

**September 28, 2025**

**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 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 28, 2024 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Ven. Chariton the Confessor, Abbot of Palestine (ca. 350). Synaxis of the Saints of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves). Ven. Kharitón of Syanzhémsk (Vologdá – 1509). Ven. Herodion, Abbot, of Iloezérsk (1541). Prophet Baruch (6th c. B.C.). Martyrs Alexander, Alphius, Zosimas, Mark, Nicon, Neon, Heliodorus, and 24 others in Pisidia and Phrygia (4th c.). Martyrdom of St. Wenceslaus (Viachesláv), Prince of the Czechs (935). Schema-monk Cyril and Schema-nun Maria, the parents of Saint Sergius of Radonezh (parents of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh).**

**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 8** By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, / and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. / By the radiance of miracles you illuminated the whole universe. // Our holy Father Chariton, pray to Christ our God to save 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, / Mediatress 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 seventh tone: Let the saints exult in glory, / let them sing for joy on their couches! (Psalm 149:5)**

**v. Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the faithful! (Psalm 149:1)**

**THE READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS. (4:6-15)** Brethren, it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in

the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

*Alleluia, Tone 7*

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

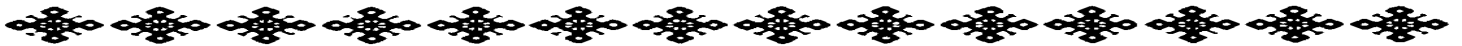
*v. So that to proclaim your mercy in the morning and your truth through the night. (Psalm 91:2a)*

**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

Granddaughter, Angela, and many birthday blessings

Baba & Dedo

Helen Popoff

Katherine & Helen Popoff

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

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

### CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Alex, Peter, Eleni, Angelo & John Popoff

Magda Popoff

Angelo Popoff

Katherine & Helen Popoff

In memory of Peter & Jo Sredich, Stojan & Mira Prusac, Walt & Allison

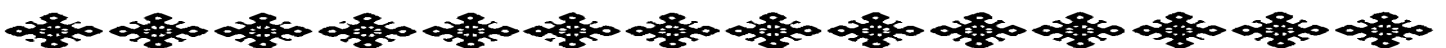
Borkovich, Don & Helen Ethington, Marko & Rosemark Vuckovich, John,

Gloria Zelenko, & John & Rose Goodman, Latinka & Nicola Mrmak, Dan &

Mary George, George & Annie Yarich, Julius, Delphine, & Rose Rambat, &

Millie George

David & Kris George



**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 28 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie Price HOURS: Phil Wiles

READER: Madison Green

Oct 05 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman HOURS: Barry Cavett

READER: Phil Wiles

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

**CHURCH SCHOOL** continues today!! The lesson focus is on Creation for [children](#) and [high school](#). Old Testament is the focus and also giving thanks to God for blessings every day. Stephanie Price and Michelle Gerzevske are teachers.

**THE LIFE OF OUR FATHERS** An Introduction to the Bible in the Orthodox Church by Father Silviu Bunta is available for purchase! **If you would like your own copy, the cost is \$25 through our kiosk.** "Scripture has never been just a text. In the Orthodox Church, it is a way of life. In *The Life of Our Fathers*, Fr. Silviu Bunta shows how Scripture functions in the Orthodox Church. Rather than giving a method to interpret Scripture, he points to the way Apostolic Christianity has always engaged biblical revelation – by living the ascetical and liturgical life of the Church. There is no distance between reader and text, and the Bible is not an object of study and analysis but a reality that we participate in through the life of the Church in her services and ascetical practices. As we put off the old man, and with it the crushing weight of our fallen egos, the words of Scripture become our own speech and we ourselves are transformed and made new. Born from talks given to lay audiences, this book remains deeply accessible. It challenges common assumptions about how to approach Scripture, showing us a far deeper and richer path of participation. This is not a call to interpret better, but to live differently. For anyone seeking to understand how Scripture functions in the Orthodox tradition, *The Life of Our Fathers* offers a rare and timely guide." (write-up from [St Vladimir's Seminary Press](#))

**62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE** will be hosted by our church on Friday, October 10 to Saturday, October 11. Friday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 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. 11<sup>th</sup> 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 62<sup>nd</sup> annual diocesan conference October 10 & 11 which our parish is hosting!

**FALL LUNCHEON** today September 28 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.

**ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH** will have their Middle Eastern Lunch & Bake Sale on Thursday, October 2, 2025, from 11 am – 2 pm. The cost is \$20 per meal, and you will be able to dine in, take out, or delivery. Please see the posted flyer and the October Newsletter for details.

**DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE (Iris Chapter 242)** will have their Fall Salad Luncheon Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church 2245 E. Baldwin Rd., Grand Blanc, MI. 48439. The cost is \$15 per plate. Please call (810) 771-4611 for more information.

**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 10-12<sup>th</sup> at the DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Rapids Airport, 4747 28<sup>th</sup> Street SE., Grand Rapids, MI 49512. For more information call (616) 916-0100. Registration [here](#).

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** is celebrating their ribbon cutting and open house on Monday, October 20 from 3 pm – 5 pm at 729 Stewart Ave. Flint, MI 48505. For more details or to RSVP, please call (810) 232-9950 ext. 111 or e-mail: [GiveHope@ccsgc.org](mailto:GiveHope@ccsgc.org). For RSVP details or RSVP [here](#). **SAVE THE DATE**, Nov 6 there will be Chair-ity at the St. Michael's Conference Center 609 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Flint, MI 48503, from 5 pm – 8 pm. Donations can be made [here](#) and tickets can be purchased [here](#).

**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, Sunday, September 28**

**9:30 am** [Hours](#)

Nathan Vargo and Harmony Vargo will be made catechumens

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

Church School - [Adam & Eve](#) [Adam & Eve \(high school\)](#)

12:15 pm catechumen/inquirer's class

##### **Tuesday, September 30**

**Wednesday, October 1 The Protection (Pokrov) of Lady Theotokos and Virgin Mary**

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.

**9 am** **North End Soup Kitchen 735 E Stewart Ave, Flint**  
*Father Matthew leaves for Archbishop Alexander’s in the afternoon*

**Friday, October 3 Hieromartyr Dionysios the Areopagite** (patron of the Archbishop’s chapel)  
*Father Matthew is with Archbishop Alexander*

**Saturday, October 4**  
5 pm Vespers

**Sunday, October 5**  
9:30 am Hours  
10 am Divine Liturgy-live-streamed on YouTube  
Church School - Noah Noah (high school)  
12 pm catechumen/inquirer’s class

Offerings for the week September 21, 2025

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 3,613.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ 767.00

68 persons in attendance on Sept 21

**Wisdom of the Saints** “In my life, prayer occupies the first place. I do not fear hell and I don’t think of Paradise. I ask only for God to have mercy on the whole world and on me.”

**St Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia, *Wounded by Love*, p 132**