

May 3, 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 3, 2026 4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 3. Paralytic. Ven. Theodosius, Abbot of the Kiev Caves Monastery and Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism in Russia (1074). Martyrs Timothy the Reader and his wife Maura of Antinoë in Egypt (ca. 286). St. Peter the Wonderworker, Bishop of Argolis (10th c.). “Svena” Icon of the Mother of God (1288). Holy Great Martyr Xenia of Kalamata (291).

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*)
Troparion: 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 3 Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

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 first tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on You. (Psalm 32:22) v. Rejoice, O righteous ones, in the Lord. To the upright is due praise. (Psalm 32:1)

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (9:32-43) *In those days:* as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas, that is Gazelle. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 5

v. Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing to the age, to generation and generation I will declare your truth in my mouth . (Psalm 88:1)

v. For you said, To the age mercy will be built, in the heavens your truth will be prepared. (Psalm 88:2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (5:1-15) At that time there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed 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! Alleluia! Alleluia!

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..." Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! (Greek)

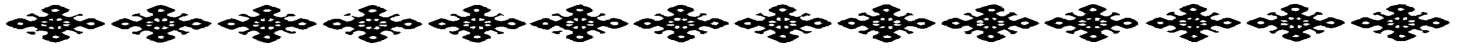
Hristos vaskrese! Voistinnu vaskrese! (Serbian)

Christos voskrese! Voistinnu voskrese! (Slavonic)

Al Maseeya kam! Hakkan kam! (Arabic)

Hristos a înviat! Adeverat a înviat! (Romanian)

May 3, 2026



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

Health and Blessings for Staci on her Orthodoxy Birthday

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev, Irina

Esther Butrie Kubena & special intention

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

Ian & Stephanie

Irina Sivergina

her family

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

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

Adelaïda & Feodosiy

Peter & Josephine Sredich, from their daughters & families

Elaine Bartlett

Elaine Bartlett, May her memory be eternal

her family

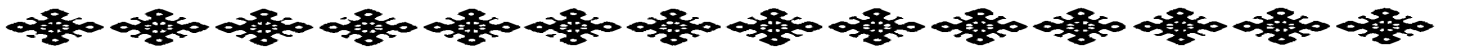
Irina Sivergina

Kris George

Lucy Hogg

Ian & Stephanie

Price



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 3 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman

HOURS: No Hours

READER: Barry

May 10 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Barry

READER: Staci

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

PASCHAL GREETING During the forty days for the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection we have a special greeting to offer on another: "Christ is Risen!" and we respond with

"Indeed He is Risen!" When we come to venerate the Cross after the Divine Services Father

Matthew will offer this greeting and we respond:

"Indeed, He is Risen!" Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

Christos voskrese! Voistinnu voskrese! - Slavonic

Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! - Greek

Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat! - Romanian

SPRING CLEAN-UP on the church grounds on Saturday, May 9 beginning at 9:30 am. Your help is needed! Please use the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

MEMORY ETERNAL! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Kostandina Karanofilov Sozovski, a former parishioner of St Nicholas Church, fell asleep in the Lord on April 26, 2026. She is the sister of parishioner Luba Todorovsky. Kostandina is also survived by her husband Atanas, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her funeral was on Friday, May 1 at St Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral "Ravanica", Detroit. Pray that she rest in the light of Christ's Face and that the same Lord sustain her family in their grief. Bog da prosti! God forgives! Christ is risen!

<https://guestbook.wujekcalcaterra.com/obituaries/kostandina-sozovski/#/Obituary>

CHURCH SCHOOL end of year program has been moved to May 24.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT at 6 pm on Friday, May 22!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, May 3 SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

9 am Baptism of Nathan Vargo & Chrismation of Harmony Vargo

10 am Divine Liturgy

12:15 pm *Catechesis class with Fr Matthew*

Church School: [Elijah \(elementary\)](#) [Elijah \(high school\)](#)

Monday, May 5 *Fr Matthew leaves for Archbishop Alexander*

Wednesday, May 6

No Liturgy

No adult education class

No Google Meet catechesis class

Saturday, May 9

9:30 am Spring Clean-Up! Join us!

5 pm Vespers – *Confessions*

Sunday, May 10 SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

9:30 am third & sixth hours

10 am Divine Liturgy

12:15 pm *Catechesis class with Fr Matthew*

Church School: [Elisha \(elementary\)](#) [Elisha \(high school\)](#)

Offerings for the week April 26, 2026

<i>Weekly Tithes & Offerings</i>	\$ 1,721.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,659.00

*89 persons in attendance on Sunday,
April 26*

April 29, 2026

The Holy Synod of Bishops Announces the Upcoming Retirement of His Eminence Archbishop Alexander from the Diocese of the South

SPRINGFIELD, VA [OCA] The [Holy Synod of Bishops](#) of the Orthodox Church in America, meeting in its regular Spring 2026 Session under the presidency of [His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon](#), announces that it has accepted the request of [His Eminence Archbishop Alexander](#) to retire from his responsibilities as Archbishop of Dallas and the South.

His Eminence's retirement from the Diocese of the South will take effect on July 23, 2026, upon the conclusion of the regular Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese. At that time, His Eminence will be relieved of his duties as diocesan bishop of the South. He will, however, continue to serve as the ruling bishop of the Bulgarian Diocese.

<https://www.oca.org/news/headline-news/the-holy-synod-of-bishops-announces-the-upcoming-retirement-of-his-eminence-archbishop-alexander-from-the-diocese-of-the-south>

Please join us for our 45th

MACEDONIAN OPEN



GOLF SCRAMBLE

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

LUNCH & REGISTRATION @ 11 AM

SHOTGUN START @ **12 NOON**

Dinner & Prizes following golf

\$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
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Burton, MI 810.744.0070

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7177 E. Maple Rd. (810) 743-9440
Grand Blanc, MI 48439 flintelks222.com

SPONSORSHIP INFO:

HOLE SPONSOR \$125

includes a sign on the course; plus recognition in our thank you flyer and Church newsletter

CONTEST SPONSOR \$250

includes a sign sponsoring one of the contests (example: closest to pin) plus recognition in our thank you flyer and Church newsletter

BIRDIE SPONSOR \$500

includes a sign by the putting green; plus special recognition at dinner, in our thank you flyer, and Church newsletter

EAGLE SPONSOR \$1,000

includes (2) golfers, a sign by the putting green; plus special recognition at dinner, in our thank you flyer, and Church newsletter

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$1,250

includes (4) golfers, a sign by the putting green; plus special recognition at dinner, in our thank you flyer, and Church newsletter

BEER KEG SPONSOR \$500

includes a sign sponsoring the beer keg, plus special recognition at dinner, in our thank you flyer, and Church newsletter

**If you are NOT a golfer,
please consider becoming a
sponsor or making a donation**

Please return this portion by June 5th

GOLFER #1: _____
Company Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
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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)
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- _____ 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:

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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