follows us to the doors of the church but goes all the way in, follows us all the way in. Our desire to be kind is the ego. To do something good is the ego.

And you could say "Oh, Father, you're kidding." Sorry, no I'm not, because in order to function in all those ways we have to forget one thing – Christ himself. For all practical purposes we have replaced him with commandments, with chores you could say, with expectations, with standards, but we forgot the person. The substance of Christian life, therefore, is egoless in the sense that it begins differently altogether. It starts with being crushed. It starts with being baffled. It starts with that acceptance that I'm a shadow that can neither shine nor advance. I start there. And if I start there how could I even desire to be holy? I've already decided I cannot be. How can I desire to do good? I've already decided I cannot. How can I desire to be significant? I've decided I'm nothing. It is an emptiness, it is an emptiness of a hollowing out of myself of the ego, pushing the ego out of me, but do you know what gets there instead? *Christ*. Christ. Not as an idol, not as a standard, not as a measurement, not as an expectation, but he himself. That presence that crushes my heart. So the ego is so pervasive, so pernicious that it can inform our life in the church – even in the church – and even our life in goodness. And it is the opposite of holiness.

And you know in my life I met holy people, actually I grew up with one – my great-grandmother was a holy woman. And if you pay attention to holy people, all of them say the same thing: they have no sense that they are holy. First and foremost they have no sense of measurement. The holy person will never say "I'm on step five in the ladder of Saint John." Never. Actually, if they pray to God they say "Lord, help me put a beginning." (Abba Arsenius, 3; Abba Poemen of Abba Pior, 85; Abba Silvanus, 11; The Sayings of the Desert Fathers translated by Benedicta Ward, SLG, p 9, p 179, p 224) "I'm not at the beginning." "I'm not even at the beginning yet." The mark of holiness is the fact that they know that they can do nothing. And they know that they are nothing, that Christ is everything and therefore goodness works itself out of them. And it does.

Even recently, you know very well, we have saints who raised the dead. We had saints who healed whatever they touched, never themselves, but they healed others. Like Saint Nektarios – how many people did he heal of cancer? And he died of cancer himself. But if you were to ask all these holy men and women "what an extraordinary person you are, how? how? how could you do such a thing? What is the trick, what is the process by which I get myself there?" The extraordinary thing is not the fact that they don't have an answer, the extraordinary thing is that they don't understand the question. They will not comprehend the question because the question is one of process, is one of ego, is based on this desire that I need to get myself from point A to point B and all they know is that they haven't even got to point A. Like a great saint also in the Sayings of the Desert Fathers put it as was dying, on his last breath, and he was shining – light came out of his body – and the disciples said "Oh my goodness, Father, you are a holy man." (Abba Sisoës, 14, The Sayings of the Desert Fathers translated by Benedicta Ward, SLG, pp 214 – 215) And he said "Where Satan is that's where I belong." (Abba Poemen, 171, The Sayings of the Desert Fathers translated by Benedicta Ward, SLG, p 190)

Because the end of the road, my brothers and sisters, is the very beginning and the saints have never progressed past the beginning. They have held on to that one initial facing of the self and of Christ and they know that that's the only thing they have done because that's the only thing they can do. But what about the reason of the death, what about the shining face – everything is Christ, everything is Christ. That's a

great mystery, to approach Christ in this way. It is a great mystery. And it is a terrible thing. And we have developed so many strategies to make sure it doesn't happen. Everything in us is pretty much set against it, against that encounter with Christ. Everything. It is a terrible thing to come to the realization that you are dust and ashes. It is a terrible thing to tell the Lord he is everything because I want to be something, too, you see. Okay, I don't want to be everything but something, I want a tiny corner somewhere. "Lord, put me in that corner but at least let that corner be mine" and instead I cannot have it because that's him also. "Make me a carpet." I can't be a carpet because that is him also. Everything is he. There's nothing left for me. Nothing in which I can amount to something. Nothing.

This is so tragic that the Lord put it this way, as soon as he told, at least this is how the three of the apostles remember the dialogue is going, this is what they retained from the dialogue. As soon as he told them "if you want to come after me you deny yourself, you pick up the cross, follow me" and immediately afterwards what does he say? "You will lose your life." You lose it, it'll be over. What does it mean to lose our life? Well, think how we define our lives, by everything that's important to us. Everything that's important to us: our own families, our accomplishments, our priesthood, our service, so important to us and that's my life, at least it is a part of my life. And the Lord is telling me "I'll turn all of that into dust and ashes. All of that — your diplomas, your success, your everything, amounts to nothing. I am everything."

So this is why I said that there cannot be those two gods, they cannot co-inhabit because next to Christ there can be no one else. Why? Because Christ has taken all space, he has taken everything — everything — everything is him, there's nothing left for us ourselves except this to say "Lord, I am nothing" and the moment we say that we unite ourselves to his everythingness. And the saints are larger than the universe. Like Saint Porphyrios, the simple Greek peasant put it, he was traveling through galaxies. (cf. Life of St Benedict) Who needs shadows when we have a holy person? There are no boundaries to them because they have become one with Christ.

And how extraordinary and how sad it is, what a drama in our life it is the fact that we desire to amount to something and therefore this is precisely what keeps me from being everything in him. Because I desire to be something in myself. But in him I will be everything. Even Saint Paul put it this way, maybe not as straightforwardly, that the soul of the holy man, the holy person, will enlarge to the breadth and width of Christ and we know what the breadth and width of Christ is. And many of our saints have described their insides to be larger than the universe. This is how we talk about the Birthgiver of God — larger than the universe. This is what's available there for us but there is Christ not myself. And it is the purpose of our life and it is the destiny of all of us. It is. Because at the end of the day as much as I cherish my family, my accomplishments, and my priesthood, and my service, and my goodness to others — everything I've done for the others — all of that, not only will end up six feet under but will be forgotten eventually in this huge windmill of time. It'll all be forgotten. It will amount to nothing, whether we want it or not.

The ego is very, very pervasive and very difficult to grab. The ultimate trap with the ego is to try to engage the ego to get rid of the ego. That's how difficult it is because the ego will pass on the message like "engage me to get rid of me." Of course, that's never going to work. If anything it's going to increase the ego. It's going to hijack even the process by which we want to get rid of it. It's going to put itself in charge. It's going to become the driver of that car that wants to drive over itself. How do we do it? When do we do it? The Lord planted in the life of every single one of us so many opportunities, so many opportunities not to engage it. We cannot remove it, we cannot remove it but we can do two things. We can say "Oh, there is a snake in the grass," first, and the second thing "not play with it." But only the Lord can remove it, can say "I'm going to take the snake away so that you don't get beaten and you don't die."

I'm encountering that snake every single time a difficulty comes, every single time something unexpected comes. Those are the moments in which I'm in front of the cross itself and I stare at the two gods and I say "on this side is a wonderful God, I spend my whole life with this god — is myself." I'm loving this god. And on this side is Christ. And do you know in the moments of difficulties how easy it is to tell, it's very easy to tell which god I chose by where my mind goes. Simple. My mind always follows my

focus. So where does my mind go? "I have a difficulty." If my mind goes to "Goodness, this is hard. What am I supposed to do now? How can I get rid of this?" Or even worse, even if I say "Lord, Lord you know this is very difficult, illumine me so that I can handle this." Pay attention to all those questions which I could ask in that situation. They're all questions of me. They're all fundamentally a focus on me.

In other words, my mind stays within itself, even when I think that I pray, stays within itself. It's a very dark world to be within oneself, especially if it happens in front of a difficulty which is a straightforward pain, a blow given to us, for example, by somebody whom we love. We expect them to treat us nicely, they don't, they hurt us instead. Is my mind staying within itself - I have chosen the ego, I bow down to the god of my own being. Or do I turn to Christ immediately and I tell him "Lord, you know me, help me, if you want, as you wish it, as you can." One of the great saints of antiquity always advised that whatever thought we sent to Christ we always end it with "as you wish and as you can" because we don't take his decision away from him. "As you wish and as you can and if you don't wish, don't help." (Abba Macarius, 19, he Sayings of the Desert Fathers translated by Benedicta Ward, SLG, p 131)

So the bowing down to either one of the gods is something very simple to determine: where does my mind go? Those moments of difficulties, let us admit, they come many, many, many times a day. I'm not talking about something major. Something major is easy to identify, right? A death in the family. I bury my child. I bury a parent. I bury a sibling. I bury my spouse. Easy to identify. But even more commonly - someone upsets me. When I come to church the choir doesn't sing well, it bothers me, they're off-key today. Where does my mind go? Does it stay in itself or does it bow down to Christ? Somebody sits too close to me. I would like a little bit more personal space, especially as large as I am. "Can you just shift a few inches that way or that way?" Is my mind staying within itself or bowing to Christ? Which God do I choose? Every single difficulty that comes to me in big form or small form is that one intersection of my life, remember in the way I put it yesterday, intersection - being in front of the cross, and I can choose the soldier in me who covers himself up, his own fragility covers up by inflicting blows on the other, or I can choose Christ. So these are not theoretical things although our tradition - God knows - has written thousands of books about this thing, some of them have been collected, how nicely, very, very handy in collections such as the famous Philokalia. They are very concrete things and on these very concrete things, on these moments of our everyday life hangs my joy.

Hours Schedule

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
4 Staci	1 Barry	6 Angelo
11 Madison	8 Lucy	13 Barry
18 Phil	15 Staci	20 Lucy
25 Angelo	22 Madison	27 Staci
	29 Phil	

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

Reader Schedule

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
4 Katherine	1 Phil	6 Madison
11 Barry	8 Angelo	13 Phil
18 Staci	15 Katherine	20 Angelo
25 Madison	22 Barry	27 Barry
	29 Staci	

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

Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
4 Dennis Goodman	1 Dennis Goodman	6 Christine Panoff
11 Susie Ford	8 Christine Panoff	13 Dennis Goodman
18 Ian & Stephanie P.	15 Susie Ford	20 Susie Ford
25 Christine Panoff	22 Ian & Stephanie P.	27 Ian & Stephanie P.
	29 Susie Ford	

If you are unable to make your assigned date please find a replacement. Let Susie know of any changes or if you cannot find a replacement (810-407-3016).

HOURS, READERS & CANDLE STAND. Please look at each month's newsletter as the schedule may have changed since the previous publication.

PRAYER SERVICE for the sick & suffering will be held at St. Mary Magdalene the second Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. Email names to smmocafernton@gmail.com

CONFESSIONS the sacrament of Confession is offered on Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment. Call the parish office 810-744-0070 or e-mail stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com to make an appointment.

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Father Matthew or Deacon Luke after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith. The class meets in the library.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES on Wednesdays, at 11:15 am. We are reading - *Wounded by Love*, a transcription of conversations with Saint Porphyrios (1906-1991).

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on May 1 from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

MEMORY ETERNAL!

Julia (Ferchak) Peck fell asleep in the Lord in her 98th year on Sunday, March 30, 2025. Julia is the mother of Sandy Taylor and grandmother of Chris Taylor. Her funeral was held on Saturday, April 5 followed by burial at Evergreen Cemetery. You may read Julia's obituary [HERE](#).

Please remember Julia in your prayers that she rest in the light of Christ's Face and that the Lord sustain their families in their grief. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

Nikola Pirković fell asleep in the Lord in his 69th year on Monday, March 31, 2020. Nickola is the husband of Anastasia (Torodovsky) Pirković, the father of Stevan, Phillip, and Sašo, and son-in-law of Luba Todorovsky, brother-in-law of Diana (Todorovsky) & Branko Mitevski. His funeral was Friday, April 4 followed by burial at Evergreen Cemetery. You may read Nikola's obituary [HERE](#).

Please remember Nikola in your prayers that he rest in the light of Christ's Face and that the Lord sustain their families in their grief. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

Thank you to Fr. Matthew, Matushka Lisa & our church family for the love and support given during this difficult time. From Christopher & Sandy Taylor.

THE LORD GOD BLESS the newborn Penelope Maria, daughter of Annie and Alec Bailey. Penelope was born on Sunday, March 23 in Ann Arbor. Please keep them all in your prayers.



CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING CLEAN UP May 3rd starting at 9:30 am. There will be something for everyone to do no matter your age or ability. Lunch will be provided. Bring your yard & garden tools & gloves. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call the office so Dennis Jernigan can coordinate the jobs beforehand. He will have everything needed for the painting projects.

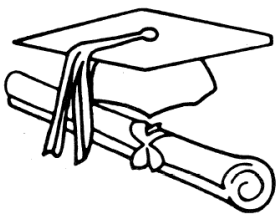
HONORING THE MEMORY OF FR. ROMAN BRAGA May 2 - 4 at the Dormition Monastery. See the flier for the full schedule.

MOTHER'S DAY DANCE Saturday, May 10 from 6 pm -9 pm. Dan & Tray Productions will be there to play CD's. \$10 for adults, under 10 free. A freewill offering will be taken for food & refreshments.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is May 13 at 6:30 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL As you know, Barry Cavett resigned from parish council owing to his work schedule. A member of the nominating committee spoke with Tammy Bolinger who is aware that the parish council needs a secretary and meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Chris Taylor, the parish council president, spoke with Tammy and she indicated she is willing to serve and fill out the remainder of Barry's term. With Father Matthew's blessing the parish council was unanimous in requesting Archbishop Alexander to appoint Tammy to fill the remainder of Barry's term. Archbishop Alexander has appointed Tammy Bolinger to fill the remainder of Barry Cavett's term and she will serve as officer - secretary - of parish council.

CHURCH SCHOOL will finish the academic year on May 18th in church recognizing milestones such as students moving from elementary to middle school, high school & college graduations, acknowledging participants with certificates and our teachers.



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, 5th. **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 26. We will ride in the parade in a pick-up truck and pass out candy. If you would like to join in the procession, meet in the church parking lot at 11:45. Your monetary donations or bags of small candy (not chocolate as it melts) will be greatly appreciated. Contact Stephanie Price if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- A chair person(s) for the picnic and dance on Sunday, August 17.
- A choir directory trainee.
- Maintenance ministry - persons to assist.
- An additional church school teacher and substitute because of the increase in number of students in church school - please see Stephanie Price.
- An additional catechist - classes for catechist certificate will begin in June 2025 - please see Father Matthew.
- Cookie Walk - Cathy Edwards will be one of the co-chairs for our annual cookie walk on December 13, 2025. Another co-chair is needed. Please let Cathy know if you would like to co-chair with her.



COMMUNITY GARDEN St. Nicholas is looking to start a community garden. Anyone interested in participating please contact Christopher Taylor (810-252-2255) or Staci Shank (269-352-4309). We will need a variety of help & donations for this venture such as: seeds, soil, garden tools, fencing, monetary donations, etc.



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 16 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 Chris Nedanis (cned77@gmail.com or 810-877-0889), Christine Panoff (capanoff@umich.edu or 810-232-4868), George Branoff (gabman24@charter.net or 810-252-5395), George Popoff (popoffgeorge@gmail.com or 810-962-4792) Linda Branoff (branoff721@aol.com or 810-964-3654), Peter Branoff (ptb704@yahoo.com or 810-877-8773) or Philip Bakousidis (Philip.bakousidis@gmail.com or 810-919-4500).

HOW CAN I HELP? I DON'T GOLF.

- ❖ Donate a sign wishing "good game" or in honor or in memory of a loved one. A sign sponsorship is a great advertising opportunity for any business. Whether it's for your business or one that you frequent, we encourage everyone to participate in getting new sign sponsors this year.
- ❖ 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- 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.

PRAYERS AT THE GRAVES will take place on Souls' Saturday (Zadušnica), June 7 and Pentecost, June 8 at Evergreen, Crestwood, Sunset Hills, and Saint Nicholas Cemeteries as well as any other cemetery requested of Father Matthew.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN we serve on Thursday, May 1 from 9 to 12:30 pm.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Bar & Hand Soap for the month of May. Place the items in a bag and then put 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.

 HOPE IN A BOX	
May	Bar & Hand Soap
June	Laundry Soap & Jeans
July	Toilet Paper/Travel Size Toiletries

May Coffee Social Sponsors	
4	Branoff family
11	Pirkovic family
18	Cathy Edwards
25	

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). *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.

ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE-KROGER/COSCO COMMUNITY REWARDS Remember to use your community rewards when checking out. If you haven't signed up for it you can do so online or at their customer service desk. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP/SEMINARIAN OFFERING There is a category marked "Seminararian" on your stewardship envelopes that you can include with your regular giving. There are also specially marked envelopes at the candle stand. This helps to support parish seminarians, those training to become catechists, and kiosk expense for theological materials for inquirers.



NOTE FROM THE TREASURER To be transparent in our 5-year vision to a financially secure parish:

2025	February	March
Monthly Offering Income	\$ 10,739.04	\$ 17,730.23
Monthly General Operating Expenses	\$ 26,112.34	\$ 23,406.70
	\$ -15,373.30	\$ -5,676.47

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.
- ❖ 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!

MAY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Arinn Pray
- 6 Alexis Sfetkides
- 7 Bill Economou
- 8 Betsy & Vincent Wiles
Levi Johnson
- 9 Daniel Krigner
- 10 Paul Yosheff
- 12 Diana Mitevski
- 16 David Mitevski
- 20 Fanny Popoff
Kraig Houser
- 24 Cindy Economou
George Popoff
- 27 Archbishop Alexander
- 28 Sadie Roberts
- 31 Jennifer Shann



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

NAMESDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 Mike & Stephanie Stikovich (1981) | 15 Kosta & Nancy Tasevski |
| 5 Archbishop Alexander consecration (2012) | 16 Michael & Jennifer Borkovich (1992) |
| 7 Brian & Diana Mitevski | 19 Teddy & Jessica Stavridis (2018) |
| 11 Ralph & Deborah Neely (1997) | 29 Bob & Cathy Steiner (1977) |
| 14 Fr. Matthew ordination (1995)
Les & Susie Ford (2015) | |

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.

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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!

Deacon John Bocek	Bill Haw	Macy Lemmen	Bill Tadrick
Allison Borkovich	Mary Karayanis	Helen Popoff	Wendy Tadrick
Paul Ellis	Nick Karayanis	Ron Salhany	Dave Vuckovich

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

Jeanette Brayon @ Serene Gardens	1481 E Hill Rd room MC-6	Grand Blanc, MI 48439	
Paul Ellis @ Majestic Care of Livonia	28550 Five Mile Rd	Livonia, MI 48154	947-521-2523
Allison Borkovich @Kra-Nur Manor	1383 Kra-Nur Dr.	Burton, MI 48509	
Mary & Nick Karayanis	2238 Old Hickory	Davison, MI 48423	810-653-1169
Helen Popoff	2221 Bellemeade Dr.	Davison, MI 48423	810-653-3867
Dave Vuckovich	9352 Morrish Rd	Swartz Creek, MI 48473	810-348-4733 (Barb)
Mike Stikovich @Kra-Nur Manor	1383 Kra-Nur Dr.	Burton, MI 48509	810-658-8321(Stephanie)
Diane Todorovsky	14182 Moffett Dr	Fenton, MI 48430	810-750-7860



Mother's Day Dance

Saturday May 10th
6pm-9pm

Dan and Tray Productions
will be there to play CD's
and music

\$10 entrance fee
(Under 10 free)

Freewill offering for food

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
2143 S. Center Rd
Burton Mi
810-744-0070



HONORING THE MEMORY OF FATHER ROMAN BRAGA

10 Year Anniversary of His Repose

• Friday May 2 - Sunday May 4, 2025 •

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday May 2nd

5:00pm Vespers Service

6:00pm Akathist to the Burning Bush

6:30pm Dinner

7:15pm Father Roman as Confessor

with Rev. Archimandrite Joseph (Morris)
and Rev. Mo. Christophora.

Saturday May 3rd

6:30am Matins and Hours

8:30am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy

10:30am Memorial Service

11:30am Lunch with Introductory Remarks

by Archbishop Nathaniel

12:30pm Metropolitan Tikhon (Topic to be Announced)

1:30pm Break

2:00pm Future of North American Orthodoxy

by Archbishop Daniel

4:00pm "Reflections" by Fr. John Konkle

5:00pm Dinner

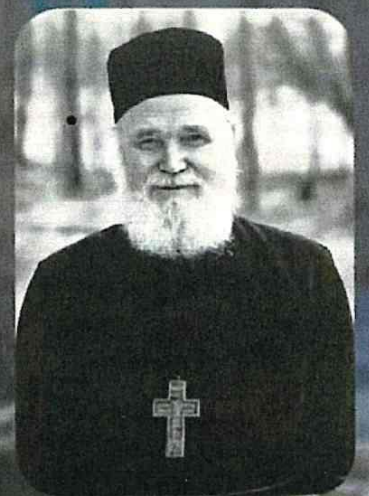
6:00pm Vigil

Sunday May 4th

9:00am Akathist and Hours

10:00am Hierarchal Divine Liturgy

12:00pm Lunch followed by an "Ice Cream Social"



Please join us for our 44th

MACEDONIAN OPEN



GOLF SCRAMBLE

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025

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
- SKINS GAME & MORE!

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:
ST. NICHOLAS
ORTHODOX CHURCH
Burton, MI 810.744.0070

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Individuals, families and businesses are all encouraged to become a sponsor or make a cash donation

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 (\$250)
 - Birdie Sponsor (\$500)
 - Eagle Sponsor (\$1,000)
 - Platinum Sponsor (\$1,250)
 - Beer Keg Sponsor (\$500)
 - Dinner Only (\$50)
 - Cash Donation (amount) _____
- _____ = **TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**

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

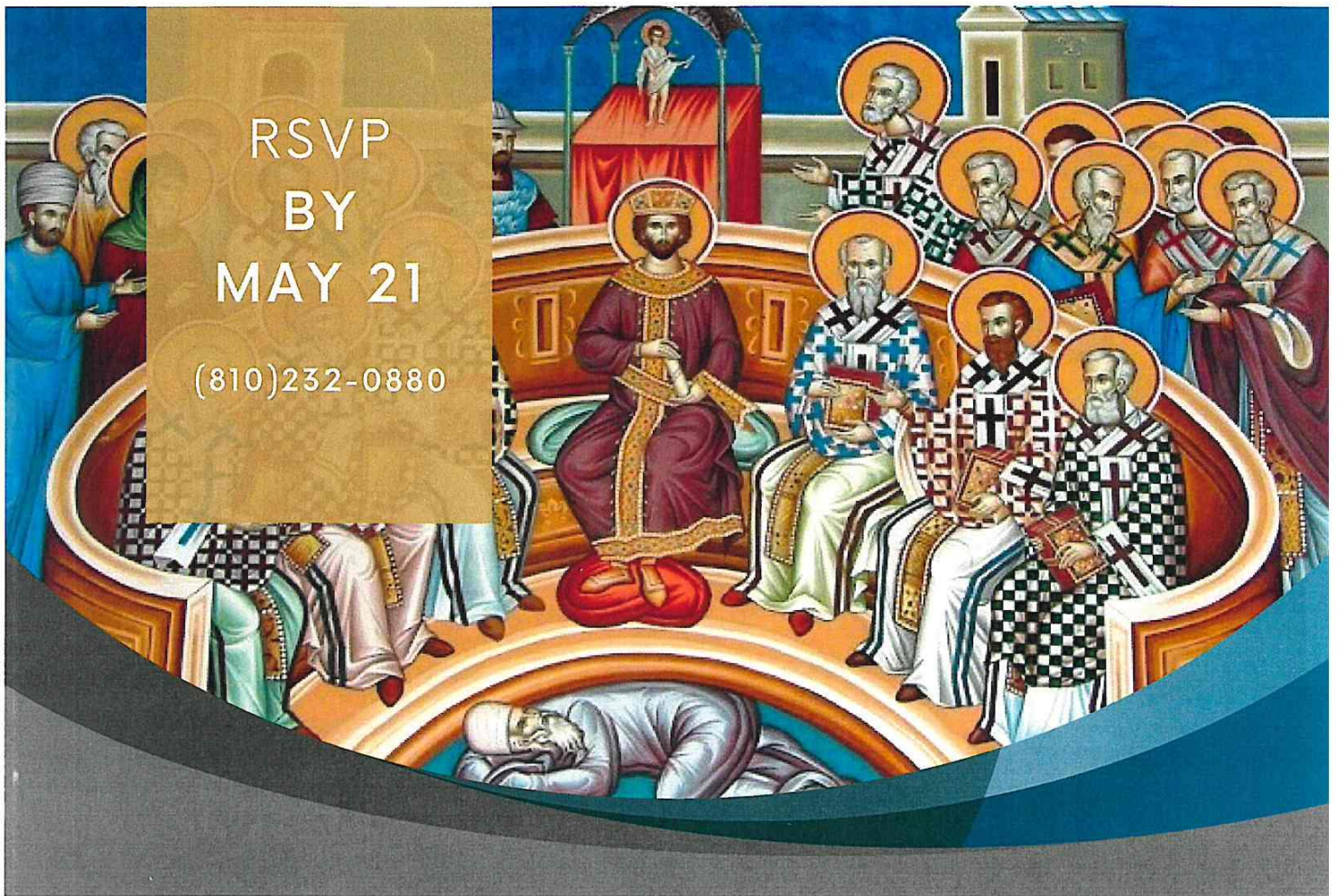
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CATHOLIC - ORTHODOX CELEBRATION OF THE 1700TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: NICAEA

31 May
2025

St. Matthew Roman
Catholic Church
706 Beach St. Flint, MI 48502












1 PM

READING OF THE PROFESSION OF FAITH OF NICAEA,
REFLECTIONS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FIRST
ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, MUSIC FROM ORTHODOXY AND
CATHOLICISM, AND A LIGHT RECEPTION AFTERWARDS.

May 2025

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2143 S. Center Rd. Burton, MI 48519
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stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com Website: www.saintnicholasburton.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>✠ <i>Fast</i></p> <p> <i>Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat)</i></p> <p> <i>Fish Permitted (no other meat)</i></p>		<p><i>Times and events are subject to change</i></p>		<p>1 9 am to 12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>2 </p>	<p>3 9:30 am Outdoor Cleanup 5 pm Vespers Confessions</p>
<p>4 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School-St Constantine</p>	<p>5 <i>Father in Toledo</i></p>		<p>7 </p> <p>9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult education</p>	<p>8 <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>9 </p> <p>12 noon 40 day memorial for Nikola Pirković at Evergreen Cemetery</p>	<p>10 5 pm Vespers Confessions</p>
<p>11 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School- Ss Cyril</p>	<p>12 <i>Father in Toledo</i></p>	<p>13 6:30 pm Parish Council 6 pm Prayer Service @ St. Mary for the sick & suffering</p>	<p>14  </p> <p><i>Mid-Pentecost</i> 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult education</p>	<p>15 <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>16 </p>	<p>17 10 am Liturgy at St Nicholas Macedonian Orthodox Church, Windsor, ON <i>No Vespers</i></p>
<p>18 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School End of year recognition & Dinner</p>	<p>19 <i>Father in Toledo</i></p>		<p>21 </p> <p>9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult education</p>	<p>22 <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>23 </p>	<p>24 5 pm Vespers Confessions</p>
<p>25 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>26 11:45 noon line-up 1 pm Burton Memorial Day Parade <i>Office Closed</i></p>		<p>28 <i>leavetaking of Pascha</i> 9:30 am Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed 6 pm Vespers at St Mary Magdalene Church for Ascension</p>	<p>29 <i>Ascension of our Lord</i> 10 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>30 </p>	<p>31 1 pm celebration of 1700 years of the 1st Nicaean Council at St Matthew Church, Flint 5 pm Vespers Confessions</p>