

October 26, 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 26, 2025 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Holy, Glorious Demetrios the Myrrh-gusher of Thessaloniki (ca. 306). Commemoration of the Great Earthquake at Constantinople in 740 A.D. St. Theophil of the Kiev Caves, Bishop of Novgorod (Far Caves – 1482). Martyr Lupus (ca. 306). Ven. Athanasius of Medikion Monastery (ca. 814). Monastic Martyr Joseph of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos – 1518).

TROPARIA

Tone 3 Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down Death by death. He has become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hell, and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 3 The world has found you to be a great defense against tribulation and a vanquisher of heathens, O Passion-bearer. As you bolstered the courage of Nestor, who then humbled the arrogance of Lyaios in battle, Holy Demetrius, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy!

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: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, /and shall hope in Him. (*Psalm 63:11*)

v: Hear, O God, my voice when I implore you. (*Psalm 63:1*)

THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO

TIMOTHY (2:1-10) Timothy, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Alleluia, Tone 3

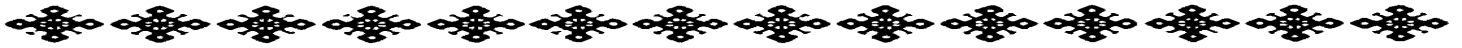
v. In you, O Lord, I hoped, let me not be put to shame to the age. (*Psalm 30:1*)

v. Become for me a God who shields, and a house of refuge to save me. (*Psalm 30:3*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (8:26-39) At that time Jesus arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Alexandra

Jesse Popoff, Eleni Popoff & Pat

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

Health & God's Blessings for Phil Brown on his 90th Birthday, Oct. 25

Magda Popoff

Joe Tome

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Nancy, Tom, Danny & Megan Krigner

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Mary Lou Brayan b. 10/26 d. 09/17/2011

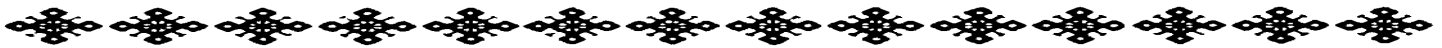
Patty Cleavenger sister-in-law of Susie & Les Ford

Natse, Peter, Eleni & Angelo

Paul Brayan

Susie Ford

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 26 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie Price **HOURS:** Angelo Panoff **READER:** Barry Cavett
Nov 2 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford **HOURS:** No Hours **READER:** Madison Green

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

CHURCH SCHOOL The youth are learning about Abraham for [elementary](#) and [high school](#) students.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY Protodeacon Luke is with Father Michael Bassett this weekend visiting prisoners at the Kinross Correctional Facility in Kincheloe in the U.P..

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

MEMORY ETERNAL! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Nicholas A George fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, October 17, 2025 at Blue Water Hospice in Marysville, MI. He is the father of parishioner David George. Trisagion was on Thursday, October 23 at Great Lakes National Cemetery. You may read his obituary [here](#).

Patty Sue Cleavenger fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, October 20 in West Virginia. She is the sister-in-law of Susie Ford. You may read her obituary [here](#).

May **Nicholas** and **Patty** rest in the light of Christ's Face and may the same Lord sustain their families in their grief. Memory eternal! Christ is risen!

TRIANGLES FOR SALE - cheese, leek & cheese (all frozen) for November 23. Pre-orders only! 1 for \$4, 3 for \$10. Sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall.

OCTOBER PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Minutes accepted as presented. **Financial report** no questions. **Endowment report** increase of \$8,474.28 in August. The parish council can ask the endowment committee for the interest accrued/dividends before the end of the year and the endowment committee then votes on the parish council's request. **Rector's report** Jonothan Miller was received by Chrismation. Nathan & Harmony Vargo were made catechumens. Recently hospitalized or surgery: Luba Todorovsky, Peggy Russell, Joe Oginsky, Helen Popoff. All are recuperating. **Church School/Youth Ministry** school began with kickball and pizza on September 14 and classes began on September 21. Trunk or Treat on October 25 - please bring candy and enjoy this community event. **Vision Plan** no report. **Fundraising** Thank you to Sharon Jernigan for chairing the picnic in August, Gerry & Lena and Philip Bakousidis for the ham dinner and the diocesan conference dinner. Skimos Band already reserved for our August 16, 2026 picnic. **Charity Ministries** North End Soup Kitchen on Thursday, November 6 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. The Diocese approved the \$1,000 matching charity grant. **Building & Grounds** Timer on exhaust fan in kitchen has been installed - do not force it. Thermostats have been installed and are being connected. The valves and thermostats for the building are over fifty years old and are not providing control and savings we need. The new thermostats will provide zoning so we can save funds. The south parking lot drain issue has been resolved through the city of Burton - at no cost to us. The drain pipe was connected to the edge drain. Pavilion screens are out. New locks on the electrical boxes outdoors. The new bookcase is in the library. Gerry Bakousidis and Andy Yosheff removed all the old shrubs and weeds by the sign and put down new tarp and stones. Looks beautiful. Replaced air filters in attic. Sump pump was replaced. New plumbing pipe put with it. The driveway - need help to fill the cracks with sealant in the parking lot - Bill Economou has volunteered, we could use some more help with this. Bill Economou will look into the small church bell which is not working. **Old Business** Eileen Branoff moved, Connie Maxim seconded and parish council voted unanimously to request the [Lilly Clergy Renewal Grant](#) (3 month sabbatical in 2027) for Father Matthew. Archbishop Alexander has already given his blessing. The grant paperwork will be available in mid-November with grants approved by August 2026 and effective 2027 (grants must be completed by the end of 2028). **New Business:** purchasing Adobe Acrobat Pro for office to help streamline editing/creating documents \$20 per month. Bill Economou makes the motion, seconded by Dennis Jernigan, unanimously approved. We were contacted by Kroger Pharmacy on Bristol Rd about holding a vaccination clinic - they would handle it all, only we would provide the fellowship hall. **Angel Tree** - 40 children this year. Eileen Branoff and Cindy Branoff will chair and have chaired this for the past several years. Gifts need to be at the church by Sunday, December 7. **Security** Paul Brayan mentioned ALICE training (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) which are done at schools, etc and suggests we have something similar as a presentation to the whole parish after church on a Sunday. Paul Brayan also mentioned a material to be placed on glass to protect from bricks, projectiles, etc. Adjournment Paul Brayan made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: blue underlined text are hyperlinks to livestreams

Today 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!

12 to 12:45 pm class for inquirers & catechumens in the library

[6:30 pm Great Vespers for the feast of righteous Olga of Kwethluk](#)

Monday, October 27 **righteous Olga of Kwethluk**

[9:30 am Divine Liturgy](#) served by Fr Michael Bassett & chanting led by Fr Matthew

11:30 am one year Trisagion for Mitra Pagonis at Evergreen Cemetery
then Fr Matthew makes Communion calls west of Center Rd

Wednesday, October 29 No Divine Liturgy - No adult education

Thursday, October 30 Fr Matthew leaves for Archbishop Alexander's returning on Friday, October 31

Saturday, November 1 Souls' Saturday / Zaduśnica

(if you would like to make kollyva/kutya & bread please see Fr Matthew)

[9:30 am Divine Liturgy & Trisagion for all those fallen asleep](#)

[5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions](#)

Sunday, November 2

9 am Baptism of Aleksey Kolyvanov (No Hours)

[10 am Divine Liturgy](#)

Offerings for the week October 19, 2025

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 1,505.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,875.00

55 persons in attendance on October 19