

September 18, 2022

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 18, 2022 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. St. Eumenes, Bishop of Gortyna (6th c.). Martyr Ariadne of Phrygia (2nd c.). Martyrs Sophia, Irene, and Castor of Egypt (3rd c.). Greatmartyr Prince Bidzini and Martyrs Princes Elizabar and Shalvi, of Georgia (1660).

FIRST ANTIPHON

God, my God, attend to me! // Why have You forsaken me? (*Psalm 21:1a*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Why are You so far from helping me, // from the words of my groaning? (*Psalm 21:1b*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; // and by night, but find no rest. (*Psalm 21:2*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

You dwell in the sanctuary, // the praise of Israel. (*Psalm 21:3*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, 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 Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

O God, why do You cast us off forever? (*Psalm 73:1a*) **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!**

Remember Your congregation, // which You have gotten of old. (*Psalm 73:2*) **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!**

Remember Mount Sion, // where You have dwelt. (*Psalm 73:3b*) **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!**

God is our King before the ages; // He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (*Psalm 73:13*) **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!**

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 willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and were crucified, O Christ our God,

trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! (*Psalm 98:1a*) **Tone 1** O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Your Cross, // preserve Your habitation!

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth quake! (*Psalm 98:1*) O Lord, save Your people...

The Lord is great in Sion; He is exalted over all peoples! (*Psalm 98:2*) O Lord, save Your people...

Bow down in worship to the Lord in His holy court. (*Psalm 98:10*) O Lord, save Your people...

TROPARIA Tone 5 Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 1 O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Your Cross, // preserve Your habitation!

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 As You were voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, / granting them victories over their adversaries, / by bestowing on them the Invincible trophy, Your weapon of Peace.

INSTEAD OF "HOLY GOD..."

Before Your Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Your holy Resurrection, we glorify!

The prokeimenon in the seventh tone: Extol the Lord our God; / worship at His footstool for He is holy! (*Psalm 98:5*) v. **The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!** (*Psalm 98:1a*)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (2:16-20) *Brethren:* We ourselves who know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v: **Remember Your congregation which You have purchased of old.** (*Psalm 73:2*)

v: **God is our King before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.** (*Psalm 73:13*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (8:34-9:1) And Jesus called to Him the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the

holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

COMMUNION HYMN

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

INSTEAD OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."

Tone 1 O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries; / and by virtue of Your Cross, // preserve Your habitation!

THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (SEPTEMBER 14)

The Elevation of the Holy Cross is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on September 14; the celebration continues through September 21. This feast is also referred to as the Exaltation of the Cross. This is also a popular name day for Stavroula/Stavros (from "stavros" meaning cross).

This feast commemorates The finding of the Cross by the Empress Helen (the mother of St. Constantine the Great) on Golgotha in 326 AD, the place where Christ was crucified.

On the spot where the Cross was discovered, St. Helen had found a hitherto unknown flower of rare beauty and fragrance, which has been named "Vasiliko," or Basil, meaning the flower of royalty. Note that the word "Vasiliko" means "of the King," since the word "Basileus" in Greek means "King"; so, the plant Vasiliko, Basil, is tied to the Precious Cross of the King of Glory, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Underneath the Basil, the Cross of Christ was found, but with it were the other two crosses, those used to crucify the two thieves on either side of Christ. The sign with the inscription, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews", also lay among the three crosses. In order to determine which one was the true cross, a sick woman was told to kiss each of the three crosses. The woman kissed the first cross with no result. She kissed the second cross and again nothing happened. However, when the ailing woman kissed the True Cross, she was immediately made well. It so happened that a funeral procession was passing that way, and so the body of the dead man was placed on each of the crosses, and when it was placed on the True Cross, the dead man came to life – thus the name the "Life-Giving" Cross, which gives life not only to that man, but to each person who believes in the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and His all-glorious three day Resurrection. When the true Cross was identified, it was lifted on high for all the people to see, who then continually sang Kyrie eleison, a practice which is still enacted at current celebrations of this feast.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan,
Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta,
Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted,
Joseph, Marlene, Mary, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family
and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome



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](#) or [Dormition Monastery](#).

CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie Price

HOURS: Angelo Panoff

READER: Katherine Gonser

COFFEE AND DONUTS 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 and/or serve in the coming weeks.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL today [Nativity of the Theotokos & Presentation](#)

ADULT EDUCATION classes are on Wednesdays at 11:15 am and Saturdays after Vespers. Having read a brief biography of Geronda Aimilianos of Simonopetra, we will read his homily [“On Prayer: Problems and Temptations.”](#) Copies are available on the back table in the parish hall.

ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB RE-BOOT! All are invited to join! How does it work? 1) Get your book at the beginning of the month, 2) read, 3) at the end of the month gather together for fellowship and discussion!

Our first book, “May It Be Blessed” by Archimandrite Symeon Kragiopoulos, is a short (70 pp) and easy read yet profound in its teaching: “... learn to say “May it be blessed”...

- Books are available NOW at St . George Church (\$ 8 . 00) - Make checks out to St . George Church Bookstore

- Sign up by 9 / 12 with Fr . Mike Bassett (frdnmike@gmail.com / 989 . 627 . 9580)

- Local (live) and remote (Zoom) discussions will be available - details to be coordinated by mid - September. - **Fr. Michael Bassett**

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE: Please continue your financial pledges to the parish. Church school classes began September 11 and will conclude May 14. Lesson hyperlinks will be sent via e-mail, posted in the bulletin, YouTube, and Facebook links. Parish council discussed resuming passing the envelope plate for tithes/offerings - those holding the cloth for Communion to pass the tray after Communion. **Fundraising -** Rummage sale brought in \$1,457.39. There may be a little more coming in and there are some expenses (advertising). There will be a luncheon on October 16 after Divine Liturgy - free will offering. Cookie walk is Saturday, December 10. **Charity Ministry -** North End Soup Kitchen - Thursday, October 6 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. **Building and Maintenance -** over thirty years since the shingle roof on the church was replaced and shingles are lost with each storm. Two bids were sought for replacing the church roof, unanimous vote to have Hammerberg Roofing re-shingle the church roof. Garage is ready for painting of the boards that were replaced. Hall rental policy - add “no glitter.” Rummage sale funds will be used for maintenance (buying paint for the garage). **Old business -** Parish council is looking for a sexton for the cemetery (to mark off graves before burials take place, keep track of the burials, if anyone will be moved to another cemetery). Need a new tax person to do the church’s taxes. **New business -** the large coffee maker is not percolating. Dennis Jernigan is looking in to if it can be repaired. If it cannot be repaired, a new one will need to be bought. **Next meeting** is Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30 pm. **Elections** on Sunday, November 6 for parish council (3 to be elected), auditors (2 to be elected), and delegate to the 2023 Diocesan Conference (1 delegate - top vote-getter is delegate, the next in votes will be the alternate if the delegate cannot attend). Sloppy joe luncheon.

ORTHODOX WOMEN IN THE HEALING MINISTRIES 29th Annual Retreat is September 30 & October 1, 2022. There will be a different speaker than originally planned. Fr. Silviu Bunta will be the guest speaker. He studied early Judaism and ancient Christianity at Marquette University with Archbishop Alexander

(Golitzin). His topic will be “Scripture is our life: thoughts on the Orthodox interpretation of Scripture”. You can register at: <https://owhm.org/>

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UKRAINIAN REFUGEES You can support International Orthodox Christian Charity’s (IOCC) humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis through iocc.org/ukraine22 or by calling 877.803.4622.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, September 19 *Fr. in Toledo*

Wednesday, September 21 - leavetaking of the elevation of the Cross of the Lord

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

Saturday, September 24

5 pm [Vespers - streaming on our YouTube channel](#) *Confessions*
Adult education class

Sunday, September 25

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
10 am [Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)
Church School - [Annunciation of the Theotokos](#)

Offerings for the week September 11, 2022

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 2,276.09
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ - 827.91

41 persons in attendance on September 11