# August 13, 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!** 

<u>SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023</u> 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Leavetaking of the Transfiguration.). Martyr Hippolytus of Rome and those with him: Martyr Pontian, Concordia, Irenæus, and Abundius (258). St. Tikhon, Bishop of Vorónezh, Wonderworker of Zadónsk and All Russia (1783). Translation of the Relics of St. Maximus the Confessor (662). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Maxim of Moscow, Fool-for-Christ (ca. 1547The Icon "PASSION" 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!** 

The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; Your lightning lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook. (*Psalm 76:17-18*)

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

You are clothed with honor and majesty, who cover Yourself with light as with a garment. (*Psalm 103:2*) **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**

Mount Sion, in the far north, the city of the Great King! (*Psalm 47:2*) **O Son of God transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You:** Alleluia!

And He brought them to the mountain of His sanctuary, this mountain which His right hand had won! (*Psalm 77:58*) **O Son of God transfigured on the mountain, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!** 

The Mount Sion which He loved, He built as His sanctuary with mighty strength. (*Psalm 77:73-74*) **O Son of God transfigured on the mountain, 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 was 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

**Those who trust in the Lord — like Mount Sion, will not be shaken to the age.** (*Psalm 124:1*) **Tone 7** You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You!

Mountains — around her, and the Lord around his people from now and until the age. You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God...

Lord, who will dwell beside you in your tabernacle? Or who will tabernacle in your holy mountain? (*Psalm 14:1*) You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God...

Who will up to the mountain of the Lord? Or who will stand in his holy place? (*Psalm 23:3*) You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God...

## THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Deacon: Wisdom! Upright!

Priest: Tabor and Hermon will rejoice in your name. (Psalm 88:11) O Son of God risen from the dead, save us

who sing to You: Alleluia!

## **TROPARIA**

**Tone 1** When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom!// Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

**Tone 7** You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You!

**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 7** On the mountain You were transfigured, O Christ God, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold You crucified, they would understand that Your suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world that You are truly the Radiance of the Father!

The prokeimenon in the fourth tone: O Lord, how manifold are Your works; / in wisdom have You made them all. (Psalm 103:26)

v. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Lord my God, you magnified yourself greatly. (Psalm 103:1)

# THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (4:9-

16) Brethren: I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the offscouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Alleluia, Tone 8

- v. Yours are the heavens, and yours is the earth. (Psalm 88:11a)
- v. Happy the people who knows a great shout. (Psalm 88:14)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (17:14-23) At that time a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed.

#### **HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS**

Magnify, O my soul, the Lord Who was transfigured on Mount Tabor! Your childbearing was without corruption; God came forth from your body clothed in flesh, and appeared on earth and dwelt among men.// Therefore we all magnify you, O Theotokos.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

O Lord, we will walk in the light of Your countenance, and will exult in Your Name forever. (*Psalm 88:15*) Alleluia! Alleluia!

<u>INSTEAD OF "We have seen the true Light…"</u>Tone 7 You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Your glory to Your disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Your everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You!



# CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Health & blessings for my family

Lucy Hogg

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 Joe Tome
Special Intention Joe Tome

#### CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Anna Rabkina Zubovich (40 days – August 13)

Leonid & Kira Rabkin

The Georgopoulos family

Mary Batzos

<u>WELCOME</u> to all our friends and visitors and those joining us via our YouTube channel: <u>St Nicholas</u> <u>Orthodox Church Burton.</u> If at the time of the divine services you cannot access the livestream, please check out <u>St. Mary Magdalene Church</u>, <u>St George Church</u> or <u>Dormition Monastery.</u>

<u>RELIC OF SAINT PONTIAN</u> on the tetrapod is an icon and a relic of the martyred bishop of Rome, Saint Pontian (Greek: Pontianós) who died for Christ shortly after 235 A.D. Through the prayers of the holy hieromartyr Pontian, Christ God, have mercy on us!

Aug 13 CANDLESTAND: Dennis GoodmanHOURS: Alexander GonserREADER: Alexander GonserAug 20 CANDLESTAND: Susie FordHOURS: No HoursREADER: Angelo Panoff

<u>COFFEE SOCIAL</u> Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Coffee social today is donated in memory of Anna Rabkina Zubovich given by Kira Rabkina. 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**

<u>INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS</u> 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.

<u>CHURCH SCHOOL</u> a meeting for teachers will be held on Sunday, August 27 after Liturgy.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Financials - Please continue to make your stewardship offerings, especially in the summer when many are travelling. God bless everyone who is making the stewardship offerings of time, talent, and treasure. *Endowment fund -* no report. *Rector's report -* Metropolitan Tikhon will attend the Diocesan Conference October 7 & 8 at St Nicholas Cathedral, Fort Wayne, IN. Church will cover costs for inquirers' class books. Alexander Gonser has graduated the diaconal vocational program with Father Silviu Bunta and Father Bogdan Bucur. Youth Ministry/Church School - backpacks will be ordered for needy children in Atherton Schools. Vacation Church School was Saturday, August 12 at St George Church beginning at 10 am concluding with Vespers at 5 pm. Teachers' meeting on Sunday, August 27. Curriculum is set for 2023-2024 school year, classes begin September 17. Fundraising - Picnic 101 dinner tickets purchased as of August 10. Five lambs have been ordered. Liturgy will be broadcast on Facebook live. Car show August 27 at 3 pm in the parking lot, sloppy joes, no admission, free-will offering. Rib dinner Sunday, September 10 - kick-off for Church School. Children's dinners are free. <u>Dance</u> Saturday, September 23 music, pizza, dessert, and pop, \$10 per person, children 12 and under - free, 6 to 11 pm. Charity ministries Thursday, September 7 at 9:30 am North End Soup Kitchen. Building and grounds The cry room needs a new air conditioner (it was not replaced with the ones in church) and a speaker to link in the sound system. The light bulbs in church - the same bulbs are not available so a suitable replacement will be found. Repair on the women's bathroom. The filters on the air conditioning units in church need to be cleaned. Seminarian envelopes we cannot add them for 2024 as they have already been ordered. In 2024 once a month pass the plate for the seminarian fund. Parish meeting for elections - Sunday, November 5.

SHRINE FEAST OUTDOOR LITURGY & PARISH PICNIC Sunday, August 20. The menu for lunch is lamb/chicken, rice, coleslaw, vegetable, & bread. Please bring a dessert to pass. Tickets are \$18 adult & \$9 children. Please purchase them from Sharon Jernigan by August 13 to ensure there is enough food for everyone. Volunteers are needed Saturday, August 19 at 10 am (sign-up sheet is in parish hall) and after Vespers to set up the pavilion for the Liturgy! Volunteers are needed to break-down the pavilion after Liturgy on Sunday! Please consider donating the cost of a whole lamb or making a partial donation.

<u>CAR SHOW</u> Sunday, August 27 at 3 pm in the church parking lot. No admission fee. Sloppy Joes will be served-free will offering.



RIB DINNER Sunday, September 10th for a kick-off for Church School. More details to come.

<u>ETHNIC DANCE</u> Saturday, September 23 at 6 pm at St. Nicholas. Come and enjoy an evening of dancing & fellowship. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$10 per person; children under 12 are free. Pizza & pop will be provided.

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

#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

Today Moleben to the Mother of God at her shrine

Baby Shower for Annie Bailey at 12 noon in the fellowship hall. Please see the invitation

<u>here.</u>

#### Monday, August 14

6 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers at Assumption

6 pm Vigil of the feast with Lamentations at Dormition Monastery

# Tuesday, August 15 DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

9 am Orthros at Assumption

10 am Divine Liturgy at Assumption

#### DORMITION MONASTERY

9 am Akathist, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Hours, procession

10 am Pontifical Liturgy - guest of honor: Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest

Archbishop Alexander will also serve at the Liturgy

2:30 pm Mystery of Holy Unction

5:30 pm Vespers 6:30 pm Supper

# Wednesday, August 16 Icon of our Lord Not Made By Hands

9:30 am Divine Liturgy

# Saturday, August 19

10 am Set-up for Shrine Feast

5 pm Vespers

Confessions

Set-up for outdoor Liturgy

# Sunday, August 20 Shrine Feast/Picnic

8 am finish set-up for outdoor Liturgy

No Hours

9:45 am Procession

10 am Divine Liturgy – live- streamed on FACEBOOK

#### Offerings for the week August 6, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 3,609.69
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
= -	\$ 505.69

68 persons in attendance on August 6