

September 1, 2024

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Diocese of Toledo - Orthodox Church in America • 2143 S. Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519

Served by: Fr. Matthew-Peter Butrie – Rector, mobile: 810-247-4265 & Protodeacon Kerry Luke Gonser

Website: www.saintnicholasburton.org Church: 810-744-0070 e-mail: stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com

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, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Church New Year (Indiction). St. Simeon the Stylite (the Elder) and his mother, Ven. Martha (ca. 428). Martyr Aithalas of Persia (380). Holy Forty Women Martyrs and Martyr Ammon the Deacon, their teacher, at Heraclea in Thrace (4th c.). Martyrs Callista and her brothers, Evodius and Hermogenes, at Nicomedia (309). Righteous Joshua the Son of Nun (16th c. B.C.). Synaxis of the Mother of God in the Miasenga Monastery (commemorating the finding of her Icon there – 864). “Chernigov-Gethsemane” Icon of the Mother of God (1869).

TROPARIA

Tone 1 When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom!// Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

Tone 2 O Creator of the Universe, You appointed times by Your own power; bless the crown of this year with Your goodness, O Lord! Preserve in safety Your rulers and Your cities:// and through the intercessions of the Theotokos, save us!

Tone 7 Rejoice, O Virgin Mother of God, Full of Grace, harbor and protection of the human race: from you the Redeemer of the world became incarnate; you alone are Mother and Virgin, ever blessed and glorified.// Intercede with Christ God to grant peace to the whole inhabited world.

Tone 1 You were a pillar of patient endurance, having imitated the Forefathers, O Venerable One: Job in suffering and Joseph in temptations. You lived like the Bodiless Ones while yet in the flesh, O Simeon, our Father.// Beseech Christ God that our souls may be saved!

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 4 O Creator and Master of time and the ages, Triune and Merciful God of all: grant blessings for the course of this year, and in Your boundless mercy save those who worship You and cry out in fear:// “O Savior, grant blessings to all mankind!”

The prokeimenon in the third tone: Great is our Lord and abundant in power, / his understanding is beyond measure. (Psalm 146:5)

v. Praise the Lord, for good is the psalm. To our God let praise be pleasing. (Psalm 146:1)

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO TIMOTHY (2:1-7)

Timothy, my son, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle – I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying – a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Alleluia, Tone 4

v: To you is due a hymn, O God, in Sion, and to you vow will be paid in Jerusalem. (Psalm 64:1)

v: You will bless the crown of the year of your kindness, and your plains will be filled with fatness. (Psalm 64:12)

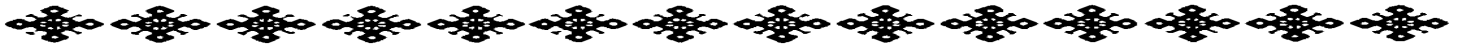
THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (4:16-22) At that time Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

COMMUNION HYMN

Bless the crown of the year with Your goodness, O Lord! (*Ps 64:12*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH YEAR (SEPTEMBER 1) For the maintenance of their armed forces, the Roman emperors decreed that their subjects in every district should be taxed every year. This same decree was reissued every fifteen years, since the Roman soldiers were obliged to serve for fifteen years. At the end of each fifteen-year period, an assessment was made of what economic changes had taken place, and a new tax was decreed, which was to be paid over the span of the fifteen years. This imperial decree, which was issued before the season of winter, was named *Indictio*, that is, Definiton, or Order. This name was adopted by the emperors in Constantinople also. At other times, the latter also used the term *Epinemisis*, that is, Distribution (*Dianome*). It is commonly held that Saint Constantine the Great introduced the Indiction decrees in A.D. 312, after he beheld the sign of the Cross in heaven and vanquished Maxentius and was proclaimed Emperor in the West. Some, however (and this seems more likely), ascribe the institution of the Indiction to Augustus Caesar, three years before the birth of Christ. Those who hold this view offer as proof the papal bull issued in A.D. 781 which is dated thus: *Anno IV, Indictionis LIII* -that is, the fourth year of the fifty-third Indiction. From this, we can deduce the aforementioned year (3 B.C.) by multiplying the fifty-two complete Indictions by the number of years in each (15), and adding the three years of the fifty-third Indiction. There are three types of Indictions: 1) That which was introduced in the West, and which is called Imperial, or Caesarean, or Constantinian, and which begins on the 24th of September; 2) The so-called Papal Indiction, which begins on the 1st of January; and 3) The Constantinopolitan, which was adopted by the Patriarchs of that city after the fall of the Eastern Empire in 1453. This Indiction is indicated in their own hand on the decrees they issue, without the numeration of the fifteen years. This Indiction begins on the 1st of September and is observed with special ceremony in the Church. Since the completion of each year takes place, as it were, with the harvest and gathering of the crops into storehouses, and we begin anew from henceforth the sowing of seed in the earth for the production of future crops, September is considered the beginning of the New Year. The Church also keeps festival this day, beseeching God for fair weather, seasonable rains, and an abundance of the fruits of the earth. The Holy Scriptures (Lev. 23:24-5 and Num. 29:1-2) also testify that the people of Israel celebrated the feast of the Blowing of the Trumpets on this day, offering hymns of thanksgiving. In addition to all the aforesaid, on this feast we also commemorate our Saviour's entry into the synagogue in Nazareth, where He was given the book of the Prophet Esaias (Isaiah) to read, and He opened it and found the place where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, for which cause He hath anointed Me..." (Luke 4:16-30). It should be noted that to the present day, the Church has always celebrated the beginning of the New Year on September 1. This was the custom in Constantinople until its fall in 1453 and in Russia until the reign of Peter I. September 1 is still festively celebrated as the New Year at the Patriarchate of Constantinople; among the Jews also the New Year, although reckoned according to a moveable calendar, usually falls in September. The service of the Menaion for January 1 is for our Lord's Circumcision and for the memorial of Saint Basil the Great, without any mention of its being the beginning of a new year.

September 1, 2024

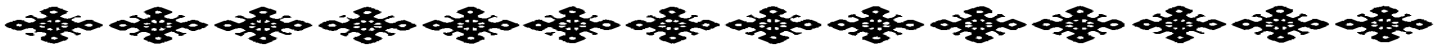


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Blessings for good health to Katherine Gonser & Christine Panoff on their birthdays Angelo & Christine
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

Memory Eternal Milka Bosa
Blessed Repose to our grandsons Andrew (6 yrs. Aug 18) & Matthew (4yrs.) Baba & Dedo



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](#).

Sept 1 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman HOURS: Barry Cavett READER: Angelo Panoff
Sept 8 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford HOURS: Lucy Hogg READER: Katherine Gonser

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Reader Alexander Gonser after the Divine Liturgy *will resume on September 8*. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES *resume on Wednesday, September 4 at 11:15 am*. Wednesday at 11:15 am. We are continuing with [Psalms and the Life of Faith](#) by Elder Aimilianos looking at twelve of the one hundred and fifty Psalms.

CHURCH SCHOOL *resumes on Sunday, September 15 with prayers and a blessing for our students and teachers.*

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER was recently interviewed on a couple of topics - [modern challenges for Orthodox Christianity](#) and [the fire of the divine Presence](#). You may listen to and watch them here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-dfHpZ6j50> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Yi-YAG2mQg>

COFFEE 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.

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

PARISH COUNCIL meeting is Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30.

ELEVATION OF THE CROSS Pan-orthodox service on Saturday, September 14 at our church. Please join us at 9:45 am for the procession and elevation of the Cross & 10 am for Divine Liturgy.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet on Saturday, September 14 at 3:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



❖ Classes begin on Sunday, September 15. On that date there will be prayers during the Liturgy for the teachers and students and a blessing after Communion for them as they go to class. See you then!

OFFICE HOURS this week are Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 9-3.

This year's Saint Nicholas Car Show was a success. We would like to thank Dennis Jernigan, Bill Economou, Kathy Gonser, Kim Kuslowski Michael Donegan, Joel Green, Zander Gonser, Christopher Taylor and everybody who participated this year by bringing their cars, or just coming to visit. There were 19 vintage cars in attendance. That's 4 more than last year. Everybody said, they had a good time visiting and enjoying the cars.

CEMETERY SEXTON needed for St. Nicholas' cemetery. Regular duties are: flagging location of a grave for burial & checking cemetery conditions monthly.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP/SEMINARIAN OFFERING envelopes were 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. This helps to support parish seminarians, those training to become catechists, and kiosk expense for theological materials for inquirers.

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.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Body Soap in September. Place the items in bags then put in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, Sept. 2 Labor Day - Office Closed

Happy Labor Day!

Wednesday, Sept. 4

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult ed class



Thursday, Sept. 5

9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, Sept. 7

5 pm [Vespers with lity - live-streamed](#) Confessions

Sunday, Sept. 8

Nativity of Theotokos

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

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

Offerings for the week August 25, 2024

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 2,081.45
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ -2,298.55

57 persons in attendance on August 25

10 YEARS LATER - 2014 PARISH HEALTH WORKSHOP In November 2014 Mr. Joseph Kormos presented three areas of focus for our parish as we were preparing for our 100th anniversary: 1- Worship, 2- Charity, 3- Financial Generosity. As we begin a new Church year this month, ten years on since that workshop, let's look at 1- Worship.

We come to worship the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit at the temple because this is what is due to God. We creatures owe worship to our Creator. We come to offer ourselves to God at every divine service and the Father, Son, and Spirit give us themselves.

Ten years ago an area for growth here at Saint Nicholas Church was identified:

- more timeliness in attendance and greater attendance at non-Sunday services.

In 2024 greater attendance at Sunday Divine Liturgy can be added. Attendance at the Sunday Liturgy is still below our pre-COVID average. There has been a steep drop off in attendance. Pre-COVID Sunday attendance averaged between 80 or more and 90 or more persons. Present Sunday attendance averages between 55 and 60 or more persons. 95 households have submitted pledge cards representing over 140 persons. The drop-off in attendance cannot fully be accounted for by the falling asleep of parishioners and or their moving or those unable to attend for other reasons.

Let each of us come in prayer before the Lord to ask ourselves if we are doing all we can to attend at least the Sunday Divine Liturgy, preferably in person, to offer ourselves to God in the bread and wine we offer and we receive, in return, not bread and wine but Messiah Jesus Himself in His Body and Blood! Saint Paul reminds us "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He (Messiah Jesus) who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, (Sunday worship) as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day (of the Lord) drawing near." (Hebrews 10:23-25)

- Fr. Matthew