

July 30, 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!**

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7. Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the Seventy, and those with them: Crescens, Epenetus, and Andronicus (1st c.). Martyr John the soldier at Constantinople. Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Herman of Solovétsky Monastery (1484). Hieromartyr Polychronius, Bishop of Babylon, and Martyrs Parmenius, Helimenas, and Chrysotelus – Presbyters, Luke and Moscius – Deacons, and Abdon, Sennen, Maximus and Olympius (ca. 251). Hieromartyr Valentine, Bishop of Interamna (Terni) in Italy, and Martyrs Proculus, Ephebus, Apollonius and Abundius, youths (ca. 273).

TROPARIA

Tone 7 By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen,//granting the world great mercy.

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 seventh tone: The Lord shall give strength to His people./ The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (Psalm 28:11)

v. Bring to the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord sons of rams. (Psalm 28:1a)

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE

CORINTHIANS (1:10-18) Brethren: I plead with you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Alleluia, Tone 7

v. It is good to confess to the Lord, to chant to your name, O Most High. (Psalm 91:1)

v. So that to proclaim your mercy in the morning and your truth through the night. (Psalm 91:2a)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (14:14-22) At that time, as Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! *(Psalm 148:1)*

The holy Gospel according to John 20:11-18 (8th Matins Gospel)

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Ian Price for his health and blessings on his 50th birthday, love
Health of Dave, Barb & Joshua Vuckovich

Stephanie, Katelyn & Alexandra
Gonser family

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

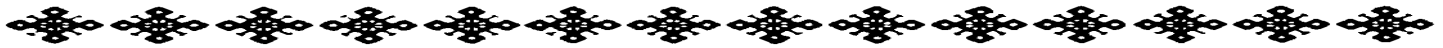
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Special Intention

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

My father Milton, my mother Violet & my sister JoAnn

Bill Economou



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](#).

July 30 - CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford **HOURS:** Calvin Conrad **READER:** Phil Wiles

August 6 - CANDLESTAND: Dave Houser **HOURS:** Phil Wiles **READER:** Alexander Gonser

CHOIR Our choir is looking for singers to fill out the voices during the divine services. Please see Reader J. Joseph Tome, our choir director, if you would like to join in lifting up your voice to the Lord in song at Vespers or Liturgy.

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

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. **No class Sunday, July 30.**

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 are available.** 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 (signup sheet is in the parish hall) and after Vespers to set up the pavilion for the Liturgy! Volunteers are also needed to break-down the pavilion after Liturgy on Sunday! **Please consider donating the cost of a whole lamb or making a partial donation.**

PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL is on Saturday, August 12 at Saint George Church. A wonderful day is planned for our children to experience and learn about God, his Church, and our life in Christ. Please see the [flier](#) and [registration form](#). Please fill out one registration form per child. **There is also online registration at this link: <https://forms.gle/kMJdsSWvQU7Kr9ox8>.** Registration deadline is July 30.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY AWARENESS is Sunday, July 30 in all Orthodox parishes of North America. Deacon Luke and Susie Ford are involved in this ministry from our parish.

The Bishops of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops have blessed the Sunday after the feast of St. Silas (the patron of prison ministry) to be Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday in all US Orthodox parishes. The Holy Orthodox Church, through OCPM, offers both hope and healing to those living in such darkness. They correspond and provide resources with prisoners & their families as well as training Orthodox priests & laypersons. Please remember "these the least of my brethren" by assisting OCPM with this vital ministry, not forgetting that "the very essence of the person is the image of God, and this remains in him despite every disfigurement" (St. John of Kronstadt). Please give generously to this ministry.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN PRISON MINISTRY

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DORMITION FAST begins on August 1 and continues to August 14. As is the custom at our parish, the Moleben to the Mother of God will be served in her shrine on Sundays after Liturgy beginning on August 6 and continuing to August 13. Take the time to come before her icon at the shrine and ask her intercession for your and your family's needs.

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ON August 6 celebrates Messiah Jesus' transfiguration on Mount Tabor before Peter, James, and John who saw Moses and Elias (Elijah) speaking with the Lord. This occurred forty days before the Lord's crucifixion. On our Church calendar the feast is celebrated forty days before the elevation of the Lord's cross (September 14), The Dormition fast is relaxed on this feast so that we are permitted to have fish, wine, and olive oil. On Saturday, August 5 the Orthodox churches of Genesee County will begin the celebration of the feast with 5 pm Great Vespers at St. Mary Magdalene Church. **On Sunday, August 6 please bring fruit to be blessed at the Liturgy here at St Nicholas Church.**

EMERGENCY CONTACTS While Father Matthew is out of town July 31 to August 9. Please contact **only for emergencies** Father Peter Bistolarides (from July 31 to August 9 - Assumption 810-771-4611), Father Gabriel Bilas (from August 4 to August 9 - St Mary Magdalene 810-750-1401) or Father Joe Abud (from August 1 to August 9 - St George 810-732-0720).

OFFICE HOURS *THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 31-AUGUST 6.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Monday, July 31 *Fr. Matthew in Toledo*

Tuesday, August 1 **DORMITION FAST BEGINS** *Fr. Matthew in Toledo*

Wed., August 2 No Divine Liturgy

Thursday, August 3 9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, August 5

5 pm [Pan-Orthodox Vespers at St. Mary Magdalene](#)

Sunday, August 6 **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

9:30 am Hours

10 am [Divine Liturgy - live-streamed](#) blessing of fruit (please bring fruit to bless)

Moleben to the Mother of God at the shrine

Offerings for the week July 23, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 1,357.72
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -1,746.28

62 persons in attendance on July 23