

May 4, 2025

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 4, 2025. 3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 2. Virgin Martyr Pelagía of Tarsus in Asia Minor (ca. 290). The Albanov (Sokol'nitsky) brethren: Ss. Nikéetas, Kirill, Nikifor, Clement, and Isaac, of Novgorod (14th-15th c.). Holy Confessor Erasmus, Bishop of Formia in Campania (303). Hieromartyr Silvanus, Bishop of Gaza, and with him 40 Martyrs (311). Ven. Nikēphóros of Mt. Athos (1300). New Martyr Vasily (1945).

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 2 When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

Tone 2 The angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: "Myrrh is meet for the dead, but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: 'The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy!'"

Tone 2 The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But You rose on the third day, O Lord, granting 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 sixth tone: O Lord, save Your people / and bless Your inheritance! (Psalm 27:9a)

v. To you, O Lord, I cried, O my God, do not keep silent from me. (Psalm 27:1a)

THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (6:1-7) Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. You well-willed your land, O Lord, you turned the captivity of Jacob. (Psalm 84:1)

v. Mercy and truth met, righteousness and peace kissed. (Psalm 84:10)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (15:43-16:8) At that time Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; -- it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

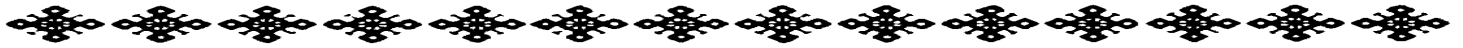
THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! 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!

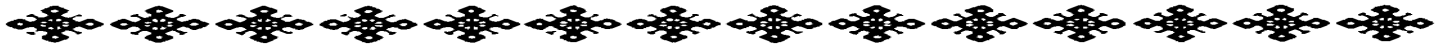
IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..." Christ is risen from the dead...

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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, Allison, Jeanette,
Kathryn, David, Ted, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends Joe Tome
Special Intention Joe Tome
Elizabeth, Sviatlna, Nicholas, Artyom & Aleksander Elizabeth Khait



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 4 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman **HOURS:** Staci Shank **READER:** Katherine Gonser
May 11 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford **HOURS:** Madison Green **READER:** Barry Cavett

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Father Matthew after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith. The class meets in the library.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS on Wednesdays, at 11:15 am. We are reading - *Wounded by Love*, a transcription of conversations with Saint Porphyrios (1906-1991). **No class on May 14.**

CHURCH SCHOOL - Church School - gift bags [St Constantine](#)

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by the Branoff/Goodman family in memory of Tony Branoff. 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 and/or serve.

CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING CLEAN UP Thank you to everyone who helped make this work day successful!

MOTHER'S DAY DANCE Saturday, May 10 from 6 pm -9 pm. Dan & Tray Productions will be there to play CD's. \$10 for adults, under 10 free. A freewill offering will be taken for food & refreshments.

CHURCH SCHOOL will finish the academic year on May 18th in church recognizing milestones such as students moving from elementary to middle school, high school & college graduations, and acknowledge participants with certificates and our teachers. Please contact the office with your information by **May 5th**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- A chair person(s) for the picnic and dance on Sunday, August 17.
- A choir director trainee.
- Maintenance ministry - persons to assist.
- An additional church school teacher and substitute because of the increase in number of students in church school - **please see Stephanie Price.**
- **2 catechists will begin studies with Fr Silviu Bunta and Fr Bogdan Bucur in June and concluding in 2027.** Catechists instruct inquirers and catechumens in the faith. The total cost of classes for two catechists is \$3,200. Theological/Seminarian funds will be used for this purpose and any Memorial Fund donations where the families directed the funds be used at Father Matthew's discretion for what the church needs. We need catechists!
- Cookie Walk - Cathy Edwards will be one of the co-chairs for our annual cookie walk on December 13, 2025. Another co-chair is needed. Please let Cathy know if you would like to co-chair with her.



ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER will be a guest speaker at the Orthodox-Catholic celebration of the 1700th anniversary of the first Nicaean council. This will take place at 1 pm on Saturday, May 31 at St Matthew Catholic Church 706 Beach St, Flint where Father Anthony Strouse is pastor. Our archbishop and father will deliver the Orthodox reflection on this council and His Excellency, Bishop Earl Boyea of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing will present the Catholic reflection. The event will include two musical selections connected to Nicaea I. There will also be light refreshments afterwards. **Please RSVP by 21 May to St. Matthew Parish (810-232-0880). See the flier [HERE](#).**

Archbishop Alexander will visit our church for Vespers at 5 pm on Saturday, May 31 and the next day, **Sunday, June 1**, the Sunday of the Fathers of the first council of Nicaea.

SPRING DINNER June 1 after Liturgy, in honor of Archbishop Alexander. The menu will be ribs, chicken, potato salad, baked beans & macaroni salad. Please bring a dessert to share. Tickets are \$18 adult, \$9 child, 6 & under-free. All proceeds will go towards the cost of the band for the parish picnic. See Sharon Jernigan for reservations/tickets or call her at 810-877-1766.

COMMUNITY GARDEN St. Nicholas is looking to start a community garden. Anyone interested in participating please contact Christopher Taylor (810-252-2255) or Staci Shank (269-352-4309). We need help & donations for this venture such as: seeds, soil, garden tools, fencing, monetary donations, etc.

MACEDONIAN OPEN

Spring is here and that can only mean one thing, the Macedonian Open is right around the corner. This year's outing will be held on Monday, June 16th at the Flint Elks Golf Club. As has been our tradition, that is the Monday after Father's Day.

HOW CAN I HELP? I DON'T GOLF.

- Purchase a sponsorship sign wishing "good luck" or in memory of a loved one.
- Donate money for prizes - any amount you can give would be very much appreciated.
- Donate a gift card - specifically gift cards in the amount of \$25
- Donate a prize - donate a prize, whether it is golf related or not
- Volunteer to help at the outing.
- Join us for dinner.

Look for a flyer in our fellowship hall or contact one of our committee members if you have any questions: Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, Chris Nedanis, Philip Bakousidis, Peter Branoff, or George Branoff. The Macedonian Open is our biggest fundraiser and we encourage everyone to participate in some way.

GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY Go to our website www.saintnicholasburton.org and click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#); this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). *Please consider adding a little extra to your donation to cover the fee we are charged. If you do not wish to donate online, you may write a check to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and send it to the parish address: 2143 S Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519.

OFFICE HOURS this week are Monday & Wednesday 9-3 & Friday from 9-12.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

- Today** Trisagion for Tony Branoff
- Monday, May 5** *Father Matthew with Archbishop Alexander*
- Wednesday, May 7**
- 9:30 am Liturgy
- 11:15 am Adult ed
- Friday, May 9** *Office closes at 12*
- 12 pm 40 day memorial for Nikola Pirkovic at Evergreen Cemetery
- Saturday, May 10**
- 5 pm** [Vespers with Lity - live-streamed](#) *Confessions*
- Sunday, May 11** **Sunday of the Paralytic / Saints Cyril and Methodius**
- 9:30 am** [Hours-live-streamed](#)
- 10 am** [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)
- Church School - [Ss Cyril and Methodius and the Baptism of Rus'](#)
- Parastas for Julia Peck

Offerings for the week April 27, 2025

<i>Weekly Tithes & Offerings</i>	\$ 1,897.96
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,482.04

63 persons in attendance on April 27

INVITATIONS FROM LOCAL MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCHES

Saturday, May 17

10 am Liturgy (transfer of the relics of St Nicholas) at St Nicholas Macedonian Orthodox Church
5225 Howard Ave, LaSalle, ON N9H 0J2, Canada
followed by luncheon: \$20 adult, \$15 children under 12

Sunday, May 18

10:30 am Liturgy & consecration of St Nicholas Chapel at Nativity of the Virgin Orthodox Cathedral
43123 Ryan Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48314 **followed by picnic**