

April 9, 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!**

**ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. PALM SUNDAY.**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication. (*Psalm 114:1*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Because He inclined His ear to me; therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. (*Psalm 114:2*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. (*Psalm 114:3*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the Name of the Lord. (*Psalm 114:4*) **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**

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." (*Psalm 115:1*)  
**O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me? (*Psalm 115:3*) **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord. (*Psalm 115:4*) **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. (*Psalm 115:5*) **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, 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**

**O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!** (*Psalm 117:1*) **Tone 1** By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion, / You confirmed the universal resurrection, O Christ God. / Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death: / "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

**Let the house of Israel say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!** (*Psalm 117:2*) By raising Lazarus..

**Let the house of Aaron say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!** (*Psalm 117:3*) By raising Lazarus..

**Let all those who fear the Lord say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!** (*Psalm 117:4*) By raising Lazarus..

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Upright!

**Priest:** Blessed is He that comes in the name of "Lord"! We bless you from the house of the Lord!  
God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to  
You: Alleluia!

### **TROPARIA**

**Tone 1** By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion, / You confirmed the universal resurrection,  
O Christ God. / Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death: /  
"Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

**Tone 4** When we were buried with You in baptism, O Christ God, / we were made worthy of eternal life by  
your Resurrection. / Now we praise You and sing: / "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in  
the Name of 'Lord'."

### **KONTAKION**

**Tone 6** Sitting on Your throne in Heaven, / carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, / accept the praise of  
angels and the songs of children, who sing:// "Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!"

**The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: Blessed is He that comes in the name of Lord! / God is the Lord and  
has revealed Himself to us!** (*Psalm 117:26b, 27b*)

**v: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!** (*Psalm 117:1*)

**THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS (4:4-9)** Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord  
always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety  
about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made  
known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your  
minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever  
is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of  
praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the  
God of peace will be with you.

**Alleluia, Tone 1**

**v: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!** (*Psalm 97:1*)

**v: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.** (*Psalm 97:5*)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (12:1-18)** Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to  
Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha  
served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard  
and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance  
of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this  
ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the  
poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus  
said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do  
not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on  
account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to  
put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in  
Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So  
they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written,  
"Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not  
understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of  
him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb  
and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they  
heard he had done this sign.

**Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:** God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! / Celebrate the  
feast and come with gladness! / Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, / singing: "Blessed is He  
that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

**COMMUNION HYMN** Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! (*Psalms 117:26b, 27b*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Instead of "We have seen the True Light..." we sing: Tone 1 By raising Lazarus...*

*Procession with palms & pussy-willows after "Blessed be the name of the Lord..."*

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

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

his birthday April 2

Health of Millie & Nick George and George Sredich

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

Mom & Dad

Kris & David George

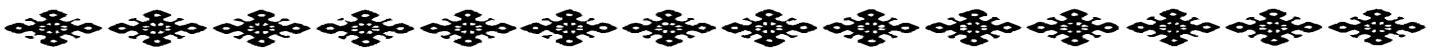
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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Alex, Peter & Eleni

Magda Popoff



**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:** David Houser

**HOURS:** Calvin Conrad

**READER:** Ruth Conrad

**COFFEE SOCIAL** 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** - Palm Sunday - stand in aisle for Great Entrance, procession (shortened class - continue tomb project)

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

**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.

**LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER** At Pascha you may want to let them know you were praying for them with a card or note. If you do not have their contact information, please call the parish office (810) 744-0070 or email [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com)

**FLOWERS FOR PASCHA** Give as you are able to. Please fill out the form & return it to the office.

**ALL PARISHIONERS** Your help will be needed as we get closer to Pascha. Your help will also be needed twice on Great and Holy Friday. After the morning Royal Hours your help will be needed to set up the Tomb of our Lord for Vespers and then decorate it after Vespers. After the Lamentations that evening your help will be needed to change over all the candles from purple to white.

**VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF THE LORD** The Vigil is from Friday, April 14 at 10 pm until Saturday, April 16 at 10 am and then from 1 pm until 10:30 pm. Please email [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) or call the office at 810-744-0070 if you will keep vigil. **If there are no persons to sign up for every slot during the overnight hours, the vigil will take place only before and after services. The signup sheet is in the fellowship hall.**

**YOUTH NEEDED TO ASSIST ON GOOD FRIDAY** to assist Father Matthew during the Vespers Service (3 pm) and at the Lamentations Service (6 pm). As Father removes the image of the body of Christ from the crucifix at Vespers, the children help by holding the winding sheet and covering the icon for Father. At the evening service, the young ladies of the parish (as well as family and friends), are invited to join in by sprinkling the Tomb with rose water during the Lamentations. After, the girls help lead the procession by scattering flower petals before the Tomb and our other young ones are invited to join in by bearing various instruments of the Passion.

**HOLY WEEK & BRIGHT WEEK SCHEDULE** please see the calendar in the newsletter and note that services and times are subject to change. There are also copies in the fellowship hall.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS ON HOLY SATURDAY** There are 15 readings from Scripture as part of the Vespers portion of Vespers and Divine Liturgy on Holy Saturday morning. If you would like to read one of the readings, there is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall. See Father Matthew to receive a copy of your reading to look over in advance.

**PASCHAL VESPERS** It is customary at this service on Pascha morning (Agape Vespers) – April 16 at 11 am - to read the Gospel in various languages. If anyone would like to read the Gospel in a language other than English at this service, please contact the office as soon as possible.

**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.

**CONFESSION** last Confessions before Pascha on Wednesday, April 12 after Holy Unction.

**OFFICE HOURS** this week are Tues, Wed & Thurs 9-3. **The office is closed on Monday & Friday.**

**ALL ABOUT ANIMALS** is a non-profit animal shelter for low-income families. They need towels, blankets, and dog & cat food. Sandy Taylor is collecting donations so see her if you're interested in helping.

**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.**

#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Today** PALM SUNDAY bake sale  
6 pm [Bridegroom Matins - streaming on our YouTube channel](#) *Confessions*

**Monday, April 10** HOLY MONDAY  
9 am [Presanctified Liturgy at St. George](#)  
6 pm [Bridegroom Matins - streaming on our YouTube channel](#) *Confessions*

**Tuesday, April 11** HOLY TUESDAY  
No Adult education class  
9 am [Presanctified Liturgy at St. George](#)  
6 pm [Bridegroom Matins - streaming on our YouTube channel](#) *Confessions*

**Wednesday, April 12** HOLY WEDNESDAY  
9 am [Presanctified Liturgy at St. George](#)  
6 pm [Unction - streaming on our YouTube channel](#) *Last Confessions before Pascha*

**Thursday, April 13** HOLY THURSDAY  
10 am [Vespers with Liturgy of St Basil](#)  
6 pm [Matins of Holy Friday](#)

**Friday, April 14** HOLY FRIDAY - Office Closed  
9 am [Royal Hours](#)  
3 pm [Vespers](#) then decorate the tomb of the Lord  
6 pm [Matins of Holy Saturday](#) with Lamentations

**Saturday, April 15** HOLY SATURDAY  
10 am [Vespers with Liturgy of St Basil](#) followed by simple blessing of Paschal foods  
10:30 pm [Nocturns](#)  
11 pm [Procession/Matins/Divine Liturgy](#)

**Sunday, April 16** PASCHA  
10:45 am [Paschal Hours](#)  
11 am [Vespers](#) w/reading of the Gospel in various languages

Church School - no class

Offerings for the week April 2, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 14,600.29
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ 11,496.29

93 persons in attendance on April 2