

September 14, 2025

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 narthex. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

Holy Communion – for Orthodox Christians (those received into the Orthodox Church through baptism or chrismation), please note that there are specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion – fasting from midnight (unless you need to take medication) and recent Confession. 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

For our visitors who are not Orthodox Christian: we welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (antidoron) which will be given when coming forward to receive the final blessing from the priest at the conclusion of the Liturgy. **Again, welcome!**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Lifegiving Cross . Repose of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (407). Monastic Martyr Macarius of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos – 1507). Monastic Martyr Joseph of Dionysiou (Mt. Athos – 1819).

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 Zion, // 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 ...

THIRD ANTIPHON **The Lord reigned, let the peoples be enraged.** (*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 reigned, let the peoples be enraged, the one who sits upon the cherubim, let the earth be shaken. (*Psalm 98:1*) **O Lord, save Your people...**

The Lord – great in Sion, and is high over all the peoples. (*Psalm 98:2*) **O Lord, save Your people...**

Lift up the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for holy is the Lord our God. (*Psalm 98:10*) **O Lord, save Your people...**

Deacon: Wisdom! Upright! **Priest:** Lift up the Lord our God and fall down before the footstool of his feet, for he is holy. Son of God, who were crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to you: Alleluia!

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.

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 reigned, let the peoples be enraged.,(Psalm 98:1a)

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

(1:18-24) Brethren, the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Alleluia, Tone 1 v: Remember your assembly which you obtained from of old. (Psalm 73:2)

v: God is our king from before the ages, he worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (Psalm 73:13)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35) When the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and led Him away. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

Instead of "It is truly meet to bless you, O Theotokos...," we sing: Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord! You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ; through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. Now at its Exaltation, as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

COMMUNION HYMN

The light of Your countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. (Psalm 4:7) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

INSTEAD OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..." Tone 1 O Lord, save Your people...

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev & Irina
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Joan, Peggy, Bob,
Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted,
Kathryn, David, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends
Special Intention

Irina Sivergina
Joe Tome
Joe Tome

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](#).

Sept 14 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford **HOURS:** Madison Green **READER:** Barry Cavett
Sept 21 CANDLESTAND: Christopher Panoff **HOURS:** Angelo Panoff **READER:** Staci Shank

COFFEE SOCIAL Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall for coffee and donuts.

CHURCH SCHOOL A blessing will take place today for students and teachers at the Liturgy then kickball, & picnic. Buddies between older and younger children, starting together in one classroom - middle & high school with elementary school and then split up into classes later. This reminds the older children that they are role models. Stephanie Price and Michelle Gerzevske are teachers. September 21 is first class. Old Testament is the focus and also giving thanks to God for blessings every day.

62nd ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE will be hosted by our church on Friday, October 10 to Saturday, October 11. Friday, Oct 10th from 6 pm to 8 pm will be a reception at the hotel Best Western Plus Flint Airport Inn & Suites 6075 Hill 23 Dr, Flint, MI 48507. Saturday, Oct. 11th there will be 9:30 am greeting of Archbishop Alexander & Pontifical Divine Liturgy with memorial service. There will be a 1:30 pm business session and Vespers at 5 pm. All other information [here](#). **PLEASE SEE MATUSHKA LISA** about the assisting at our 62nd annual diocesan conference October 10 & 11 which our parish is hosting!

BONFIRE AND S'MORES will be on September 19th from 7 pm to 9 pm. So, bring your lawn chairs to church. S'mores will be provided. See Stephanie Price for more information.

FALL LUNCHEON will be September 28th after Liturgy. The donation for adults is \$18 (children under 12 are free). There will be baked ham, with all the trimmings. See Lena Bakousidis for more information.

PICNIC/DANCE was more than successful! There were 175 dinners purchased and approximately 150 additional people came to the dance. The final profit after expenses is \$4,426.66. THANK YOU everyone for making the 2025 Picnic/Dance so enjoyable! Thank you especially to our chairperson, Sharon Jernigan and all who helped in any way to make the day such a joy!

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Meeting commenced with prayer. *Minutes* accepted without correction. *Treasurer's report* Goal is to have a budget prepared through QuickBooks ready by November for approval by parish council in December. Suggestion to have an outside CPA audit the books once a year as the Diocese does. Will ask CPA his fee for such work and that will be reported to the parish council before a decision is made. *Endowment report* gain of \$16,000 since last month. Parish council president is the signer on the endowment fund. *Rector's report* Father Matthew's report was emailed to the parish council members. Dennis Jernigan commented on the amount of information on Facebook about Orthodoxy. Media ministry ideas were put forward including getting persons to assist with Facebook posting, etc. *Community outreach* Friday, September 19 is the bonfire with s'mores from 7 to 9 pm. Different candies we'll have for the s'mores. Donations needed for Trunk or Treat - Saturday, October 25 from 1 to 3 pm. A box will be out for the faithful for candy donations. Encourage people to have vehicles here - don't need to dress up - just be here to enjoy! It lets people know we are here in Burton. *Fundraising* cornhole tournament - Bill Economou did some research and cornhole tournament is better to be held in spring and with something else like a car show. Luncheon on Sunday, August 28 - \$18 per adult: baked ham dinner with trimmings (peppers too expensive for stuffed peppers). Please bring dessert to pass. Stephanie Price will look into Dennis Jernigan's suggestion about a comedy club night Charity ministries North End Soup Kitchen is Thursday, October 2 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. *Church building and grounds* dead bushes by the electronic sign need to be pulled and rock put in so it will be clean. Replace air filter in attic furnace (above water fountain), needs to be done every 45 days. Tunnels - re-supported water lines through small tunnel

going to church. The boiler lines are all supported. Some sealing has been done on the parking lot. More needs to be done with the sealing. Exhaust fan in the kitchen - a switch with a timer will eliminate the need to remember to turn the fan off. Appointment with Burton City on Wednesday, September 10 at 3 pm about the drain in our south parking lot: Father Matthew, Christopher Taylor, Dennis Jernigan, and Bill Economou will be at this meeting. *New business:* Gift card for those in need currently we have \$10 food gift card from Meijer given to those in need on the third Wednesday of the month. Discussion by December on whether to increase the amount of the gift cards. Father Matthew asked that parish council vote on the [Lilly Clergy Renewal Grant](#) for him at the October meeting. Given the parish finances, the parish council directed that before payment for invoices is sent out, the parish council president or treasurer review the payment before it is sent out by the church secretary.

MEMORY ETERNAL

Petros Bakousidis fell asleep in the Lord in Australia. He is the uncle of Gerry Bakousidis and Irene Batcos. **Anna Butrie** fell asleep in the Lord on September 2 in Pennsylvania. She is aunt to Father Matthew. Christ God grant that your newly-fallen asleep servants Petros and Anna rest in the light of your Face. Memory eternal! Christ is risen!

FLOWERS FOR THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS were donated by Angelo and Christine Panoff in memory of their fallen asleep Panoff and Aleksoff family members.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT has been cancelled. We look to hold it in the spring.

FELLOWSHIP OF ST. MOSES THE BLACK ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025 St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church is hosting the Cross Bearers with the theme "Linking Ancient African Orthodoxy and African American Christianity" on October 10-12th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Rapids Airport, 4747 28th Street SE., Grand Rapids, MI 49512. For more information call (616) 916-0100. Registration [here](#).

THANK YOU FROM THE ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH for your participation in our 2025 Elias D. Chinonis 22nd Assumption Golf Classic this August. Your participation has made our event a great success once again. We really appreciate your efforts and support. Hopefully you will be able to join us again next year on Monday, August 17, 2026.

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

PAYPAL You can use PayPal for your financial stewardship! [Give now with PayPal](#); this is a secure site. (1.99% + \$0.49 of your donation goes to PayPal as a fee). ***Please consider clicking the donation box 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 **Givelify is also available for making online donations.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today, September 14

12 pm nominating committee meeting 12:30 pm catechumen/inquirer's class

Monday, September 15 *Father Matthew leaves for Archbishop Alexander's in the evening and returns Tuesday*

Wednesday, September 17

[9:30 am](#) [Divine Liturgy](#)
11:15 am adult education – continuing St Porphyrios's *Wounded by Love*

Thursdays are Father Matthew's "day off" when he goes completely "offline" – not checking emails or texts. If there is an emergency, please call him. Your email or text will be returned the next day.

Friday, September 19

7 to 9 pm **BonFire and S'Mores – bring your lawn chairs!**

Saturday, September 20

[5 pm](#) [Vespers](#)

Sunday, September 21 LEAVETAKING OF THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS OF THE LORD

[9:30 am](#) [Hours](#)
[10 am](#) [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed on YouTube](#)
Church School - [Creation](#) [Creation \(high school\)](#)
12 pm catechumen/inquirer's class

Offerings for the week September 7, 2025

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 5,353.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ 973.00

60 persons in attendance on Sept 7