

April 23, 2023

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, APRIL 23, 2023. ANTIPASCHA. 2nd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 1. St. Thomas Sunday. Holy Glorious Greatmartyr, Victorybearer, and Wonderworker George (303). St. Thomas Sunday. Martyr Alexandra the Empress, wife of Diocletian (303). Martyrs Anatolius and Protleon, soldiers converted by witnessing the martyrdom of St. George (303).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! (*Psalm 65:1*)
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You! (*Psalm 65:1*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your name, O Most High! (*Psalm 65:3*)
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

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Your countenance upon us and have mercy on us! (*Psalm 66:1*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations! (*Psalm 66:2*)
O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Let the people give thanks to You, O God! Let all the people give thanks to You! (*Psalm 66:3*)
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

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face. (*Psalm 67:1*) Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. (*Psalm 67:2a*) Christ is risen...

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. (*Psalm 67:2b-3*) Christ is risen...

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (*Psalm 117:24*) Christ is risen...

TROPARIA

Tone 7 From the sealed tomb, You shone forth O Life! / Through closed doors You came to Your disciples, O Christ God! / Renew in us, through them, an upright Spirit, / by the greatness of Your mercy, O Resurrection of all!

Tone 4 As deliverer of captives, and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings, victorious great-martyr George, intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

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 8 Thomas touched Your life-giving side with an eager hand, O Christ God, when You came to Your apostles through closed doors. He cried out with all: You are my Lord and my God!

The prokeimenon in the third tone: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond measure. (Psalm 146:5) v. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! (Psalm 146:1)

READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (5:12-20) *In those days:* many signs and wonders were done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high honor. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. But the high priest rose up and all who were with him, that is, the party of the Sadducees, and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out and said, Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Alleluia, Tone 8

v: Come; let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior! (Psalm 94:1)

v: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth! (Psalm 94:3)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (20:19-31) On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

O most radiant lamp, Theotokos, the honor immeasurable, which is more exalted than all creatures, with praises do we // magnify // you.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Sion! (Psalm 147:1) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..." Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

The holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20(1st Matins Gospel) Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & blessings for Linda Branoff

God's blessings for good health to our son Christopher Panoff

Health for the Bakousidis family

Laurie Brock

Health & blessings for Laurie, love

Health & God's blessings for Laurie Brock

Mira Prusac, Bosa Kantar, Uncle George, Baba & Dedo George, Dorothy,
Al & Helene; Kara, Adam & Eli

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

Angelo & Helen Popoff & family

Christine & Angelo Panoff

Lena Bakousidis

her church family

Stephanie, Ian, Katelyn & Alex

Nancy Krigner

Kris & David George

Joe Tome

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

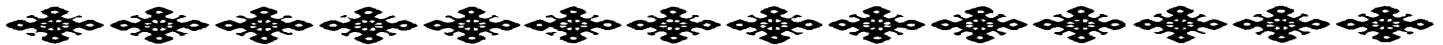
Cheryl Ellis, Harold & Lorraine Conrad, Kenneth & Winnie Ream and

Jurgen Gruebert

Tom Branoff

Calvin & Ruth Conrad

Linda Branoff



CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN! 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](#).

CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Lucy Hogg

READER: Alexander Gonser

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL - [St Thomas Sunday](#) - shortened class and then egg hunt

ADULT EDUCATION resumes on Wednesday, April 26 at 11:15 am.

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by our parish catechist, Reader Alexander Gonser, resumes next Sunday after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

COFFEE SOCIAL Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a sign-up sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate and/or serve in the coming weeks.

PASCHAL EGG HUNT on St Thomas Sunday, April 23 after Liturgy. Bring your little ones to enjoy!



PRAYERS AT THE GRAVES on St Thomas Sunday, April 23 at 2 pm at St Nicholas Cemetery.



SATURDAY, MAY 6TH starting at 9:30 am. Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of things such as brush removal, bush trimming, yard cleanup & painting the pavilion. Bring your gloves, rakes & shovels. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call the office if you are willing & able to participate so Dennis Jernigan can coordinate the jobs beforehand. Everyone is welcome whether you can help a little or a lot!

PARISH COUNCIL meets Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 pm (rescheduled from last week).

HAM DINNER May 7 after Liturgy. See or call Sharon Jernigan to purchase tickets, which are \$15. Please bring a dessert to pass.

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

MAY GOD REPAY ALL FOR THEIR SERVICE DURING HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

- ❖ those who read the Gospel in different languages for Agape Vespers
- ❖ those who fulfilled their assignments in carrying items and preparing the church, ushering, welcoming
- ❖ those who kept vigil at the Tomb of our Lord Friday night and Saturday morning
- ❖ all those who offered their sincere gifts to the Lord at Pascha.
- ❖ those who assisted in preparing all the items during Palm Week and the palms and pussy willows and those who stayed after Holy Week services to prepare the church for services on the next day.
- ❖ our Protodeacon Luke Gonser for his ministry in and outside of the Holy Altar.
- ❖ our choir director Reader J. Joseph Tome, for lifting up our hearts and minds during the services of Great and Holy Thursday & Friday evening and Pascha.
- ❖ Reader Alexander Gonser who led the responses for many of the weekday services of Lent and for Holy Week.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Egg hunt after liturgy
2 pm prayers at the graves at St. Nicholas Cemetery

Tuesday, April 25

6:30 pm parish council meeting (**rescheduled**)

Wednesday, April 26

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult ed class

Thursday, April 27

11:30 am-1:30 pm Salad Luncheon at Assumption Church

Friday, April 28 *Fr Matthew in Toledo*

Saturday, April 29

5 pm Vespers - live-streamed
no Confessions

Sunday, April 30

9:30 am Third and Sixth Hours
10 am Divine Liturgy - live-streamed
Church School - **Myrrhbearing Women**

Offerings for the week April 16, 2023

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,232.10
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -1,871.90



Attendance for Holy Week & Pascha

	<u>in person</u>	<u>live online</u> <u># of devices</u>
1 st Bridegroom	7	10
2 nd Bridegroom	14	3
3 rd Bridegroom	13	14
Holy Unction	41	6
Holy Thursday Liturgy	13	11
Matins of Holy Friday	19	20
Royal Hours	9	20
Un-Nailing Vespers	28	n/a
Matins of Holy Saturday	58	31
Liturgy on Holy Saturday	19	31
Paschal Matins & Liturgy	61	55
Agape Vespers	49	21
Bright Tuesday Liturgy	34	20