

September 12, 2021

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, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. **Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Sunday before Elevation. Hieromartyr Autonomus, Bishop in Italy (313). Ven. Vassian (Bassian) of Tiksnensk (Vologdá – 1624). Translation of the Relics of Righteous Simeon of Verkhotúr'e (1704). Martyr Julian of Galatia and forty Martyrs with him (4th c.). Hieromartyr Theodore of Alexandria. St. Coronatus, Bishop of Nicomedia (3rd c.). Ven. Afanásy of Vysótsk, Wonderworker of Serpukhóv (1395).**

FIRST ANTIPHON

Remember David, O Lord, and all his meekness. (*Psalm 131:1*)

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

We have heard it on Ephrathah; we have found it in the fields of the forest. (*Psalm 131:6*)

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

Glorious things are spoken of you, O City of God. (*Psalm 86:2*)

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

God is in the midst of her, she shall not be shaken; God will help her early in the morning. (*Psalm 45:5*)

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

The Lord has sworn truth to David, and He will not turn from it. (*Psalm 131:11*)

Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

One from the fruit of your loins I will set upon your throne. (*Psalm 131:11*)

Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

There will I make a horn to spring forth for David, I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed. (*Psalm 131:18*)

Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.

For the Lord has chosen Sion; / He has desired her for His habitation. (*Psalm 131:13*) **Through the prayers of Your saints, O Savior, save us.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Here will I dwell, for I have chosen her. (*Psalm 131:15*)

Tone 4 Your nativity, O Virgin, / has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! / The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, / has shone from you, O Theotokos. / By annulling the curse, / He bestowed a blessing.// By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

The Most High has sanctified his tabernacle. (*Psalm 45:4*)

Your nativity, O Virgin,...

Holy is Your temple, wonderful in righteousness. (*Psalm 64:5*)

Your nativity, O Virgin,...

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.

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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 By your nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, thy people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: the barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

The prokeimenon in the sixth tone: O Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance! (*Ps. 27:9a*)

v. **To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!** (*Ps. 27:1a*)

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (6:11-18)

Brethren: see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. **I have exalted one chosen out of My people.** (*Ps. 88:18b*)

v. **For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him.** (*Ps. 88:20*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (3:13-17) Jesus answered Nicodemus, saying: “No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

Instead of “It is truly meet...” we sing: Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious Nativity of the Mother of God. Virginité is foreign to mothers; childbearing is strange for virgins. But in you, O Theotokos, both were accomplished! For this, all the earthly nations unceasingly magnify you!

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

The holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20 (1st Matins Gospel)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary (September 8) The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind. The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind, and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness.

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since Saint Anna was barren.

Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God’s mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcame the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Saints Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple.

Childlessness was considered among the Hebrew nation as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Saints Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen. On one of the feasts at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be unworthy since he was childless.

Saint Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. Saint Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God’s mercy on her family.

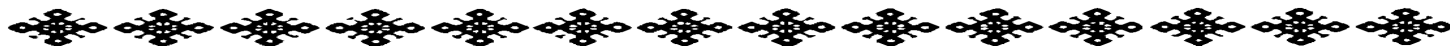
The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: “the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls” (2nd Stikhera on “Lord, I Have Cried”, Tone 6).

The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion. www.oca.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

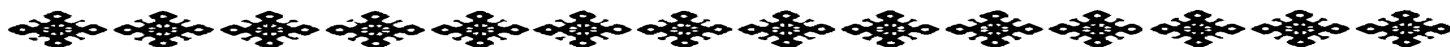
Joseph Neely health & blessings on your 24 th birthday Sept. 12	Baba
Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Nick (Mykola) Ponomarenko for health & blessings	Lucy Hogg
God's blessings for good health to Anna, Ellie, James, Tom & Christy	Mom & Dad
God's blessings to all our grandkids & their parents	Mom & Dad

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Kum-Luji-Luka Prusac (3 yrs.) Bog da Prosti	Kuma Bosa
Blessed Repose to Andrew, Matthew & all our angels	Baba & Dedo
In Memory of our daughter Sophie, on her 1 st birthday	Teddy & Jessica

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Joseph Goodman Blessed Repose~Memory Eternal	Dorothy Goodman
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WELCOME to all our friends and visitors! Welcome to everyone 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](#) [Assumption Church](#) or [Dormition Monastery](#) for their livestreams.

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by Dorothy Goodman in memory of her husband Joseph Goodman. 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 donuts & coffee or just help.

CHURCH SCHOOL will begin September 26th. Registration forms are in the narthex as well as on our website.

MEMORY ETERNAL - CHRIST IS RISEN!

Steven Walter Michalsky fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, August 29 in Bay City. He is the son of the late Walter & Dorothy Michalsky. Parastas and burial were from Penzien-Steele Funeral Home, Bay City on Friday, September 3.

Georgia Nicoloff fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, September 4. She is the sister of the late Nick Zahari Nicoloff and sister-in-law of parishioner Lydia Nicoloff, aunt of parishioners Steve Nicoloff and Vivian Binelli. Services were held on Saturday, September 11 at Reigle Funeral Home/Sunset Chapel by Spirit of Promise church.

Christ God grant blessed repose to His servants Steven and Georgia and make their memory to be eternal.

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

CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS email to the office at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or call.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, September 13

6 pm pan-Orthodox Vespers Liturgy for the elevation of the Cross of the Lord
(not livestreamed)

Tuesday, September 14 THE UNIVERSAL ELEVATION OF THE CROSS (*fast day, wine & oil allowed*)

6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting. Please let Sharon know if you cannot attend.

Wednesday, September 15

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult education

Saturday, September 18

5 pm [Great Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)
Confessions

Sunday, September 19 SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
10 am [Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)

Offerings for the week September 5, 2021

59 persons in attendance on September 5th

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 2,992.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -112.00