

October 19, 2025

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 (those received into the Orthodox Church through baptism or chrismation), 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, OCTOBER 19, 2025 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Prophet Joel (ca. 800 B.C.). Martyr Varus, and with him seven Monastic Martyrs (ca. 307). Translation of the Relics of Ven. John, Abbot of Rila, Bulgaria (1238). Bl. Cleopatra and her son John, in Egypt (327). Hieromartyr Sadoc (Sadoth), Bishop of Persia, and 128 Martyrs with him (342).

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 1 Your angelic life was a foundation of repentance / and a model of compunction, / an image of consolation and spiritual perfection, / O venerable father John. / You persevered in prayer, fasting, and tears: // intercede with Christ God for our souls.

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 seventh tone: Precious in the sight of the Lord / is the death of His saints. (Psalm 115:6) V. What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? (Psalm 115:12)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (5:22-6:2) Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another.

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

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 (7:11-15) Now it happened, the day after, that Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

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 2026 will be mailed out and are will be 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

Jesse, Helen, Magda
Oleg & Irina

Magda Popoff
Irina Sivergina

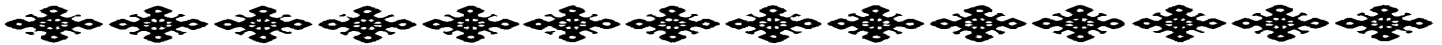
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Joan, Peggy, Bob,
Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted,
Kathryn, David, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends
Special Intention

Joe Tome
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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Alex, Peter, Eleni & Angelo

Magda Popoff



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 19 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford HOURS: Madison Green READER: Katherine Gonser
Oct 26 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie Price HOURS: Angelo Panoff READER: Barry Cavett

COFFEE SOCIAL Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall for coffee and donuts.

CHRISMATION of catechumen **Jonothan Miller** today before the Divine Liturgy. Protodeacon Luke is Jonothan's godfather.

CHURCH SCHOOL the Tower of Babel for [elementary](#) and [high school](#) students.

GOD BLESS & THANK YOU To everyone who worked, known and unknown, to make our 62nd annual Diocesan Conference so enjoyable for all the delegates. Delegates were refreshed in the divine services, and commented on being welcomed, the delicious food, and the whole set-up for the Conference. This could not have happened without the many hands that were put forward to prepare in the previous months and the weeks leading up to the Conference. May our Lord God bless all of you!

FROM THE MEMBERS OF ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY GARDEN As our inaugural season comes to a close, we would like to extend our gratitude to the parish. Your donations made our garden possible, and we're incredibly thankful for your support. We look forward to many more seasons and will keep you updated on the garden's progress. – *Staci Shank*

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT On Saturday, September 27th 2025, in Chicago Illinois, Sašo Nikola Pirković of Grand Blanc, MI and Audrey Coppola of Northville MI were united in marriage. Parents, the Anastasia Pirković and the late Nikola Pirković of Grand Blanc and Terry and Rose O'Reilly of Ann Arbor. Grandparents, Lubitsa Todorovsky and the late Kosta Todorovsky of Grand Blanc Continued blessings to the two families.

TRUNK OR TREAT on Saturday, October 25. Decorate your trunks at 12:30 pm, trunk or treat from 1 to 3 pm. **Please, we need donations of candy! There is a box in the fellowship hall for you to place your donation inside. This is a very popular event in the community so the more candy donated, the better!**

SERVICE DURING INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH today at 12 pm 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 use the forms at the candle stand to print the names of the infants and parents you would like remembered.**

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

PAYPAL You can use PayPal for your financial stewardship! [Give now with PayPal](#); this is a secure site. (1.99% + \$0.49 of your donation goes to PayPal as a fee). ***Please consider clicking the donation box 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

NEW PARISH SECRETARY We welcome Julie Bissett as our new parish secretary. Stop by to say hello!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm.

PARISH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITOR & LAY DELEGATE on Sun., Nov. 2. 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 2. The nominees are:

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

Auditors
(2 will be elected)

Lay Delegate to the 2026 Conference
(1 will be elected)

Alec Bailey

Laurie Brock

Christopher Taylor

Paul Brayan (*term expiring*)

Cathy Edwards (*term expiring*)

Joe Tome

Dennis Jernigan (*term expiring*)

Shari Nicoloff

(*top vote-getter is the delegate, next in votes is the alternate delegate*)

Staci Shank

Christopher Taylor (*term expiring*)

Bruce Watson

With the resignation from parish council by Tammy Bolinger, four parish council members will be elected. The lowest vote-getter of the four elected will serve the term that expires at the end of 2026. Archbishop Alexander must bless all those elected for them to be sworn in and serve.

- Absentee ballots are available in the office
- Absentee ballots must be returned by November 1

OCA OFFICE OF PASTORAL LIFE please see the reflection by Father Nicholas Solak [here](#) for clergy appreciation month.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday, October 19 Church School lesson: Tower of Babel for [elementary](#) and [high school](#) students.
[12 noon](#) [service for infant loss awareness month](#) *No catechumens/inquirers class*

Monday, October 20 *Fr Matthew's "day off"*

Tuesday, October 21 *Fr Matthew makes Communion calls*
6:30 pm parish council meeting

Wednesday, October 22 *Please note the change in schedule which differs from the October newsletter.*
9:30 am **Divine Liturgy** no adult education

Thursday, October 23 *Fr Matthew leaves for Archbishop Alexander's returning on Friday*

Saturday, October 25 No Vespers at St Nicholas, No Confessions
4 pm Vespers at St George Church, Flint
6 pm Vespers at St Demetrios Church, Saginaw for the feast of their patron

Sunday, October 26 **Saint Demetrios**
9:30 am third and sixth hours
10 am Divine Liturgy-live-streamed on YouTube
12 to 2 pm **luncheon** for **Alexandra Stith & Barry Cavett** (crowning on January 18, 2026) and **Madison Kassiani Green & Jonathon Miller** (crowning on November 8, 2025)
Proceeds from this luncheon will be split between the couples. All are welcome!
Please see Katherine Gonser for more information.

Offerings for the week October 12, 2025

<i>Weekly Tithes & Offerings</i>	\$ 4,527.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ 147.00

80 persons in attendance on October 12