

May 21, 2023

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 21, 2023 6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – 5.Man. Blind Man. Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine and his mother, Helen (Elena) (327). St. Constantine (1129) and his children, Ss. Michael and Theodore, Wonderworkers of Múrom. Ven. Cassian the Greek, of Uglich (1504). The Meeting of the VLADIMIR Icon of the Mother of God (in commemoration of the saving of Moscow from the invasion of the Crimean Khan, Mekhmet-Girei in 1521).

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*)

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 8 Your servant, Constantine, O Lord and only Lover of man, / beheld the figure of the Cross in the heavens. / Like Paul, not having received his call from men, / but as an apostle among rulers set by Your hand over the royal city, // he preserved lasting peace through the prayers of the Theotokos.

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: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. (Psalm 18:4)

v. The heavens describe the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the making of his hands. (Ps. 18:1)

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (26:1-5, 11-20) *In those days*, Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself." So Paul stretched out his hand and answered for himself: "I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because today I shall answer for myself before you concerning all the things of which I am accused by the Jews, especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which have to do with the Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently. My manner of life from my youth, which was spent from the beginning among my own nation at Jerusalem, all the Jews know. They knew me from the first, if they were willing to testify, that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities. While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me. And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.

Alleluia, Tone 8

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

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

Health & blessings for Sydney Ziegler

Alexandra Price

Larisa, Timoshja, Tim, Calvin, Ruth, Dimitriy, Amber, Veniamin, Irina,
Veniamin & Dimitriy

S. DeShaw

Health & blessings for Christopher

Angelo Panoff

Chris, Heather, Raegan, Jeremy, Teri, Hayden, Sean, Nadja & Auden

Lucy Hogg

Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan,
Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta,
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

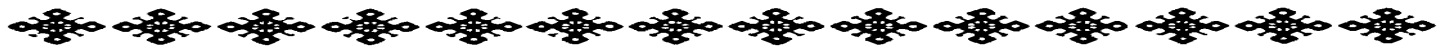
CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

John Goodman (4 yrs. May 22) Memory Eternal

Goodman family

baba Tanaska Vassil, baba Velica Brayan & mother Mary Lou Brayan

Paul Brayan



CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN! 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](#).

CANDLESTAND: Dennis Jernigan **HOURS:** Lucy Hogg **READER:** Alexander Gonser

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 and/or serve in the coming weeks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION will resume June 7.

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.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD is the great feast forty days after the resurrection of the Lord, marking the day when Messiah Jesus ascended from earth to heaven, the one Lord in two natures – divine and human – now seated at the right hand of the Father. On Thursday, May 25 at 10 am will be pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy for the feast at St Mary Magdalene Church.

MEMORY ETERNAL Feodosiy Sivergin, father of Irina Sivergina & husband of the late Adelaida Sivergina, fell asleep in the Lord on May 18th in Ekaterinburg, Russia. Irina traveled to Russia for his funeral.

OFFICE HOURS this week are Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9-3. The office is closed Friday.

BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES for students in need in Burton will be purchased with donations collected in the Charity Plate in May and June.

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER will visit us for Vespers on Saturday, June 10 and Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 11 to present Protodeacon Luke (Kerry) with the *kamilavka* and Reader J. Joseph Tome with the Order of St. Romanos.

BURTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE on Monday, May 29. Our parish will participate in the parade and we still need a trailer and people to join in the procession & to help fill bags of candy. If you would like to be part of this great opportunity, please contact Stephanie Price at 248-396-3899 as soon as possible. There is also a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. When signing up please note if you want to walk in the procession or would like to ride in a vehicle. We will meet in the church parking lot at 11:45 am on the 29th. Seating will be available for those who want to watch on the sidelines.

MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE The Macedonian Open committee & St. Nicholas appreciates everyone who has already donated money for signs & golf. It is very helpful to get the information for both of these as soon as possible. It keeps us more organized and signs are more expensive for us to print closer to the event, so we need that information as soon as you decide on signs. Money can wait if necessary. Please get gift cards to us as soon as you can also in the amounts of \$20-\$25 (Visa gift cards, Meijer, Dunham's, Gas Cards, Restaurant cards, or any establishment you frequent.) Monetary gifts are always helpful & appreciated. See Matushka Lisa if you have any questions or payments this week. Fliers are available in the fellowship hall and on our website.

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HALL/PAVILION RENTAL please make your reservations as soon as possible if you are planning on using St. Nicholas. Call or email the office to see if your preferred date is available.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS While Fathew Matthew is out of town May 15 to May 30, please contact **only for emergencies** Father Peter Bistolarides (Assumption 810-771-4611), Father Gabriel Bilas (St Mary Magdalene 810-750-1401) or Father Joe Abud (St George 810-732-0720).

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, May 24

No Divine Liturgy or Adult ed class

Thursday, May 25 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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

Saturday, May 27

5 pm Vespers - live-streamed No Confessions

Sunday, May 28 Blind Man

10 am Divine Liturgy - live-streamed

Offerings for the week May 14, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,627.75
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ - 476.25

77 persons in attendance on May 14