

May 8, 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 8, 2022 3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – 2. Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian (98-117). Myrrhbearing Women. Ven. Arsenius the Great (449-450). Ven. Arseny the Lover-of-Labor (14th c.) and Pimen the Ascetic, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 12th c.).

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 eighth tone: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. (Psalm 18:4)

v. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork. (Psalm 18:1)

THE READING IS FROM THE FIRST CATHOLIC EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE JOHN (1:1-7) Beloved: that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life – the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us – that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Alleluia, Tone 8

v. O Lord, You have been gracious to Your land; You have turned back the captivity of Jacob. (Psalm 84:1)

v. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (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 Zion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Psalms 148:1*)

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe. (*Psalms 18:4*)
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 voskrese! Voistinnu voskrese! (Slavonic)

Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! (Greek) Al Maseeya kam! Hakkan kam! (Arabic)

Hristos vaskrese! Voistinnu vaskrese! (Serbian) Hristos a înviat! Adeverat a înviat! (Romanian)

THE HOLY MYRRHBEARERS

There are eight women who are generally identified as the myrrh-bearers. Each of the four Gospels gives a different aspect of the roles of these eight women at the cross and at the tomb on Easter, perhaps since the eight women arrived in different groups and at different times. The eight are: Mary Magdalene, Mary, the Theotokos (the Virgin Mary), Joanna, Salome-Mary the wife of Cleopas (or Alphaeus), Susanna, Mary of Bethany, Martha of Bethany.

Of the eight, the first five are the more prominent and outspoken. The last three are included according to tradition. Five of these women were also very wealthy; the women of means were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and Mary and Martha of Bethany.

A confusing aspect in Gospel references to these women is that two of the Marys had a son named James. Mary, the wife of Alphaeus, was the mother of James, one of the Twelve Apostles; the Virgin Mary was the step-mother of James, the Lord's brother (Matthew:55, Galatians:19).

In Western tradition, James, the son of Alphaeus, and James, the Lord's brother, have sometimes been identified as the same person. In Eastern tradition, James, the Lord's brother was Bishop Jerusalem from 30-62 AD and never left the vicinity of Jerusalem. He is the James who rendered the decision of the council of Jerusalem in 48 AD (Acts 15:13-19). Eastern Tradition links James, the son of Alphaeus, with evangelism abroad, especially in Egypt where he was martyred.

One helpful tip that can clear up the confusion between these two Marys is the passage that refers to the Virgin Mary as the mother of James and Joseph (Matthew 13:55). This Joseph is also called *Barsabas*, *Justus*, and *Judas* (Acts:23 and 15:22). Therefore, in Matthew 27:56, the women looking on from afar at the cross were Mary Magdalene, the Virgin Mary (that is, Mary the mother of James and Joseph), and Salome (the wife of Zebedee the Virgin Mary's step-daughter).

Matthew refers to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary," who is probably the Virgin Mary also from the context (Matthew 27:61 and 28:1). Such Church Fathers as St. Gregory of Nyssa and St. Gregory Palamas support this interpretation. Similarly, St. Gregory of Nyssa identifies "Mary, the mother of James" (Mark:1 and Luke:10) as the Virgin Mary also.

These eight women had been together a lot during Jesus' three-year public ministry. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and others (Luke 8:3) are described as providing for Jesus out of their possessions (that is, acting as deaconesses). These same women had faithfully followed him from Galilee and had come up with him to Jerusalem (Matthew 27:55, Mark 15:40-41, and Luke 23:55).

The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Emi Seely & Robert Naumoff

Ian & Stephanie Price

God's blessings to Ralph & Debbie Neely on their 25th wedding anniversary,
May 11th

Mom

God's blessings for all of the citizens, especially my family in Ukraine

Ralph, Debbie, Joe, Sarah

Health & God's blessings for all of the mothers of St. Nicholas, Millie George,
Jana Ragnone & Mara Nowak

Kris Sredich-George

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

God's blessings on Dave, Barb & Josh Vuckovich

Ralph, Debbie, Joe, Sarah
& Dorothy

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

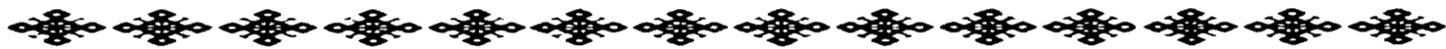
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Nancy Tasevski

Joe & Sophia Sredich, Mary Rambat, Rose Brdar, Rhonda Chetkovich, Millie

Schulte, Latinka Mrmak and Mary George

Kris Sredich-George



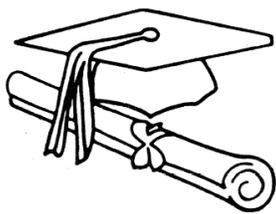
CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

WELCOME to all our friends and visitors! Welcome to everyone joining us via our YouTube channel: [St Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#). Blessed Mothers' Day to all our living mothers, aunts, grandmothers, and godmothers. To all our fallen asleep mothers, aunts, grandmothers, and godmothers: the light of Christ's face shine upon them. 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 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.

PARISH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 pm. Parish council members please check your e-mail for reports. If you are unable to attend, please notify the office, Sharon, or Fr Matthew.

FOOD GIVE AWAY at Catholic Charities on Tuesday, May 10 from 11 am - 1 pm. To donate you can place non-perishable food items in the blue box in the hallway.



GRADUATIONS It's that time of year again. If you have anyone in your family that will be graduating from High School or College please let us know so that we may put their name in our June bulletin. We will need the following information no later than May, 16th. 1) Name of Graduate 2) School they are graduating from 3) If they are graduating with honors 4) Name of the parents and grandparents and 5) Where they will be attending in the fall if they are a high school graduate.

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

BURTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE will be taking place on Monday, May 30th. Lineup is at 12 noon and the parade starts at 1 pm. Our parish plans on being represented in the parade and we are hoping we have enough people interested in participating. If anyone has a truck and a trailer that people can ride in or if you are able to walk in the streets and hand out leaflets or candy that would be helpful too. Please text or call Stephanie Price at 248-396-3899 by May 16th so she can get the paperwork turned into the city of Burton.

GOD BLESS our Church school teachers: Stephanie Price, Jennifer Shann, and Gabriel Paul and coordinator Matushka Lisa for the work with our young ones during Holy Week, Pascha, and St Thomas Sunday for the paschal egg hunt and the dioramas of the cross and tomb on the tables in our fellowship hall.

FUNDS FOR 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.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Mother's Day. Please take a flower on your way out.



Monday, May 9 *Fr. in Toledo*

Tuesday, May 10

6:30 pm Parish Council – parish council members please check your e-mail for reports. If you are unable to attend, please notify the office, Sharon, or Fr Matthew.

Wednesday, May 11 **Ss Cyril and Methodius, enlighteners of the Slavs**

9:30 am Slavonic Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Adult education class will be reading the life of Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra. It is *Transfigured in the Night: Elder Aimilianos of Simonopetra* by Fr. Maximos Conostas in The Orthodox Word magazine. You may read it [here](#).

Saturday, May 14

10 am **[Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**

5 pm **[Vespers – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**

Sunday, May 15 **Sunday of the Paralytic**

9:30 am Hours

10 am **[Divine Liturgy – streaming on our YouTube channel](#)**

Offerings for the week May 1, 2022

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 3,282.52
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 178.52

54 persons in attendance on May 1st