

October 15, 2023

**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 15, 2023 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Ven. Euthymius the New, of Thessalonica, Monk of Mt. Athos (889). Martyr Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch (312). St. John, Bishop of Suzdal' (14th c.). Hieromartyr Lucian, Presbyter of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 1243). Martyrs Sarbelius and Bebaia (Barbea) of Edessa (2nd c.). St. Sabinus, Bishop of Catania (760).**

**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 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](http://oca.org)

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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

God's blessings on Calvin Conrad for a successful surgery & fast recovery  
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan,  
Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta,  
Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted,  
Joseph, Marlene, Mary, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family  
and friends

Christine & Angelo

Special Intention

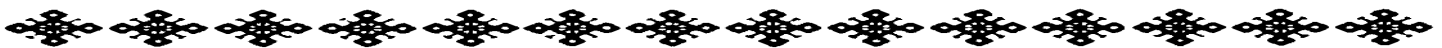
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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Memory Eternal ~ Blessed Repose Lewis Elieff (14 yrs. Oct. 16)

his family



**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 15 CANDLESTAND:** Christine Panoff

**HOURS:** Phil Wiles

**READER:** Angelo Panoff

**Oct 22 CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford

**HOURS:** Alexander Gonser

**READER:** Phil Wiles

**COFFEE SOCIAL** is provided today by the George family in memory of Mildred George. 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 in the coming weeks.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by our parish catechist, Reader Alexander Gonser after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

ADULT ED CLASS on Wednesdays at 11:15 am. [\*Psalms and the Life of Faith\*](#) by Elder Aimilianos looking at twelve of the one hundred and fifty Psalms.

CHURCH SCHOOL Lesson - [Marriage](#)

SERVICE DURING INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH today at 12pm 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. **Please submit names of those fallen asleep and parents to be remembered at the service if you haven't previously done so. A sheet for the names is at the candlestand.**

NOISY OFFERING will be collected the whole month of October and the children will sponsor a child or children from the Angel Tree for Christmas. The offering will be taken during coffee social after class. Please bring your spare change!

KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP meets in the fellowship hall every Monday 10 am - 1 pm. Whether you already knit/crochet, want to learn or just want to come and fellowship everyone is welcome. Contact Pam Pitlanish at 248-854-6351 with any questions.



ST. NICHOLAS IS HOSTING "TRUNK OR TREAT" on October 21 after 5 pm Vespers. Decorate your trunks and bring treats! This is open to the community / all Orthodox churches.

A ROOM TO RENT is needed for a female parishioner. If you or someone you know has one available, please call the office at 810-744-0070.

MUMS FOR SALE in the parish hall foyer. Proceeds will go towards paying for a band for next year's picnic.

MAKE YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING EASY AND CONVENIENT WITH GIVELIFY Go to the [website](#) and on the home page click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#) which will walk you through the donation process; this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). **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.**

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE October 10, 2023 - *Minutes* were approved as submitted. *Financial report* was given. From the diocesan conference: diocesan assessment will remain at 5% for 2023-2024 (not go up to 6%). Diocesan conference fee will go to \$400 for 2024. There is \$10,037 in the checking account and \$21,000 in bills by the end of the month. Funds will be moved from the Grand Blanc property account to make up for this shortfall. Offerings are not on target to match 2022. *Endowment report* has not yet arrived in the mail. *Rector's report* Diocesan Conference approved a budget for the St Paul Fund for grants in the Diocese which can be found [here https://www.bdoca.org/parish-development-fund.html](https://www.bdoca.org/parish-development-fund.html) Matching charity grant from the Diocese is up to \$1,000. *Youth ministry/church school* is going well. The children stay in church for Communion and then go to class. St. Catherine's League donated the funds for a new whiteboard for the classroom. *Outreach/In-Reach* The vecherinka/dance was a joyful event. Over 70 people came. \$500 came in through donations (after expenses). People want to have a dance in February and the funds look to be used to get a DJ instead of CDs or digital files. November 11 is family game night after Vespers, pizza and drinks. November meeting Stephanie Price will have a list of events for 2024. Lockwood next door will receive a list of our community events for the remainder of 2023. *Fundraising Triangle* (cheese & leek) sale on November 19. Pre-order only. A sign-up sheet will be put out. Proceeds to go towards having the Skimos Band for the parish picnic in August 2024. Last sale and donations came to just over \$500. *Charity Ministries* North End Soup kitchen will be November 2 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. *Church Building and Grounds* Terry Lyons says it is too cold to paint the bell tower right now, will wait until spring. *New Business* suggestion was made to purchase a home dishwasher (not commercial) for the kitchen and buying re-usable mugs for coffee on Sundays to save the expense and waste of single-use Styrofoam cups. The machine can be run once on Sunday with the mugs (to be donated) from the coffee social. Someone will look into the cost of dishwasher, soap, electricity use, where to hookup, etc. Ellyn Serra will contact ABC Channel 12 for an appearance for the Cookie Walk (Sat, Dec 9).

**PARISH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITOR & LAY DELEGATE** on Sunday, November 5. 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 5. The nominees are:

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

Barry Cavett  
Connie Maxim  
Ian Price  
Stephanie Price (term expiring)  
Ellyn Serra (term expiring)

**Auditor** (3 year term)  
(1 will be elected)

Calvin Conrad (term ending)

**Lay Delegate to the  
2024 Diocesan Conference**

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

- Absentee ballots are available in the office
- Absentee ballots must be returned by November 3

**Soup Luncheon** (instead of potluck) to raise funds for the band at the picnic.

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Today** 40 day memorial for Mildred George  
12 pm service for unborn & children who have died

**Tuesday, October 17** Fr. Matthew in Toledo

**Wednesday, October 18**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy served by Fr Michael Bassett, responses led by Fr Matthew  
11:15 am adult education

**Saturday, October 21**

**5 pm** **Vespers** Confessions  
Trunk or Treat

**Sunday, October 22**

**9:30 am** **Hours- live- streamed**  
**10 am** **Divine Liturgy - live- streamed** Church School - **Ordination**  
40 day memorial for Vladimir Pyatenko  
Noisy Offering collected during Coffee Social-bring your loose change

**Offerings for the week October 8, 2023**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 5,189.99
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,100.00
	\$ 1,089.99

54 persons in attendance on October 8