

September 19, 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 19, 2021 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation. Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon of Synnada (276). Rt. Blv. Theodore, Prince of Smolensk and Yaroslavl' (1299), and his children, Ss. David and Constantine. Martyr Zosimas, Hermit, of Cilicia (4th c.). St. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury (ca. 690).

FIRST ANTIPHON

God, my God, attend to me! // Why hast Thou forsaken me? **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Why art Thou so far from helping me, // from the words of my groaning? **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

O my God, I cry by day, but Thou dost not answer; // and by night, but find no rest. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, // the praise of Israel. **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 dost Thou cast us off forever? O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! **Alleluia!**

Remember Thy congregation, // which Thou hast gotten of old. O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! **Alleluia!**

Remember Mount Sion, // where Thou hast dwelt. O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! **Alleluia!**

God is our King before the ages; // He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. **O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! 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 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

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

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

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth quake!

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

The Lord is great in Sion; He is exalted over all peoples!

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

Bow down in worship to the Lord in His holy court.

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

TROPARIA

Tone 4 When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 1 O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy 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 Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy name; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

INSTEAD OF "HOLY GOD..."

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

The prokeimenon in the seventh tone: Extol the Lord our God; / worship at His footstool for it 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 Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Thy Cross preserve Thy 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.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away - for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples - and Peter - that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

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

God's blessings for good health to all of our kids & grandkids and to Krista Panoff
on her birthday September 13th

Angelo & Christine

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Josephine Sredich (6 mo.) and her birthday on September 25
Blessed Repose to our grandsons Andrew & Matthew and to newly departed
Georgia Nicoloff

her family

Angelo & Christine



WELCOME to all our friends and visitors! Welcome to everyone joining us via our YouTube channel: [St Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#). If you cannot access the livestream, please check out [St. Mary Magdalene Church](#) [St George Church](#) or [Dormition Monastery](#) for their livestreams.

COFFEE SOCIAL 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 begins Sept. 26th. Registration forms are in the narthex as well as on our website.

FLOWERS for the Elevation of the Cross were donated by Christine & Angelo Panoff in memory of their grandsons Andrew & Matthew Panoff.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Parish council met in person on Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The balance sheet has shown an increase of \$7,000 since last month's meeting. God bless everyone who has continued their financial stewardship through this pandemic so that we do not have a deficit. The parish report for the diocesan conference will be in the October newsletter. The back classroom will be cleaned for church school on Sunday, September 19 - helpers are needed. The picnic had 124 paying guests and 6 guests. Everything was donated except the meat. The proceeds went to

Father Matthew for his birthday and work during the pandemic. He expressed his gratitude to the parish for this gift. We are planning to do the Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 11. Planning to do workshops for the various cookies, during the day and during the evening. Saint Nicholas feast day will be observed on Sunday, December 5 with lenten potluck. We plan to participate in the Angel Tree, receiving 50 children's names from Catholic Charities. Church building and grounds - two estimates were received for new gutter shields and eaves troughs for the office, hall, classrooms and will revisit these bids at the October meeting. The two linden trees out front are affecting the roof with leaves, branches, etc. and will have a tree service come to give guidance and estimate on what to do about them. This will be addressed first before the gutters. The playscape has been repainted. The ad for a part-time accounting clerk (6 to 8 hours a week) was prepared by Stephanie Price and will be posted. 105th anniversary is November 6 and 7 with Archbishop Alexander being here for the weekend. We plan to have the dinner catered after Liturgy on Sunday, November 7 and charging only our cost for tickets for the meal. Elections of parish council members, auditor, and delegate to diocesan conference will be on Sunday, November 14.

58TH DIOCESAN CONFERENCE is September 25 and 26 at Ss Cyril and Methodius Church, Lorain, OH. Fr. Silviu Bunta will give the keynote address on Saturday. Our parish will be represented by Protodeacon Luke, Susie Ford, and Fr. Matthew. Fr. Robert Royer will serve the Liturgy here on Sunday, September 26. The report for our parish will be printed in the October newsletter.

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:

Tuesday, September 21 *Father in Toledo*

Wednesday, September 22

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

September 25 & 26 **58th DIOCESAN CONFERENCE at SS Cyril & Methodius Church, Lorain, OH**

Saturday, September 25

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| | No Vespers at St. Nicholas |
| 5 pm | Vespers at St. Mary Magdalene and St. George |

Sunday, September 26 **REPOSE OF ST. JOHN the THEOLOGIAN**

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| 9:30 am | Third and Sixth Hours |
| <u>10 am</u> | <u>Divine Liturgy - streaming on our YouTube channel</u> |
| | Church School begins |

Offerings for the week September 12, 2021

50 persons in attendance on September 12th

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| <i>Weekly Offerings</i> | \$ 3,291.12 |
| <i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i> | \$ 3,104.00 |
| | \$ 187.12 |

