

May 24, 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 24, 2026 7th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 6. Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. Afterfeast of Ascension. Ven. Simeon the Stylite (the Younger) of the Wonderful Mountain (596). Ven. Niketas the Stylite, Wonderworker of Pereyaslav' – Zaleskii (1186). Martyrs Meletius Stratelates, Stephen, John, and 1,218 soldiers, with women and children, including Serapion the Egyptian, Callinicus the Magician, Theodore, Faustus, the women: Marciana, Susanna, and Palladia, two children: Cyriacus and Christian, and twelve Tribunes – Faustus, Festus, Marcellus, Theodore, Meletius, Sergius, Marcellinus, Felix, Photinus, Theodoriscus, Mercurius, and Didymus, all of whom suffered in Galatia (138-161). St. Vincent of Lérins.

FIRST ANTIPHON

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy. (*Psalm 46:1*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

For the Lord, the Most High is terrible! A great God over all the earth! (*Psalm 46:2*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet! (*Psalm 46:3*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! (*Psalm 46:5*) **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

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! (*Psalm 47:1*) **O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Mount Sion, in the far north, the city of the great King! (*Psalm 47:2*) **O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Within her citadels God is known when He defends her! (*Psalm 47:3*) **O Son of God who ascended in glory, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together! (*Psalm 47:4*) **O Son of God who ascended in glory, 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...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world! (*Psalm 48:1*) **Tone 4** You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

The earth-born and the sons of men, rich and poor together! (*Psalm 48:2*) You ascended in glory ...

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. (*Psalm 48:3*) You ascended in glory ...

I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle in psalmody. (*Psalm 48:4*) You ascended in glory...

TROPARIA

Tone 6 The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; / the guards became as dead men. / Mary stood by Your grave, / seeking Your most pure body. / You captured hell, not being tempted by it. / You came to the Virgin, granting life. / O Lord, Who rose from the dead, // glory to You.

Tone 4 You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

Tone 8 You are most glorious, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them you have guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!

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 6 When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven, You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love You, but remaining with them and crying: "I am with you and there is no one against you!"

The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Your Name forever! (*Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3*)

v. For You are just in all that You have done for us! (*v. 4*)

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (20:16-18, 28-36) *In those days:* Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you all the time from the first day that I set foot in Asia. Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and called the earth, from the risings of the sun to its settings. (*Psalm 49:1*)

v. Gather his venerable ones to him, the ones who distribute his testament upon sacrifices. (*Psalm 49:6*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (17:1-13) When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

WE SING "IT IS TRULY MEET TO BLESS YOU..."

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (*Psalm 148:1*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..." **Tone 4** You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world!

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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

Kristie

Joe Tome

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Irina Sivergina

Angelo &

Christine Panoff

her family

Rebecca Lazar

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

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

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

In Memory of my beloved daughter Ellyn on her Name Day, May 21st

her family

Irina Sivergina

Angelo &

Christine Panoff

Paul Brayan

Connie



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 24 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie

HOURS: Staci

READER: Phil

May 31 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Phil

READER: Madison

CHURCH SCHOOL RECOGNITION Sunday, May 24 is the day we recognize our students and teachers for their studies and effort throughout the church school year. Please plan on being here!

PLEASE JOIN US for our coffee social in the fellowship hall after the Liturgy.

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 this 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.

LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER on Sunday, May 31! Menu includes chicken kabobs, rice and salad for \$13. Proceeds will go towards the picnic/dance held on August 23.

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!

LAWN MOWING & PLANT WATERING there are sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall for lawn mowing and plant watering. We need your help to keep our grounds as beautiful as they are!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Church School end of year program
12:15 pm Catechesis class with Fr Matthew

Wednesday, May 27

9:30 am holy Liturgy, 40 day Trisagion for Elaine Gingras Bartlett, Matushka Lisa’s mother
11:15 am adult education class – books are \$19
6:30 pm Google Meet catechesis class <https://meet.google.com/oyr-hohi-phv>

Saturday, May 30 SOULS’ SATUDAY

9 am Evergreen Cemetery beginning in the chapel with a Trisagion service
12:30 pm Crestwood Cemetery
1:30 pm Sunset Hills Cemetery
2 pm Gracelawn Cemetery
5 pm Vespers with lity – *Confessions*

Sunday, May 31 HOLY PENTECOST

9:30 am third & sixth hours
10 am Divine Liturgy
chicken & rice luncheon
no catechesis class
12:15 pm Vespers with Kneeling Prayers
2 pm St Nicholas Cemetery, 1815 Groveland Ave, Flint
4 pm Great Lakes National Cemetery

Offerings for the week May 17, 2026

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 4,960.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ 580.00

89 persons in attendance on Sunday, May 17th