

November 17, 2024

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, 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, NOVEMBER 17, 2024 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. St. Gregory, Wonderworker of Neo-Cæsarea (ca. 266-270). Ven. Nikon, Abbot of Rádonezh, disciple of Ven. Sergius (1426). Ven. Lazarus the Iconographer, of Constantinople (ca. 857). Martyr Gobron (Michael) and 133 soldiers, of Georgia (914). Ven. Genadius of Vatopedi (Mt. Athos).

TROPARIA

Tone 4 When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, 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 4 The Most Pure Temple of the Savior; the precious Chamber and Virgin; the sacred Treasure of the Glory of God, is presented today to the House of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, which the angels of God do praise. Truly this woman is the abode of heaven!

The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all. (Psalm. 103:26)

v. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Lord, my God, you magnified yourself greatly. (Psalm 103:1)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE

GALATIANS (2:16-20) Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified

with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v: Draw and prosper and reign, on account of truth and meekness and righteousness. (Psalm 44:4)

v: You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness. (Psalm 44:7)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (12:16-21) And Jesus told the crowd a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

COMMUNION HYMN

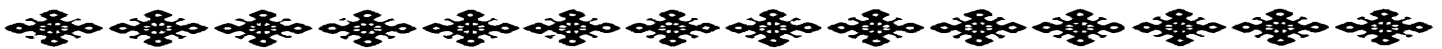
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 147:1)

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Protection, health & blessings for my family	Lucy Hogg
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted, Joseph, Marlene, Ellyn, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome



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](#).

Nov 17 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff **HOURS:** Angelo Panoff **READER:** Alexander Gonser
Nov 24 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie **HOURS:** Alexander Gonser **READER:** Angelo Panoff

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Reader Alexander Gonser 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 CLASSES are on Wednesdays at 11:15 am. We are reading - *Wounded by Love*, a transcription of conversations with Saint Porphyrios (1906-1991). The cost of the book is \$30. You may purchase them at the kiosk.

CHURCH SCHOOL Lesson - [St. Mark of Alexandria](#)

COFFEE SOCIAL today is provided in memory of Valentina Evanenko. 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.



ANGEL TREE Our parish will participate in this program for Christmas as part of our Advent fast, helping those in need. The tags with children's names are on the Angel Tree in the parish hall. Gifts do need to be placed in a gift bag or wrapped but you must include the child's names and code number on the gifts. Gift range is between \$25 and \$35. It's important to keep the amounts spent for kids in the same family the same. Please return the gifts by December 11. If there are any questions, contact Eileen Branoff at (810) 232-5132 or Cindy Branoff at (810) 714-1104.

NOVEMBER 17 - STEWARD SUNDAY Your donations support the liturgical texts and music made available on a weekly basis, the Thriving in Ministry program from the Office of Pastoral Life, and new curriculums for Church School teachers as well as other ministries. Please give generously to allow this important work to continue. Donations can be made at www.oca.org/donate

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS If you would like to have your name(s) included on the annual Christmas greetings list please call or email the office no later than December 2nd. Donations are appreciated.

HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS RAFFLE Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. See Connie Maxim to purchase tickets. Proceeds will go toward Saint Nicholas' visit. The drawing will be on December 8 but the winner does not need to be present.



DECK THE HALLS AT ST. NICHOLAS! On Saturday, December 7 at 10am we will arrange the flowers & put up and decorate the trees and Nativity scenes in the church and the hall.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for the deceased. Forms are also in the narthex. The sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

KITCHEN USE Please call the office to check on availability before planning to use the kitchen.

HOLIDAY PASTRY SALE at Assumption Thursday, December 12. Order forms with all the details are in the parish hall. The deadline for pre-orders is December 1.

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9-3.

COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 10 am to 1 pm. The Cookie Walk will be chaired by Lucy Hogg this year and requires help from many people. **It would be helpful to have someone co-chair with Lucy this year as we need a new chairperson or chairpersons for the 2025 Cookie Walk** Please call Lucy at 810-695-3110 with any questions. The baked goods need to be delivered by Friday, December 13th before 12 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale. Donations are also appreciated if you cannot bring cookies so some pre-made goodies can be purchased. ***There are flyers in the parish hall that need to be put up in the surrounding communities. Please fill out the sign-up sheet where you've posted them.**



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

financial report - statement of activity - we are \$12,000 under where we need to be. "Statement of activity" is the term used for not-for-profits rather than "profit and loss." Checks will be written against the budget. Any check over budget will be red-flagged by QuickBooks. Upcoming expenses for November 2024 \$22,942. In November 2023 income was \$14,271. Upcoming expenses for December 2024 are \$21,211. In December 2023 income was \$21,253. ***endowment fund*** - October loss of \$10,428.29. ***rector's report*** - Father Matthew updated on the "Our Diocese" phone application as a way to connect parishioners in the diocese and parishioners within a parish. Barry Cavett volunteered to worn the Our Diocese app for our parish. 7 catechumens. ***youth ministry/church school*** - need help with the gift bags for St Nicholas visit (December 8). Please donate money earmarked for "St Nicholas visit" as there are students with allergies and the gift bags will be prepared as allergen-free. ***vision meeting*** - Thank you to Stephanie Price for chairing the vision meeting on November 5 which will be shared with the parishioners. The plan is prior to the annual meeting to share an infographic of the vision which includes our desire for an enhanced media ministry, maintenance ministry, outreach ministry - in December and January newsletters, in Sunday bulletins, in e-mails. ***community outreach*** - Trunk-or-treat was very well attended. Anyone can participate and candy can be bought in bulk in advance. ***fundraising*** - Cookie Walk is Saturday, December 14 from 10 am to 1 pm. Please spread the word, drop of fliers at business you frequent, share the event on your Facebook page, and among your friends and neighbors. Saint Nicholas visit on December 8 is lenten potluck. ***charity ministries*** - the Angel Tree is all ready for children's names to be taken and gifts bought for them. ***maintenance*** - circulating pump costs \$5,000 and two other pumps that are \$2,000 each so we have almost \$10,000 worth of commercial pumps. Bearings need to be replaced in one of the pumps. The front door to the church was repaired. Our commercial furnaces require maintenance from someone licensed to work on commercial (not residential) furnaces. Catechumen Mike Donigan will assist with the cemetery. In 2023 over \$4,300 was donated toward maintenance. In 2024 we have received \$867. Big projects for capital improvements in the coming year - furnace work, new air conditioning/heating for conference room/offices. More space has been freed up in the library for use for our catechumen/inquirers' classes. ***new business*** - annual meeting is Sunday, January 26, 2025. Start publishing announcement of annual meeting on January 5 in the Sunday bulletin. Theophany dinner on Sunday, January 12.

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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, Nov 20

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult ed class
6:30 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Mary Magdalene

Thursday, Nov 21 **Entrance of the Theotokos**

10 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy at Assumption

Saturday, Nov. 23

NO Vespers at St. Nicholas. **4 pm-Vespers at St George Church followed by Confessions**

Sunday, Nov. 24

[9:30 am](#) [Hours-live-streamed](#)

[10 am](#) [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)

Church School - [Greece- Archbishop Athenagoras](#)

Offerings for the week November 10, 2024

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 7,669.20
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ 3,289.20

68 persons in attendance on November 10