

October 13, 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 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, OCTOBER 13, 2024 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. Martyrs Carpus, Papyrus, Agathadorus, and Agathonica, at Pergamum (251). Ven. Benjamin of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 14th c.). Martyr Florentius of Thessalonica (1st-2nd c.). Martyr Benjamin, Deacon, of Persia (421-424). St. Nikéttas the Confessor of Paphlagonia (838). New Martyr Zlata of Meglena, Bulgaria (1795). Translation of the “Ivéron” Icon of the Mother of God to Moscow (1648). “Seven Lakes” Icon of the Mother of God (17th c.).

TROPARIA

Tone 7 By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen,// granting the world great mercy.

Tone 8 You are most glorious, O Christ our God! / You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them You have guided us to the true Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, 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 fourth tone: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Your name forever!* (Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)**

***v: For You are just in all that You have done for us!* (Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 4)**

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO TITUS (3:8-15) Titus, my son:

The saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and called the earth, from the risings of the sun to its settings. (Psalm 49:1)

v. Gather his venerable ones to him, the ones who distribute his testament upon sacrifices. (Psalm 49:5)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (8:5-15) At that time Jesus told the crowd this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience."

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

Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25). The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18). oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev & Irina, Alexander, Alexander & Natalia

Irina Sivergina

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

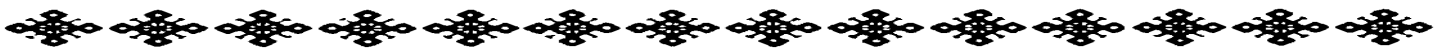
Joe Tome

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Adelaïda & Feodosiy

Irina Sivergina

Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal Lewis Elieff (15 yrs. Oct 16)



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](#).

Oct 13 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Phil Wiles

Oct 20 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff

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 - [Council of Jerusalem](#)

SERVICE DURING INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH on Sunday, October 13 at 12:30 pm will be a service for parents who have lost an infant at any stage of development - miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS, disease, abortion, accident, or other causes - and for their infants who have gone into their rest before us.

FALL LUNCHEON AT ST. NICHOLAS on Thursday, October 24 at 11:30. The cost is \$12 per plate. The menu includes chicken, pork, veggie & dessert. Join us for fellowship, friendship & good food. This is open to the public so invite your friends and neighbors!



at St. Nicholas on Saturday, October 26 from 2 to 4 pm. Decorate your trunks (1 pm); bring treats. Instead of decorating your trunk you can bring a lawn chair & blanket and help hand out candy. This is open to the community and our local Orthodox churches. Spread the word and invite your friends.

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 fill 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)

- Absentee ballots are available in the office beginning Oct. 13
- Absentee ballots must be returned by November 1

A luncheon, with sloppy joes & coleslaw, will follow the meeting. A free will offering taken.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE *financial* - Sharon Jernigan - parish council president, Susie Ford - parish council treasurer, and Marcia Hammerberg - parish secretary, will be meeting online on October 23 with Michael Fioritto, CPA to further refine the balance sheet set-up and quarterly statements. He has charged us \$5,000 to date and has everything in QuickBook accounts and financials updated. *rector's report* - Father Joe and Khouriya Leslee Abud's retirement celebration was joyful and beautiful on Sunday, October 6. *church school* - We now have grade school, middle school, and high school students in Church School. We need a whiteboard for the additional classroom. We need a substitute teacher. *community outreach* - fall luncheon on Thursday, October 24 from 11:30 am to 2 pm. \$12 per plate. Trunk or treat Saturday, October 26, 1 pm prep trunks, 2 to 4 pm trunk or treat. Ian and Stephanie Price are donating sloppy joes. This is a community-wide event and we expect even more attendees than last year. Bring a lawn chair and a blanket and hand out candy. Chris Taylor will assist getting our events posted on ABC 12 community calendar. Family game night is Saturday, November 9 after Vespers. Post in newsletter and bulletin that phyllo dough is available for purchase-\$4 per package. **Cookie Walk is Saturday, December 14. Lucy Hogg is chairperson this year. 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.** *charity ministries* - Our service at North End Soup Kitchen is Thursday, November 7 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Angel Tree - buying gifts for children in need - we will participate in again this year. Eileen Branoff and Cindy Branoff will co-chair this charitable ministry this year. Children's names will be available beginning the second week of November. *building and grounds* - some parts need to be replaced in the boiler. A new piston has been ordered for the front door. Pavilion has some work that needs done. Painting in the pavilion will have to wait until spring.

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.

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

CONSECRATION OF ST. DEMETRIOS CHURCH in Saginaw, MI on Saturday, October 26-27. For more details and to RSVP go to <https://www.stdemetriosmi.org/consecration/>.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Father Matthew will be out of town Tuesday through Saturday for the funeral of his Uncle Louis in Connecticut.

Today 12:30 pm -Service for the unborn who have fallen asleep

Monday, October 14 *Father in Toledo*

Wednesday, Oct. 16

NO Divine Liturgy
NO adult education class

Saturday, Oct. 19

[5 pm](#) [Vespers - live-streamed](#) NO Confessions

Sunday, Oct. 20

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

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

Church School - [Spread of the Gospel](#)

Offerings for the week October 6, 2024

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,408.05
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -1,971.95

62 persons in attendance on October 6