

*September 8, 2024*

***St. Nicholas Orthodox Church***

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

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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 8, 2024 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady, Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary . Sunday before Elevation. Icons of the Mother of God: "KURSK-ROOT" Icon of the Sign (1259), "POCHAEV" (1559), "KHOLMSK", and others.

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

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

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

We heard of it at Ephratha: // we found it in the fields of the wood. (*Psalm 131:6*)

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

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

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved; // God will help her when the morning dawns. (*Psalm 45:5*)

**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.

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**SECOND ANTIPHON**

The Lord has sworn and oath to David // from which He shall not turn back! (*Psalm 131:11*)

**O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!**

Of the fruit of your body // I will set upon your throne! (*Psalm 131:11*)

**O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!**

There I will make the horn of David flourish: // I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed! (*Psalm 131:18*)

**O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You! Alleluia!**

For the Lord has chosen Sion, // He has desired it for His habitation! (*Psalm 131:13*)

**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**

**This is my resting to age of age, here I will 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 sanctified his tabernacle.** (*Psalm 45:4*) Your nativity, O Virgin,...

**Holy is your temple, wonderous in righteousness.** (*Psalm 64:5*) Your nativity, O Virgin,...

### **TROPARIA**

**Tone 2** When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

**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.

### **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, your 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 your people / and bless your inheritance!* (*Psalm 27:9a*)

v. **To you, O Lord, I cried. O my God, be not keep silent from me.** (*Psalm 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 lifted up a chosen one from my people.** (*Psalm 88:18b*)

v. **For my hand will take hold of him, and my arm will strengthen him.** (*Psalm 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 loved the world such 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”* 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**

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (*Ps 115:13*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary (September 8)** The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. 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 overcome 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](http://www.oca.org)

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### CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Safe travels for my cousins. Health & blessings for my family.

Health & protection for Susie's sister, Kay

Health for Joan

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev & Irina

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

Special Intention

Lucy Hogg

Les & Susie Ford

Rachel Wiles

Irina Sivergina

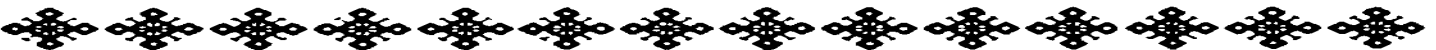
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### CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Adelaïda & Feodosiy

Irina Sivergina



**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](#).

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES** on Wednesdays 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.

**Sept 8 CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford

**HOURS:** Lucy Hogg

**READER:** Katherine Gonser

**Sept 15 CANDLESTAND:** Christine Panoff

**HOURS:** Angelo Panoff

**READER:** Phil Wiles

**KICK-OFF DINNER** for Church School Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The menu is stuffed peppers, Greek salad & rolls. Please bring a dessert to share. Tickets are \$15 adults. Children's meals are free. See Sharon Jernigan for tickets. Students and parents will be able to meet our teachers and see the classrooms.

**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. Emails were sent out with all of the details.

### **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** are Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9-3.

**YOUTUBE CHANNEL** subscribe to our YouTube channel [Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton](#) to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services. Livestreams begin at 9:30 with Hours.

**GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY** Go to our website [www.saintnicholasburton.org](http://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.

**RETREAT FOR ORTHODOX MEN** September 27-29 at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Livonia, MI. For more information go to <https://www.avg2alpha.com/cry-of-the-forerunner/>

**CITY OF BURTON ROAD CONSTRUCTION** begins on September 9 on the east side of Center Road between Atherton & Lippincott to upgrade the existing sanitary sewer main. The city will work with us to maintain access to church. The work is expected to be completed in November.

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

#### **Tuesday, September 10**

6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

6:30 pm Prayer Service for the sick & suffering at St. Mary Magdalene

#### **Wednesday, September 11**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

11:15 am Adult ed class

**Thursday, September 12** *Fr Matthew in Toledo*

**Friday, September 13** *Fr Matthew in Toledo*

**Saturday, September 14**    **ELEVATION OF THE CROSS**

**9:45 am**            **Procession & elevation of the cross**

10 am                pan-Orthodox Liturgy

3:30 pm             nominating committee meeting

**5 pm**                **Vespers - live-streamed**    *Confessions*

**Sunday, Sept. 15**        **Church School Year begins**

**9:30 am**            **Hours-live-streamed**

**10 am**             **Divine Liturgy-live-streamed**

Church School - **Elevation of the Cross**

***Offerings for the week September 1, 2024***

<i>Weekly Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>		\$ 2,474.80
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>		\$ 4,380.00
		<b>\$ -1,905.20</b>

*48 persons in attendance on September 1*