

*April 30, 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 30, 2023. 3rd SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 2. Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the brother of St. John the Theologian (44 A.D.). Myrrhbearing Women. Uncovering of the Relics of St. Nikéttas, Bishop of Novgorod (1558). St. Donatus, Bishop of Euroea in Epirus (ca. 387). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Basil, Bishop of Amasea (4th c.). Martyr Maximus of Ephesus. St. Ignátii (Ignatius) Brianchaninov, Bishop of the Caucasus and Stavropol (1867). The "PASSION" Icon of the Mother of God.**

**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 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 2** The angel came to the myrrhbearing women at the tomb and said: "Myrrh is meet for the dead, but Christ has shown Himself a stranger to corruption! So proclaim: "The Lord is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

**Tone 2** The noble Joseph, when he had taken down Your most pure Body from the tree, wrapped it in fine linen and anointed it with spices, and placed it in a new tomb. But You rose on the third day, O Lord, granting the world great mercy.

**Tone 8** You were called to be a disciple and warrior of Christ, one of the exalted choir of Apostles./With your brother John, you abandoned all to follow the Master, O James;/you were filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed Him to all./You bowed your head to the sword, the first of the twelve to shed your blood!//We celebrate your memory, O blessed one!

**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** You descended into the tomb, O Immortal; You destroyed the power of Death. In victory You arose, O Christ God, proclaiming "Rejoice!" to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Your apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

***The prokeimenon in the eighth tone: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe. (Psalm 18:4)***

***v. The heavens describe the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the making of his hands. (Ps. 18:1)***

**THE READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (12:1-11)** *In those days:* about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover. Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."

***Alleluia, Tone 8***

***v. You well-willed your land, O Lord, you turned the captivity of Jacob. (Psalm 84:1)***

***v. Mercy and truth met, righteousness and peace kissed. (Psalm 84:10)***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (15:43-16:8)** At that time Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; -- it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

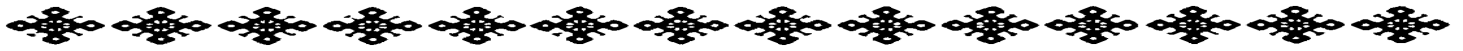
**THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS** The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."** Christ is risen from the dead...

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

Health & blessings for Linda Branoff

Feodosiy, Oleg & Galina

Calvin, Ruth, Larisa, Timosha, Tim, Veniamin, Irina & Tanya

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

Eileen & Dennis Goodman

Irina Sivergina

Calvin & Ruth

Joe Tome

Joe Tome

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Evangelia Bakousidis (8 yrs April 29)

Adelaïda

Susan Goodman (5 yrs. May 2)

Her loving family

Irina Sivergina

Goodman family



**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 you cannot access the livestream, please check out [St. Mary Magdalene Church](#) [St George Church](#) or [Dormition Monastery](#).

**CANDLESTAND:** Ian & Stephanie Price    **HOURS:** Angelo Panoff    **READER:** Katherine Gonser

**COFFEE SOCIAL** is provided today by the family of Evangelia Bakousidis in her memory. 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**

**CHURCH SCHOOL - [Myrrhbearing Woment](#)**

**ADULT EDUCATION** is reading Fr Silviu Bunta's talks on the Liturgy in [Your Life Will Be Hung Before Your Eyes': Meanings of Our Life in Orthodox Liturgy](#). The book is available for purchase through [Cherubim Press](#).

**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.

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on May 4 from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.



**SATURDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>** 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!

**HAM DINNER** May 7 after Liturgy. See or call Sharon Jernigan to purchase tickets by **May 3**, which are \$15. Please bring a dessert to pass.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** will finish the academic year on May 14<sup>th</sup> in church recognizing milestones such as students moving from elementary to middle school, high school graduations, acknowledge participants and our teachers. There are plans to have a fun event such as bowling which can accommodate both the older and younger youth at a later date.

**BURTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** on Monday, May 29. Our parish will participate in the parade and we need people to join in the procession & to help fill bags of candy. If you would like to be part of this great opportunity, please contact Stephanie Price at 248-396-3899 as soon as possible. There is also a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. When signing up please note if you want to walk in the procession or would like to ride in a vehicle.

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

**MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE** This year's outing will be held on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Flint Elks Golf Club. There are a number of ways to get involved. If you can sponsor a sign it is highly encouraged. Donating a gift card, gift basket or cash is also needed. Forms are in the fellowship hall.

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE** **Financial report** the parish finances remain stable. Please continue your contributions as you are able, especially as expenses remain constant through the summer. Gleason Accounting has been providing assistance with Quick Books. **Endowment Fund** has increased slightly since January. **Inquirers class** led by Alexander Gonser have been well attended and are advertised in the bulletin, newsletter, email, and on the electronic sign and will be added to our Facebook page and at the visitor sign-in. Alexander is in the Diaconal Vocation Program and is a certified catechist by the Diocese. **Church School** ends on May 14. The children enjoyed the egg hunt. Stephanie Price is putting together some projects for the children to have during the summer months (coloring projects, take home, etc.). Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School is scheduled for Saturday, August 12 led by St George Church. **Fundraisers** Ham dinner on May 7 - proceeds will go toward maintenance. Palm Sunday bake sale proceeds will go towards maintenance. These funds will help with the May 6 church grounds clean-up. Saturday, July 22 bbq cook-off is planned which is also community outreach. **Outreach/Community Events** Saturday, May 20 - family game night. September - plan for a dance (vecherinka). October - community trunk or treat. **Charity ministries** North End Soup Kitchen on Thursday, May 4 prepping lunch beginning at 9 am. Backpacks (backpacks with school supplies for children in need) being looked at for one of the schools in Burton. Plan is to know by May 9 how many backpacks we will do. **Church building and grounds** Saturday, May 6 clean-up. The pavilion needs to be cleaned up and some repairs need to be done. When the weather warms the change-over for the thermostat system will take place, it will be an expensive but worthwhile investment in efficiency of the system. The lamb roasting area needs to be repaired and painted. Plans are in the works for this. The plan is to add a Google calendar that provides reminders for indoor and outdoor maintenance. Looking into fertilizing the parish lawn. Bell tower sanding and painting and repair of the small bell - still being looked into. **Old business** *Burton Memorial Day Parade* is Monday, May 29. We are looking for parishioners to participate. We will meet in the church parking lot. Help is needed to fill bags with candy and cards with our upcoming events that will be tossed out in the parade. Please see Stephanie Price if you would like to help prepare the bags or be in the parade. **Parish Development Forum** sponsored in part by our Diocese, is July 13-15 in Parma, OH. Our parish will be represented by Stephanie Price. Because of the Diocese's sponsorship, expenses of any diocesan parishioners is reimbursed. **Candle Stand** it would be helpful next year to have assign people for the different weeknight services (7 consecutive evenings).

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Tuesday, May 2**

6:30 pm Service for the sick & suffering @ St. Mary Magdalene. Email names [smmocafernton@gmail.com](mailto:smmocafernton@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, May 3**

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

**Thursday, May 4**

9 am North End Soup Kitchen

**Saturday, May 6**

9:30 am Outdoor Spring Cleanup Day - lunch is provided  
[5 pm Vespers - live-streamed](#)

**Sunday, May 7**

**Sunday of the Paralytic**

9:30 am Third & Sixth Hours  
[10 am Divine Liturgy - live-streamed](#)  
Church School - [Ascension](#) [Pentecost](#)  
Trisagion for Bob Edwards (1 yr.)  
Ham Dinner

**Offerings for the week April 23, 2023**

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,956.06
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -1,147.94

57 persons in attendance on April 23