

May 31, 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 31, 2026 8th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 7. Holy Pentecost: Feast of the Holy Trinity. St. Apollonios (Apollo) of the Egyptian Thebaid (395). Apostle Hermas of the Seventy (1st c.). Martyr Hermias at Comana (2nd c.). Martyr Philosophus at Alexandria (3rd c.). Metropolitan Philotheos of Tobolsk, the Enlightener of Siberia (1727).

FIRST ANTIPHON

The heavens are telling the glory of God; / and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (*Psalm 18:1*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Day to day pours forth speech, / and night to night declares knowledge. (*Psalm 18:2*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Their voice goes out through all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the world. (*Psalm 18:4*) **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

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble; / the Name of the God of Jacob protect you! (*Psalm 19:1*) **O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

May He send you help from the sanctuary / and give you support from Sion! (*Psalm 19:2*) **O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

May He grant you your heart's desire, / and fulfill all your plans! (*Psalm 19:3*) **O Good Comforter, 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

O Lord, in your power the king will be gladdened, and in your salvation will rejoice greatly. (*Psalm 20:1*) **Troparion - Tone 8** Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You have revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of Man, glory to You!

His heart's desire you gave him, and of the will of his lips you did not deprive them. (*Psalm 20:2*) Blessed are You...

For you came before him with blessings of kindness, you set upon his head a crown of precious stone. (*Psalm 20:3*) Blessed are You...

SMALL ENTRANCE

Deacon Wisdom! Upright!

Priest: Be lifted up, Lord, in your power; we will sing and chant your mighty works. (*Psalms 20:13*) O Good Comforter, save us who sing to you: "Alleluia!"

TROPARION

Tone 8 Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You have revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of Man, glory to You!

KONTAKION

Tone 8 When the Most High came down and confused the tongues He divided the nations; but when He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. Therefore, with one voice, we glorify the All-Holy Spirit!

INSTEAD OF THE TRISAGION

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ! (*Galatians 3:27*) Alleluia!

The prokeimenon in the eighth tone: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth;/ and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Psalms 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 (2:1-11) In those days, when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made firm, and by the spirit of his mouth all their power. (*Psalms 32:6*)

v. From heaven the Lord looked upon, he saw all the sons of men. (*Psalms 32:13*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (7:37-52, 8:12) On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of Life."

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

Without knowing a man you became a mother, without knowing corruption you bore a child, giving flesh to the Word who creates all things, containing Him Who cannot be contained, encompassing your infinite Maker: O Virgin Theotokos, we magnify you!

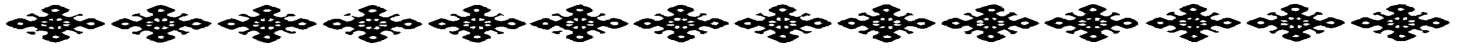
COMMUNION HYMN

Let Your good Spirit lead me on a level path! (*Psalms 142:12a*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

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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
Esther Butrie Kubena & special intention
Health & blessings for Alexandra

Joe Tome
Joe Tome
Irina Sivergina
her family
Barry Cavett

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

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

her family
Irina Sivergina



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 31 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Phil

READER: Madison

June 7 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Barry

READER: Katherine

PLEASE JOIN US for our chicken kabob luncheon in the fellowship hall after the Liturgy! \$13 per person. Menu includes chicken kabobs, rice and salad for \$13. Proceeds will go towards the picnic/dance held on August 23.

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.



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.

CHECK YOUR SPAM FOLDER if you are not receiving the weekly e-mail. We have learned that for some, the e-mail which is sent via Mailchimp, has been sent to their spam folder.

LIBRARY PROJECT We are 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Sunday, July 12 at 3 pm is our pan-Orthodox softball game at St John Catholic School field in Fenton.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: FAST FREE WEEK - MAY 31 TO JUNE 7

Chicken kabob 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

Monday, June 1 *Communion Calls*

Fr Matthew leaves for Archbishop Alexander returning on Tuesday, June 2

Wednesday, June 3

9:30 am holy Liturgy

11:15 am adult education class - books are \$19

6:30 pm Google Meet catechesis class <https://meet.google.com/oyr-hohi-phv>

Thursday, June 4

9 am serving at the North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, June 6

5 pm Vespers - *Confessions*

Sunday, June 7 **ALL SAINTS**

9:30 am third & sixth hours

10 am Divine Liturgy

11:45 am baby shower for Madison Miller sponsored by Kathy Gonser

Offerings for the week May 24, 2026

<i>Weekly Tithes & Offerings</i>	\$ 1,833.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,547.00

71 persons in attendance on Sunday, May 24th