

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Newsletter

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Services: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Wednesday- adult education 11:15 am
Saturday - 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions
Holydays: Vespers & Liturgy as announced

“May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.” St. Jude 1:1

OCTOBER 2023

SAINT ISAAC THE SYRIAN, Bishop of Nineveh

Remember them, Lord, on your altar, at the fearful moment when your body and blood are sacrificed for the salvation of the world: all the monastics who are on mountains, in caves, in ravines, cliffs, rugged and desolate places, who are hidden from the world and whose whereabouts are known only to you – those who have died and are still living and ministering before you in body and soul, you the holy one who dwell among the holy ones, those in whom your divinity finds rest, those who have abandoned the temporal world and have already become dead to its life by going out in search of you, seeking you with yearning amidst the afflictions of their weary state: O King of all worlds and of all the right-glorifying fathers who, for the sake of the truth of the faith, have endured exile and afflictions at the hands of persecutors, who in monasteries, convents, deserts and habitations of the world, everywhere and in every place, have made it their care to please you with labors for the sake of virtue: accompany them with your assistance, Lord, and be a helmet for them always, send them continual comfort in secret, and bind their minds close to you in all their struggles; may the power of your Trinity dwell in them, and may they minister to you right up to the end of their lives with a good conscience and with a good manner of life. While they are still in the body, deem them worthy of the harbor of rest. And to those who are encountering hard battles with the demons, whether openly or in secret, send help, Lord, and overshadow them with the cloud of your grace; place on their mind's head the helmet of salvation, bring low the power of the enemy before them, and may the might of your right hand support them at all times lest they grow weak in their thoughts, failing to gaze continually towards you; clothe them in the armor of humility, that a sweet scent may waft from them at all times, giving pleasure to your will.

~From *The Prayers of Saint Isaac the Syrian* (Prayer 25).

Translated by Sebastian Brock. Adapted by the Brotherhood of the Monastery of St. John

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Dear family and friends of Saint Nicholas parish,

When someone does a good deed for us we naturally want to do something good in return for that person. If we're driving and we come to a place where cars have to merge, we might feel a little more generous to someone else if somebody lets us get into the lane without making it an issue. If someone lends us a hand we want to repay that good deed. This is an inherent part of who we are as human beings. It is not an impossible task.

And this is what Messiah Jesus asks of us in St. Luke's gospel: "And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise." (6:31) Here He is not asking for something beyond our ability as humans. It comes naturally to us to do to others as we would want done to us. It is as a law written into our hearts and consciences that we behave towards others how we want them to act towards us.

But then our Lord goes further "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them." (6:32) He shows that it is nothing new or noteworthy to love those who love us. Even those who sin know enough to love those who love them. It is a part of our nature. But it is not the whole of our nature. It is not the fullness of our humanity to which Jesus calls us and leads us by His own example.

As Messiah Jesus was nailed to the cross He prayed to His Father for the forgiveness of His executioners. This is the fullness of love and of life to which Jesus is calling us when He commands us, "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High." (6:35)

This is a challenge for us because we are sinners. We find it easy to do good to those who do good to us. But to love our enemies? To do good to our enemies? To be merciful to our enemies? Humanly it is impossible. It stretches us beyond our comfort zone, beyond what we are naturally willing to do. Yet that is exactly what Jesus wants us to do. He says elsewhere in Luke's gospel "What is impossible with men is possible with God." (18:27) Doing good to those who may not like us or even hate us or those whom we may not like in our fallen human nature is impossible. But it is possible with God. It may still be a struggle but it is possible. We can do it by our asking God for His grace and acting upon His grace.

It's not that God is magically going to change our hearts. It's that we are working to conform our hearts to God. And God, seeing our effort, will bless us. It is by going beyond ourselves, so to speak, going beyond what we may naturally want to do, that brings us into closer communion with God. It brightens the divine image that is in us. It takes us from being merely children of the earth who think and act in earthly ways and sets us on the path to see one another with God's eyes, to view the world with the eyes of the Creator of the world.

That is a great thing. And, whether we know it or not, it involves our growing into the human beings God calls us to be. Persons who love one another. Not only for those who are our natural family and friends but those who may annoy us, offend us or sin against us. The co-worker who gets under our skin, the person who always seeks to take credit for another's work, the person who may spread rumors about us. All of them are made in God's image. Even if we can't see it.

And the first step to seeing His image in others is to show mercy to others, those we like and those we don't. In this we become like God: "For (God) is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful." (6:36) by becoming more like God we come into closer communion with Him. And that is the goal of our lives not only as Christians but as human beings. To enter into communion with God Who created us. That is the fullness of our human nature that will lead us to the glory of worshipping the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit in the kingdom of heaven.

With love in Christ,

Father Matthew

Hours Schedule

<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
1 Lucy	5 Lucy	3 Angelo
8 Calvin	12 Calvin	10 Lucy
15 Phil	19 Phil	17 Calvin
22 Alexander	26 Alexander	24 Phil
29 Angelo		31 Alexander

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please find a replacement.

Reader Schedule

<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
1 Alexander	5 Kathy	3 Kathy
8 Kathy	12 Angelo	10 Angelo
15 Angelo	19 Alexander	17 Alexander
22 Phil	26 Phil	24 Kathy
29 Alexander		31 Phil

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please find a replacement.

Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
1 Dennis Goodman	5 Dennis Goodman	3 Dennis Goodman
8 Dennis Jernigan	12 Dennis Jernigan	10 Christine Panoff
15 Christine Panoff	19 Ian & Stephanie Price	17 Dennis Jernigan
22 Ian & Stephanie Price	26 Susie Ford	24 Ian & Stephanie Price
29 Susie Ford		31 Susie Ford

If you are unable to make your assigned date, please find a replacement. Let Susie know (810-407-3016) of any changes or if you cannot find a replacement.

HOURS, READERS & CANDLE STAND volunteers. Please look at each month's newsletter as the schedule may have changed since the previous publication.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on October 5th from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

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

PRAYER SERVICE for the sick & suffering at St. Mary Magdalene on October 10th at 6 pm. Please note these services will now be on the second Tuesday of the month.

CONFESSIONS the sacrament of Confession is offered on Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment. Call the parish office 810-744-0070 or e-mail stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com to make an appointment.

SERVICE DURING INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH on Sunday, October 15th 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.

KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP will meet every Monday 10 am - 2 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.

**Parish Report - 60th Diocesan Conference - October 7, 2023
St Nicholas Church - Burton MI**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. What is the total number of adult members in good standing (Communicants) in your parish?** 154
- 2. What is the total number of members in good standing (Communicants) in your parish under the age of 18 years?** 16
- 3. What is your average attendance at Sunday Divine Liturgy?** 59 (an increase from 46 in 2021 - 2022)
(average views of livestream Liturgy - 50)
- 4. Please record the total number of the following services at your parish since the last Diocesan Conference:**
Baptisms 0
Chrismations 0
Weddings 1
Funerals 2 communicants, 1 inactive parishioner

MINISTRIES

- 5. Does your parish have a Church School program?** yes
- 6. Does your parish have a Youth Group?** only as part of the church school program
- 7. Is your parish engaged in any charitable or humanitarian activities? If so, please describe.**
North End Soup Kitchen, Christmas gifts to children in need, non-perishable food and personal items - all partnered with Catholic Charities. Monthly gift cards for those in need. Designated charity plate and envelope.
- 8. Does your parish make financial donations to any humanitarian agencies or philanthropic ministries? If so, please list them.**
International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). In 2022-2023 donations were made to Holy Archangel Michael and All Angels Skete in Missouri following a fire. Father Maximos Herman is buried in the monastery graveyard. Donations were also made to the OCA Diocese of Alaska.
- 9. If there are any other parish ministries that you would like to share in your report, please do so here:**
Reader Alexander Gonser is a member of the first cohort to complete the Diocesan Diaconal Vocations Program and serves as catechist for inquirers/catechumens on Sundays after Liturgy. The Holy Cross Society (pan-Orthodox Churches of Genesee County) remains active as at its inception in the 1950s composed of Saint Nicholas Church, Saint Mary Magdalene Church, Saint George Antiochian Church, and Assumption Greek Orthodox Church: celebrating Presanctified Liturgies, the feast of Annunciation, Lazarus Saturday, a Liturgy at each of the four parishes during Bright Week and pan-Orthodox Liturgies for the great feasts (excepting Christmas, Theophany, and Pascha). The 11th annual Pan-Orthodox Dormition Monastery fundraiser was held in person January 19 with Vespers at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and, for the first time, a panel discussion with questions and answers. Topic: Confession. The annual softball game was held at Saint Pius X Roman Catholic Church's ballfield on July 9. The Pan-Orthodox vacation church school was hosted at St George Antiochian Orthodox Church on August 12. In September 2023 there will be a teleconference with Father Nicholas Anton about the Holy Cross Society being one of the Inter-Parish Associations of the Assembly of Bishops. At the parish we have a choir, readers for the epistle and hours, altar servers.. Communion brought to the shut-ins on a weekly basis.
- 10. Does your parish have a website? Yes If so, what is its address?** www.saintnicholasburton.org
- 11. Is your parish active on any social media channels?** Facebook, YouTube

OCA PSP COMPLIANCE

- 12. Has your parish council/board formally adopted the OCA's Policy, Standards, and Procedures on Sexual Misconduct (PSP), and recorded this in the minutes of one of its meetings? (NOTE: This only needs to be done once.)** Yes

13. Has your parish implemented the OCA's prescribed screening process for all those with more than an incidental contact with minors? (NOTE: The screening process includes application, interview, criminal background check, and driving history check when applicable) Yes

14. Has your parish implemented the general supervision and two adult policy prescribed by the OCA? (NOTE: This applies only to parishes that have programs for children under 18, e.g. church school, youth group, altar boys, etc.) No

If no, please explain. We do not have enough teachers to have two adults in every classroom.

15. Has your parish given a copy of the Abbreviated PSP to each person with more than an incidental contact with minors, and has each of them signed the written compliance agreement attached to the document? Yes

16. Have all required individuals working with youth in your parish taken the mandatory sexual abuse prevention training (they must do so every three years.) (NOTE: Priests and Deacons are also required to take the training) Yes

OTHER INITIATIVES COMMENTS

17. Has your parish had any special events or initiatives since the last Diocesan Conference (e.g. pilgrimages, building projects, anniversary celebrations, etc.)? If so, please describe.

Our parish organized two visits to St Romanos Hermitage in Williamston, MI. Archbishop Alexander and Bishop Anthony (Antiochian Toledo) gave the pan-Orthodox lenten retreat hosted at St Nicholas Church. Archbishop Alexander on June 11 invested Reader J, Joseph Tome, choir master, with the synodal St Romanos Award and presented Protodeacon Luke (Kerry) Gonser with the kamilavka. We had the outdoor blessing of water on the Sunday after Theophany January 8 with our traditional lamb dinner. We celebrated the feast of our outdoor shrine of our Lady of Iveron on the Sunday after Dormition August 20 with outdoor Liturgy in the pavilion and lamb & chicken picnic. The Macedonian Golf Open was successful as a fundraiser this year, also. A series of events were organized by parish council designed to reach within and without the parish during 2022-2023: game nights, ham dinner, participate in the Burton Memorial Day parade, a vecherinka - dance, trunk or treat.

18. Is your parish planning any special events or initiatives in the next three years? If so, please describe.

In 2026 a celebration for the 110th anniversary of the parish's founding is planned.

19. What are the three greatest challenges that you believe your parish will face in the next three years?

1- attendance at divine services

2- additional singers who are available for weekday services and additional choir members - though to move to congregational singing on weekdays a pew-book (complete with text and music to be sung in unison and online files to listen to the music) was used for the first time on September 6.

<https://saintnicholasburton.org/ministries>

3- declining population of Genesee County

Report submitted by: V. Rev. Matthew-Peter Butrie

60th Diocesan Conference Schedule

Saturday, October 7 - Sunday, October 8, 2023

host parish: St Nicholas Cathedral, Fort Wayne, IN

with the exception of the Saturday evening banquet, all events will take place at the Cathedral.

Saturday, October 7

9 am Divine Liturgy & Trisagion for fallen
asleep Priests, Deacons, and wives

11 am registration, brunch,
keynote presentation

1 pm break

2 pm conference business session

5 pm Vespers

7 pm banquet

Sunday, October 8

9 am clergy arrival at cathedral

9:45 am greeting of His Beatitude and
His Eminence

10 am Primatial Divine Liturgy

12 pm coffee hour & departure

PARISH COUNCIL The next parish council meeting is Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 pm.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL subscribe to our YouTube channel [Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#)

FACEBOOK PAGE Please visit & follow our parish page: www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton

MEMORY ETERNAL! CHRIST IS RISEN! MILDRED (MILLIE) MELANIE GEORGE fell asleep in the Lord on September 2, 2023. She is the mother of parishioner David George. Her 40 day Parastas will take place on Sunday, October 15 followed by a mercy meal in the fellowship hall. May she rest in the light of Christ's face and may her memory be eternal in God. Pray for the comfort of her husband Nicholad, their sons David and Donald, and their families. Bog da prosti! Memory eternal! Christ is risen!

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE *Rector's Report* Diocesan Conference is October 7 & 8 at St Nicholas Cathedral, Fort Wayne with Metropolitan Tikhon and Archbishop Alexander. We will be represented by delegates: Protodeacon Luke Gonser, Susie Ford, and myself. Joe Tome is alternate delegate in the event that Susie is unable to attend in person or remotely (delegates may attend in person or by Zoom). Father Robert Royer will serve the Divine Liturgy here on Sunday, October 8. No Vespers here on Saturday, October 7. Adult education resumed on September 6. Music books have been prepared for congregational singing (in unison - not four parts) to open the door to more Wednesday Liturgies on those days when Fr Michael Bassett is unavailable. The book uses the text of the pew book and has the music for each part of the Liturgy (excepting the prokeimenon, Alleluiarion, and communion hymn which texts vary according to the feast). In addition, sound recordings of the music have been made and uploaded to our parish website together with the music book to be used as a tool for learning the melodies. Wednesday, September 6 was the first Liturgy using this book and the singing went well. The text and sound files are here <https://saintnicholasburton.org/ministries>.

Finances General operating expenses comparison from 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 plans to be published in the October newsletter (see page 8 of this newsletter.) Expenses for inquirers'/catechumens' books will go under "theological education" line item and will come from the monthly plate passed beginning in October for the seminarian/theological scholarship on the first Sunday of the month - envelope will be placed in the bulletin that Sunday to be used. Announce that persons can place their stewardship envelopes/offerings into the plate which has resumed being passed after Communion. *Church School/Youth Ministry* begins Sunday, September 17. High schoolers will use the library. Elementary/middle school students will use the large classroom. Stephanie Price is coordinator and will serve as substitute teacher. Michelle Gerzevske, Jennifer Shann, and Gabriel Paul are serving as teachers. Noisy offering will be resumed the whole month of October and the children will sponsor a child or children from the Angel Tree for Christmas. Offering taken during coffee social after class. Please bring your spare change! The plan is to have the church school students shop for their Angel Tree child/children. Saturday, September 16 the teachers will prepare the classrooms and crafts. 100 backpacks were donated to Atherton School District thanks to everyone's charitable offering. *Fundraising* Net profit from the parish picnic on August 20 was \$2,396.70 - 1/2 to Maui fire victims through International Orthodox Christian Charities, 1/2 for Father's white vestments. Net profit from the rib/chicken dinner on September 10 was \$1,300. Car show was enjoyed by all who attended. *Social Events/Outreach* Dance September 23 after Vespers - \$10 per person, children free: pizza, salad, pop, dessert. Saturday, October 21 - trunk or treat after Vespers. Decorate your trunks and bring treats! Sunday, November 5 - parish elections - potluck luncheon. Saturday, November 11 - game night after Vespers. *Charity ministries* 50 children will be sponsored for the Angel Tree and Eileen Branoff will chair. *Building and Maintenance* Painting of the bell tower will begin shortly. Sealing of crevices to keep bats out will be done. Leaf guards were swept clean. Filters were changed in the altar air conditioner. Air conditioner was fixed in the cry room. New valves have to be incorporated into the boiler. Cracks in asphalt will be sealed soon. *Parishioner knitting/crochet group* approved to use the fellowship hall on Monday from 11 am to 3 pm when the office is open.

PARISH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITOR & LAY DELEGATE takes place 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 beginning Oct. 6
- Absentee ballots must be returned by November 3

Please bring a dish for a potluck luncheon at the meeting.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN we serve on Thursday, October 5 from 9 to 12:30 pm.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Toothpaste, Toothbrushes & Socks for the month of October. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items. They are in dire need of all soaps - Laundry, Dish & Body Soap. Prayer and volunteers are also greatly appreciated.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

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.

THEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP OFFERING On the first Sunday of the month an envelope will be placed in the bulletin for this fund to be placed in the plate when it is passed. There is also a category marked "Seminarian" on your stewardship envelopes that you can include with your regular giving. Through the years these funds have been used to support our seminarians, most recently Father Esteban Vázquez.

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. Offering taken during coffee social after class. Please bring your spare change!

OFFERING ENVELOPES We have resumed passing the tray after Communion for offering envelopes. Please drop your donations in the tray when it is passed after Communion.

ELEVATION OF THE CROSS flowers were donated by Christine & Angleo Panoff in memory of their grandsons Andrew & Matthew Panoff.

General Operating Expenses


	2019	2020	2021	2022
ADT Security Services	\$ 420	\$ 420	\$ 446	\$ 420
Altar	\$ 576	\$ 810	\$ 811	\$ 405
Bulgarian Diocese (OCA)	\$ 5,561	\$ 5,713	\$ 5,359	\$ 7,781
Church Mutual Ins.	\$ 7,965	\$ 8,210	\$ 8,508	\$ 8,811
Choir Director-Joe Tome	\$ 8,750	\$ 10,350	\$ 9,200	\$ 11,625
City of Burton	\$ 1,858	\$ 2,632	\$ 2,881	\$ 2,952
Comcast	\$ 2,292	\$ 2,439	\$ 2,923	\$ 3,136
Consumer's Energy	\$ 14,580	\$ 11,519	\$ 13,159	\$ 16,975
Custodian-Mickey Roos	\$ 7,385	\$ 3,097	\$ 2,849	\$ 3,789
Fr. Matthew Butrie-salary	\$ 45,208	\$ 54,097	\$ 52,536	\$ 55,563
Fr. Matthew Butrie-housing	\$ 18,900	\$ 18,900	\$ 18,900	\$ 18,900
Fr. Matthew Butrie-car allowance	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Fr. Matthew Butrie-pension	\$ 5,180	\$ 5,891	\$ 7,144	\$ 7,986
Fr. Matthew Butrie-insurance	\$ 11,335	\$ 349	\$ 6,006	\$ 10,450
Janitorial,Church Supplies	\$ 422	\$ 517	\$ 557	\$ 805
Kitchen Supplies	\$ 351	\$ 62	\$ 201	\$ 530
Lawn & Snow	\$ 6,452	\$ 3,305	\$ 5,165	\$ 5,326
Maintenance-approximate	\$ 726	\$ 3,792	\$ 40,885	\$ 25,170
Ministry (visiting priest,etc)	\$ 1,164	\$ 700	\$ 2,508	\$ 2,819
Office Payroll	\$ 15,047	\$ 11,881	\$ 12,760	\$ 16,704
Office Supplies	\$ 4,267	\$ 2,527	\$ 3,393	\$ 4,055
Postage	\$ 1,354	\$ 2,262	\$ 1,568	\$ 1,505
Republic Services	\$ 1,870	\$ 1,843	\$ 2,214	\$ 2,814
Transfirst-c.c. machine	\$ 296	\$ 298	\$ 478	\$ 90
	\$ 164,959 /52=\$3172	\$ 154,614 /52=\$2973	\$ 203,451 /52=\$3913	\$ 211,611 /52=\$4069



NOVEMBER 5 Parish elections followed with a potluck

NOVEMBER 11 Game Night after Vespers

NOVEMBER 19 Angel Tree tags available

 HOPE IN A BOX	
Oct	Toothpaste, Toothbrushes and Socks
Nov	Dish & Laundry Soap
Dec	Socks, Towels, Toiletries & New Toys

October Coffee Social Volunteers & Sponsors	
1	
8	
15	
22	Marc & Karen Ethington
29	



TRUNK OR TREAT at St. Nicholas October 21 after 5 pm Vespers. Decorate your trunks and bring treats! This is open to the community / all Orthodox churches.

FALL PAN-ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB Our first book of the year will be Christ in The Psalms by Fr. Patrick Henry Reardon. Individuals can order the book on their own or if they email me by 9/24 they can be included in a bulk order at a discount (though if individuals order used books they will probably be the best price). It is available from a number of sources new or used, kindle or physical anywhere from \$19 (new Amazon) to \$5 (used). *Tentative* date for our first meeting is Tuesday 10/24 at 6 PM at St. George where we will review the first half of the book in a combined LIVE and ZOOM gathering. Contact Fr. Mike at 989-627-9580 or frdmike@gmail.com.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ellyn Serra
- 3 Alyson Wilhelm
- 7 Jacob Abu-Aita
- 9 Sarah Neely
- 11 Tammy Bolinger
- 13 Allen Adams
- 14 Cameron Stevens
- 15 Eugene Akkerman
Stephanie Stikovich
- 25 Phil Brown
- 27 David George
Taras Evanenko
- 29 Bruce Borkovich
- 31 Jack Todorovsky



NAMESDAYS

- 3 Dennis Goodman
Dennis Jernigan
- 4 Bernita Brown
- 8 Taïsa Akkerman
- 18 Protodeacon Kerry Luke Gonser
Luke John Borkovich
Luke Shann
- 20 Diana Mitevski
Diane Broadfoot
Diane Todorovsky
- 23 James Shann
- 26 Jack (Dmitri) Todorovsky
John (Dimitrios) Todorovsky
- 29 Anastasia Tecla Butrie
Anastasia Pirkovic
Anastasia Whittaker
Stacy Jean Binelli
Stacy Brock
Stacy Grousopoulos
- 30 Milan Stikovich

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Michelle & Dat Gerzevske (2011)
- 13 Irina Sivergina & Oleg Dashevsky
- 17 Peter & Marilyn Branoff (2004)
- 18 David & Barbara Vuckovich (1986)
- 20 David & Cortney Batzos (2007)
- 25 Michael & Ellyn Serra (1986)

If your name is missing or has the incorrect information in the birthday, anniversary or namesday list please call the office: (810) 744-0070

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

VISITATION TO THE SICK If you would like Fr. Matthew to make a visit to home, hospital, or nursing home, please contact the office 810-744-0070.

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The following are our brothers and sisters of St. Nicholas who are currently homebound, suffering from chronic illness, in recovery or in need of special prayers. Please remember them in your prayers and reach out to them with a card, a phone call or a visit! Please call the office to schedule a visit for Holy Communion.

Deacon John Bocek	Paul Ellis	Nick Karayanis	Bill Tadrick
Linda Branoff	Bill Haw	Macy Lemmen	Wendy Tadrick
Mary Abu-Aita	Mary Karayanis	Ron Salhany	Dave Vuckovich

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of our Homebound:

Mary Abui-Aita	6407 Sanctuary Pointe Ct.	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Linda Branoff	5238 Sandalwood Circle	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr	Flint, MI 48532
Mary & Nick Karayanis	2238 Old Hickory	Davison, MI 48423
Dave Vuckovich	9352 Morrish Rd	Swartz Creek, MI 48473

TRUNK 'N TREAT

OCTOBER 21ST FOLLOWING
5 PM VESPERS

AT

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH
2143 S. CENTER RD., BURTON













DECORATE YOUR TRUNKS AND BRING TREATS



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>Protection of the Theotokos</i> 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School Noisy Offering</p>	2	3	<p>4  9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.</p>	<p>5 North End Soup Kitchen 9 to 12:30 Office Closed</p>	<p>6   Apostle Thomas Fr. in Toledo</p>	<p>7 No Vespers No Confessions</p>
<p>8 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School Noisy Offering</p>	9 Fr. in Toledo	<p>10 6:30 pm Parish Council 6:30 pm Prayer Service @ St. Mary</p>	<p>11  9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.</p>	12 Office Closed	13 	<p>14 5 pm Vespers Confessions</p>
60 th Diocesan Conference						
<p>15 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School Noisy Offering 40 days Mildred George 12:30 pm service for unborn who have died</p>	16 Fr. in Toledo	17	<p>18 <i>Saint Luke</i>  9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.</p>	19 Office Closed	20 	<p>21 5 pm Vespers Confessions Trunk or Treat</p>
<p>22 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School Noisy Offering</p>	23	24	<p>25  9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.</p>	<p>26 Fr. in Toledo Office Closed</p>	27 Fr. in Toledo	<p>28 5 pm Vespers Confessions</p>
<p>29 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School Noisy Offering</p>	30 Fr. in Toledo	31	<p>Services are streamed on our YouTube channel St Nicholas Burton</p>	<p>All texts in blue are links to the livestreams for the divine services</p>	<p> fast  dairy & fish permitted (no meat)  wine & oil permitted (no meat)  fish permitted (no other meat)</p>	