

May 29, 2022

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 29, 2022 6th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – 5.Man. Blind Man. Virgin Martyr Theodosia of Tyre (307-308). Repose of Bl. John of Ustiug, Fool-for-Christ (1494). Virgin Martyr Theodosia, Nun, of Constantinople (726-730). Icon of the Mother of God, "SURETY OF SINNERS".

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 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. **In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.** (*Psalm 75:1*)

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE 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. Guide my steps according to Your word! (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...

May 29, 2022



CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Sean Bernecke for healing & health	Lucy Hogg
God's blessings for continued good health to our son Christopher & daughter-in-law Krista on their wedding anniversary May 22 nd	Angelo & Christine
God's blessings for good health to our granddaughter Rachel on her high school graduation from Vandegrift High School in Austin, Texas on May 27 th	Baba & Dedo
God's blessings for continued good health to all of our grand kids & their parents Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted, Joseph, Marlene, Mary, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends	Angelo & Christine
Special Intention	Joe Tome
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal Donald Ford	Les & Susie Ford
Donald Ford, God rest his soul	Connie Maxim
Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal Evanka Elieff (7 yrs.)	Her family
Peter Sredich, missed by his daughters & grandchildren	Kris Sredich-George



CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

WELCOME to all our friends and visitors! Welcome to everyone 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](#).

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by the Bakousidis family in memory of Nikolaos Bakousidis (3 yrs.), father to Irene Batcos & Gerry Bakousidis and in memory of Theodora Papalazarou (10 yrs.), Germanos, Evangelina, Kosta and all of our loved ones that have fallen asleep in the Lord. Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a signup sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate donuts & coffee and/or serve in the coming weeks.

AUTOCEPHALOUS CHURCH IN MACEDONIA May 24, on the old calendar feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Patriarch Porfirije of Serbia and Metropolitan Stefan of Ochrid, Macedonia, served the Divine Liturgy together with bishops of Serbia and Macedonia at St. Kliment of Ochrid Cathedral in Skopje. At the Liturgy, Patriarch Porfirije announced that the Council of Bishops of Serbia approved the Macedonian Orthodox Church to be autocephalous. You may read the patriarch's address [here](#), see photos [here](#), and view the Liturgy [here](#).

BURTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Monday, May 30 at 1 pm. The parade will begin at the Burton Library and end at the veterans' memorial near the Burton government building. Our parish plans to participate in the parade. Please contact Stephanie Price at 248-396-3899 for more information.

MEMORIAL DAY on Monday "commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time" (from the [Veterans' Administration website](#)). Let us remember those fallen asleep in the service of our country in our prayers before the Lord that they rest among the saints.

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 evening before the feast, Wednesday, June 1 at 6 pm we will celebrate Vespers and Liturgy at St. George Church for the feast.

MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE on Monday, June 20 at the Flint Elks Golf Club. **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. If you golf or have friends who do, invite them to join in.** We encourage everyone to participate in some way and attend the dinner. 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@umflint.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).

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS! Adult men and boys, your service is needed in the holy altar to assist in the Divine Liturgy! If you would like to learn to serve, please see Deacon Luke, send an email stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or call the office 810-744-0070. Training sessions will be set up for altar servers to learn the importance of this ministry and the "how to" for serving.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES Anyone who wishes to support International Orthodox Christian Charity's (IOCC) humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis is asked to pray for all those affected and the people serving them, to share what IOCC is doing in order to spread the word, and to give as they are able financially. Please visit iocc.org/ukraine22 or call 877.803.4622 to make a donation.

SPRING WORK DAY at the Dormition Monastery on Saturday, June 4 from 10 am to 4 pm. If possible, please come and help the Mothers and Sisters of the monastery. A lunch will be provided. Please notify Roxy if you are coming and how many in order for the sisters to provide an ample amount. Bring a friend and spread the word. What to bring: Tylenol, Naproxen, water, work gloves. Dress for the weather.

CHURCH SCHOOL will finish the academic year on June 5 in church recognizing milestones such as students moving from elementary to middle school, high school graduations, acknowledge participants with certificates and our teachers. Graduates from high school and college - we will honor you at the Divine Liturgy with special petitions and a blessing. Graduates, plan on attending with your families. You are welcome to wear your graduation gown for the Liturgy. On Sunday, June 12 the students will enjoy time at Grand Blanc Lanes.

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OFFICE HOURS this week are Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9-3. ***Closed on Monday.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

*Prayers at graves will be held on Pentecost weekend June 11 & 12.
Please see the [June newsletter](#) for details*

Monday, May 30 Memorial Day – Office is closed
1 pm Burton Memorial Day parade beginning on Center Rd at Atherton Rd and finishing at Burton city hall



Wednesday, June 1
9:30 am Divine Liturgy leavetaking of Pascha
No adult education class
6 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Liturgy at St. George for Ascension
Please fast from noon to receive holy Communion

Thursday, June 2 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, June 4
1 am-4 pm Spring work day at Dormition Monastery
5 pm Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel

Sunday, June 5 Council Fathers
9:30 am Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel
Church School Recognition Day + we will honor our 2022 graduates at the Divine Liturgy with special petitions for them and a blessing. Graduates, plan on attending with your families. You are welcome to wear your graduation gown for the Liturgy
1 year Trisagion for Peter Sredich after holy Communion

Offerings for the week May 22, 2022

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,141.44
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -962.56

61 persons in attendance on May 22nd