

July 2, 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, JULY 2, 2023 4th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. The Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most-holy Mother of God at Blachernæ (5th c.). St. Photius, Metropolitan of Kiev (1431). St. Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem (ca. 458). St. John [Maximovitch] (20th c.).

TROPARIA

Tone 3 Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

Tone 8 Ever-Virgin Theotokos, protectress of mankind, you have given your people a powerful legacy: the robe and sash of your most honored body, which remained incorrupt throughout your seedless childbearing; for through you time and nature are renewed!// Therefore we implore you: "Grant peace to your people and to our souls great mercy!"

Tone 4 In truth you were revealed to you 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 4 O Pure One, full of the grace of God, / you have given your sacred robe as a garment of incorruption to all the faithful, / with it you covered your holy body, O divine protection of all mankind. / We celebrate its enshrinement in Blachernae with love and we cry aloud with awe: / "Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of Christians."

The prokeimenon in the third tone: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
(Luke 1:46-47)

v. For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. (Luke 1:48)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (9:1-7) Brethren: even the first testament had ordinances of divine service and the earthly tabernacle. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the Holies; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, which had the golden censer and the ark of the testament overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the testament; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.

Alleluia, Tone 3

v. In You, O Lord, I hoped, let me not be put to shame to the age. (Psalm 30:1)

v. Become for me a God who shields, and a house of refuge to save me. (Psalm 30:3)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (8:5-13) At that time as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

COMMUNION HYMN Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (*Psalm 147:1*)

The holy Gospel according to Luke 24:1-12 (4th Matins Gospel)

Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' And they remembered His words. Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

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

Don Ethington, Walt Borkovich, Dan George, Bogdan & Radé Beslac, Stojan Prusac, John, Rose & Joe Goodman, Marko Vuckovich, John Zelenko and Dino Ragone

Kris George & family



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: Dave Houser

HOURS: Calvin Conrad

READER: Katherine Gonser

COFFEE SOCIAL and the mercy meal is provided today by Mira Prusac & the Beslac family in memory of Stojan Prusac (1 yr.). 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

ADULT EDUCATION will resume in September.

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.



PAN ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME is July 9th at 3 pm at St. Pius. There is a signup sheet in the parish hall. Please indicate if you're playing or just attending-everyone is welcome. Come and cheer on the teams!

BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES for students in need in Burton will be purchased with donations collected in the Charity Plate. \$797 was collected. Thank you for your generous donations.

CANDLE STAND volunteers are still welcome for Sundays, feasts, baptisms, weddings, and funerals. See Susie Ford or call/email her at 810-407-3016 or susie4ord@yahoo.com. **If you are on the schedule, please look at each month's newsletter as the schedule may have changed since the previous publication.**

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 and will be available July 9. Please purchase them from Sharon Jernigan by August 13 to ensure there is enough food for everyone. Volunteers are needed Saturday, August 19 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.**

NEWSletter Please read your newsletter to stay up to date on what's happening in our parish & with the Pan-Orthodox services and events. Contact the office at (810) 744-0070 if you haven't received it.

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

EMERGENCY CONTACTS While Father Matthew is out of town July 3 to July 6, please contact **only for emergencies** Father Gabriel Bilas (St Mary Magdalene 810-750-1401), Father Peter Bistolarides (Assumption 810-771-4611), or Father Joe Abud (St George 810-732-0720).

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, July 5

No Liturgy or Adult ed class

Thursday, July 6

9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen



Saturday, July 8

5 pm Vespers - live- streamed Confessions

Sunday, July 9

9:30 am Hours

10 am Divine Liturgy - live- streamed

3 pm pan-Orthodox softball game at St Pius X ball field 3139 Hogarth Ave, Flint

Offerings for the week June 25, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,865.58
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -1,238.42

56 persons in attendance on June 25