

November 3, 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 3, 2024 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Martyrs Akepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter, and Aeithalas the Deacon, of Persia (4th c.). Consecration of the Church of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydda (4th c.). Martyrs Eudoxios, Agapios, Atticus, Marinus, Oceanus, Eustratios, Karterios, Nikopolitianos, Styrax, and Tobias, at Sebaste (ca. 320). Ven. Acepsimas, Hermit, of Cyrrihus in Syria (4th c.). St. Snandulia of Persia (4th c.).

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 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 6 Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

The prokeimenon in the second tone: The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (Psalm 117:14) v. The Lord chastising chastised me, and did not give me over to death. (Psalm 117:18)

THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (11:31-12:9)

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is

sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Alleluia, Tone 2

v: The Lord hear you in the day of affliction, the name of the God of Jacob shield you. (Psalm 19:1)

v: Lord, save the king and hear us, on whichever day we call upon you. (Psalm 19:9)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (16:19-31) At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP As we stand in the early months of the new Church Year we have a renewed opportunity to pledge ourselves as followers of Christ through our annual financial pledge. This pledge is our way of saying "thank you" to God for all He has given to us. It is not only by words but by deeds, from our very substance that we must offer ourselves to God. All that we have is given to us by the Lord, and it is our sacred duty to utilize what we have – our time, our talent, our resources, our very lives – for what St. Paul calls the "building up of the Body of Christ."

Pledging is a visible expression of our commitment to Jesus as the Lord and Master of our lives. Pledging is not a rule or a law. Rather it is a challenge to all of us from our Lord to share in his work. Pledging gives us the opportunity to commit a part of our financial resources to the work of the Church. Pledging allows us to make a sincere expression of our faith and love for our Lord and His Church. Pledging allows us to practice financial stewardship by providing the tool to help us to make responsible decisions about the money we have and our duty as Christian Stewards.

Pledging based on proportional giving or percentage giving (a tithe is 10% of our income) will allow all of us to give proportionally to what we have been given by God. Percentage giving means to determine what part or percent of our total income we will give as our "first portion gift" to God in support of the work of his Church, as an act of gratitude and thanks for all he has done and continues to do for us and for the life of the world. Whether that is 1%, 2%, etc.

Your stewardship provides the foundations for our parish ministries and our efforts in meeting the formidable challenges that promote the spreading of Christ's word and our holy faith.

Pledge cards for 2025 have been mailed out and are also available at the candle stand.

"I say this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." *St. Paul*

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev & Irina
Health & blessings for my son Christopher

Irina Sivergina
Lucy Hogg

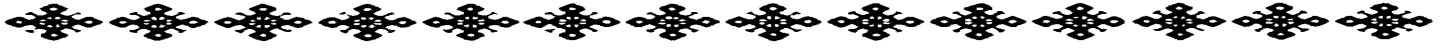
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan,
Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa,
Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted, Joseph, Marlene,
Ellyn, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends
Special Intention

Joe Tome
Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Adelaïda & Feodosiy

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](#).

Nov 3 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman HOURS: Barry Cavett READER: Katherine Gonser
Nov 10 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford HOURS: Lucy Hogg READER: Phil Wiles

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. One copy is still available at the kiosk.

CHURCH SCHOOL Lesson - [St. Paul and his Journeys, Part 2](#)

LUNCHEON Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. The menu is sloppy joes, coleslaw & dessert, following the election. A free will offering taken.

PROSFORA we need prosfora (bread) for the upcoming Liturgies. If you are able to bake some, please drop them off at the office during office hours or before/after services. *Note – after they cool wrap tightly in plastic wrap before placing them in freezer bags.

MEMORY ETERNAL Mitra (Papalazarou) Pagonis fell asleep in the Lord October 27, 2024. Mitra is the daughter of parishioner Maria (Nedanis Papalazarou) Green and the wife of Taso "Tony" Pagonis. She has many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends at Saint Nicholas Church. You may read her obituary [here](#). Her funeral was November 2 at Assumption Orthodox Church followed by burial at Evergreen Cemetery. May Mitra rest in the light of Christ's Face and her memory be eternal in Him! The same Lord Jesus sustain her family in their grief. Please remember Mitra and her family in your prayers. Christ is risen! Bog da i dušu prosti!

FAMILY GAME NIGHT November 9 after Vespers. Bring your own or use the ones that are provided. Pizza & drinks will be provided. Contact Stephanie Price with questions at 248-396-3899.

2025 PLEDGE CARDS & QUARTERLY STATEMENTS were mailed out the last week in October. If you have not received yours by Nov. 15th, contact the parish office by phone 744-0070 or email stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com so that we may get a pledge card to you. Please fill out and sign your pledge card so the parish council can budget accordingly. Remember, in order to be considered a voting parishioner at St. Nicholas you must return a signed pledge card and receive Confession and Holy Communion. We would like for them to be returned by December,1. **DO NOT** send your 2025 pledge donation back with the card or it will be credited to 2024.

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 committee of persons for the 2025 Cookie Walk** Please call Lucy at 810-695-3110 with any questions.



PARISH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITOR & LAY DELEGATE takes place on Sunday, November 3. To vote you must have submitted a pledge card & received Confession and Communion within the past year. Only one vote per person: if you filled out an absentee vote please do not fill out a ballot on November 3. The nominees are:

Parish Council (3 year term)
(3 will be elected)

Lena Bakousidis (*term expiring*)
Eileen Branoff
Bill Economou

Auditors
(3 will be elected)

Cathy Edwards (*completing Eileen Branoff's term which ends in 2025*)
Susie Ford (*completing Calvin Conrad's term which ends in 2026*)
Christine Panoff (*3 year term*)

Lay Delegate to the
2025 Diocesan Conference

(1 will be elected)
Chris Taylor
Joe Tome
(*top vote-getter is the delegate, next in votes is the alternate delegate*)

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.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Dish & Laundry Soap in November. Place the items in bags then put in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL subscribe to our YouTube channel [Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services. **Livestreams begin at 9:30 with Hours.**

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Election followed by Luncheon

Tuesday, Nov 5

6:30 pm Parish council vision planning meeting

Wednesday, Nov 6

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult education class

Thursday, Nov 7

9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, Nov. 9

5 pm **Vespers - live-streamed** *Confessions*
Family Game Night

Sunday, Nov. 10

9:30 am **Hours-live-streamed**
10 am **Divine Liturgy-live-streamed**
Church School - **St. Gregory, Enlightener of Armenia**

Offerings for the week October 27, 2024

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,956.12
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,423.88

54 persons in attendance on October 27

NOVEMBER 17 - STEWARD SUNDAY His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has designated November 17, 2024 as for the Orthodox Church in America. This Sunday has been set aside to help support the work of the Orthodox Church in America through financial donations. These gifts fund the OCA's many ministries, departments, offices, boards, and mission work. The donations the Stewards of the OCA receive goes directly to support the creation of the many resources and tools parishes rely on. These include 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. Please give generously to allow this important work to continue. Donations can be made at www.oca.org/donate