

*September 24, 2023*

**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 24, 2023 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Holy Protomartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thecla (1st c.). Ven. Silouan of Mt. Athos (1938). Venerable Nikander Wonderworker of Pskov (1581). Monastic Martyr Galacteon of Vologdá (1612). Ven. Coprius of Palestine (530). Ven. Abramii, Abbot of Mirozh (Pskov). St. Vladislav of Serbia (1230-39). Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly (ca. 1796) and Peter the Aleut (1815). Ven. Dorothy of Kashin. The “MIROZH” (1198) and “THE MYRTLE TREE” Icons of the Mother of God.**

**TROPARIA**

**Tone 7** By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen,// granting the world great mercy.

**Tone 4** You were enlightened by the words of Paul, O bride of God, Thecla, And your faith was confirmed by Peter, chosen one of God. You became the first sufferer and martyr among women, By entering into the flames as into a place of gladness. For when you accepted the cross of Christ, The demonic powers were frightened away.// All-praised one, intercede before Christ God that our souls may be saved!

**Tone 4** By prayer you received Christ for your teacher in the way of humility, and the Spirit bore witness to salvation in your heart. Wherefore, all peoples called unto hope rejoice in this day of your memorial, O sacred Father Silouan. // Pray unto Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

**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 6** Protection of Christians never failing, / Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. / Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, / but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. / Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, // interceding always for those honor you.

*The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: God is wondrous in His saints, / the God of Israel. (Psalm 67:36)*

*v. In churches bless God, the Lord – from the springs of Israel. (Psalm 67:27)*

**THE READING IS FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE TIMOTHY (3:10-15)** Timothy, my son, you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

*Alleluia, Tone 7*

*v. It is good to confess to the Lord, to chant to your name, O Most High. (Psalm 91:1)*

*v. So that to proclaim your mercy in the morning and your truth through the night. (Psalm 91:2a)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (5:1-11)** At that time, while the people pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

## COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (Psalm 148:1)

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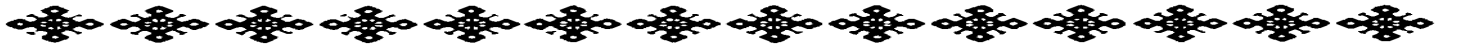


**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, 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  
Special Intention

Joe Tome  
Joe Tome



**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 24 **CANDLESTAND:** Susie Ford                      **HOURS:** Angelo Panoff                      **READER:** Phil Wiles  
Oct 1    **CANDLESTAND:** Dennis Goodman                      **HOURS:** Lucy Hogg                      **READER:** Alexander Gonser

**COFFEE SOCIAL** today is provided by Christine & Angelo Panoff in memory of their grandsons Andrew & Matthew Panoff. 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 and/or serve in the coming weeks.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS** led by our parish catechist, Reader Alexander Gonser, takes place on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith. **No class today. Class resumes October 1.**

**ADULT ED CLASS** on Wednesdays at 11:15 am, continuing with the book by Father Silviu Bunta.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** Lesson - [Baptism](#)

**MUSIC BOOKS** for congregational singing at the weekday Divine Liturgy are available from Fr Matthew.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** is in dire need of all soaps - Laundry, Dish & Body Soap. They are also collecting Toothpaste, Toothbrushes & Socks for the month of October. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Prayer and volunteers are also greatly appreciated.

**NOISY OFFERING** will be collected the whole month of October and the children will sponsor a child or children from the Angel Tree for Christmas. Offering will be taken during coffee social after class. Please bring your spare change!

**KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP** will meet every Monday 10 am - 2 pm starting Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Whether you already knit/crochet, want to learn or just want to come and fellowship everyone is welcome. Contact Pam Pitlanish at 248-854-6351 with any questions.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** We have resumed passing the tray after Communion for offering envelopes and charity. Please drop your donations in the tray when it is passed after Communion.

**ELEVATION OF THE CROSS** flowers were donated by Christine & Angelo Panoff in memory of their grandsons Andrew & Matthew Panoff.

**FALL PAN-ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB** *Christ in The Psalms* by Fr. Patrick Henry Reardon. Individuals can order the book on their own or if they email Fr Michael Bassett **by Monday, September 25** they can be included in a bulk order at a discount (though if individuals order used books they will probably be the best price). It is available from a number of sources new or used, kindle or physical anywhere from \$19 (new Amazon) to \$5 (used). **Tentative date** for our first meeting is **Tuesday, October 24** at 6 pm at St. George Church where we will review the first half of the book in a combined LIVE and ZOOM gathering. Contact Fr. Mike at 989-627-9580 or [frdnmike@gmail.com](mailto:frdnmike@gmail.com).

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

**FACEBOOK PAGE** Please visit, like, and follow our parish page: [www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton](https://www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton) Please share posts to your page. This increases the number of people who know about our church. Those who have been at coffee fellowship have seen the number of inquirers who have been coming to Sunday Divine Liturgy. 2,000 people have liked our Facebook page and 2,100 people have followed it.

**MAKE YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING EASY AND CONVENIENT WITH GIVELIFY** Go to the [website](#) and on the home page click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#) which will walk you through the donation process; this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). **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.**

**MAUI HAWAII DONATIONS** will be sent to IOCC to help those who were devastated by the island fire. You can drop your charity donation envelope in the collection plate. Also, you can give directly on their website <https://iocc.org/>.

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Tuesday, September 26** *Fr. in Toledo*

**Wednesday, September 27**

9:30 am Divine Liturgy served by Fr Michael Bassett, responses led by Fr Matthew  
11:15 am Adult education - *Your Life Will Be Hung Before Your Eyes - Meanings of our Life in Orthodox Liturgy* by Fr Silviu Bunta

**Saturday, September 30**

**5 pm** [Vespers & Lity](#) *Confessions*

**Sunday, October 1** PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

**9:30 am** [Hours- live- streamed](#)

**10 am** [Divine Liturgy - live- streamed](#)

Church School - [Chrismation](#)

*Noisy Offering* collected during Coffee Social – bring your loose change

**Offerings for the week September 17, 2023**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,468.91
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	<b>\$ - 1,635.09</b>

68 persons in attendance on September 17