

June 18, 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, JUNE 18, 2023 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1. ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA. **Martyr Leontius, and with him Martyrs Hypatius and Theodulus, at Tripoli in Syria (70-79). Ven. Leonty, Canonarch, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 14th c.). Ven. Leonty the Hagiorite (1605). "Bogolyubov" Icon of the Mother of God (1157).**

**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 8** As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. / By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace // through the Theotokos, O most Merciful 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 6** Protection of Christians never failing, Mediatrix before the Creator, ever constant. Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, interceding always for those honor you.

*The prokeimenon in the first tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on You. (Psalm 32:22)*

*v. Rejoice, O righteous ones, in the Lord. To the upright is due praise. (Psalm 32:1)*

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (2:10-16)**

*Brethren:* glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the

work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

### **Alleluia, Tone 1**

*v: God who gives me vengeance and subdues peoples to me. (Psalm 17:48)*

*v: Magnifying the salvations of the king, and making mercy to his anointed, to David and to his seed to the age. (Psalm 17:51)*

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (4:18-23)**

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

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

### **ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA**

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous.

Saint Herman of Alaska (December 13, August 9), was a member of the first mission of Orthodox monks from Russia to Alaska and fell asleep in the Lord in 1837. The Martyr Juvenal was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, Saint Peter was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Missionary efforts continued in the nineteenth century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were Saint Innocent Veniaminov (March 31 and October 6) and Saint Jacob Netsvetov (July 26), who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages.

As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, an event of enormous significance for the North American Church took place. On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive Saint Alexis Toth (May 7) and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church. Saint Tikhon (Belavin), the future Patriarch of Moscow (April 7, October 9), came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, Saint Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock. He realized that the local church here could not be a permanent extension of the Russian Church. Therefore, he focused his efforts on giving the American Church a diocesan and parish structure which would help it mature and grow. Saint Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and was elected as Patriarch of Moscow ten years later and reposed in 1925.

Saint Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27) was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. He was consecrated by Bishop Tikhon and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) at Saint Nicholas

Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, Saint Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to Saint Tikhon in his archpastoral ministry. Saint Raphael reposed on February 27, 1915.

In the twentieth century, in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution, countless men, women, and children received the crown of martyrdom rather than renounce Christ. Saints John Kochurov (October 31) and Alexander Hotovitzky (December 4 and August 7) both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. Saint John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in Saint Petersburg. Saint Alexander Hotovitzky, who served in America until 1914, was killed in 1937.

In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness. [oca.org](http://oca.org)

### **The Holy Gospel according to Mark 16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)**

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away - for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is 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 into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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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

Special Intention

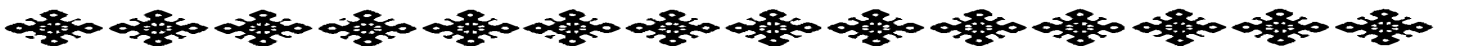
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#### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE**

Paul Želevarovski

Freida Owens



**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:** Susie Ford      **HOURS:** Alexander Gonser      **READER:** Phil Wiles

**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

ADULT EDUCATION Wednesday at 11:15.

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.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE LECTURE SERIES continues, online and in person, June 21 & 27 @ 6 pm. "The Acts After Acts" that will follow the lives of the apostles after the book of Acts until their deaths. Sign up can be done through St Mary's parish office or link <http://www.st-marymagdalene.org/adult-education> Please reach out to Fr. Gabriel ([frgabrielsmm@gmail.com](mailto:frgabrielsmm@gmail.com)) or Protodeacon Mike with any questions.

BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES for students in need in Burton will be purchased with donations collected in the Charity Plate through the end of June.

PAN ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME is July 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at St. Pius X ballfield. There is a signup sheet in the parish hall. \*\*Please indicate if you are playing or just attending. Come and cheer on the teams!

GOD BLESS everyone who helped make Archbishop Alexander's visit last weekend such a joyous and memorable time - from food preparation to hospitality to singing and serving and being at the divine services - he enjoyed his visit. You may see the article about Reader J. Joseph Tome receiving the Order of Saint Romanos [here](#) and photos on our parish [Facebook page here](#). Please like and share!

PROSFORA bread for the Divine Liturgy is needed. If you can make some, please bring it to church during office hours or at the divine services. God bless you!

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9-3

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Chris Taylor was sworn in to the parish council. *Endowment fund* was up in April and down in May. *Rector's report* - Archbishop Alexander visited the weekend of June 10-11 to invest Reader J. Joseph Tome with the Order of Saint Romanos and present Protodeacon Luke Gonser with the kamilavka. It was a joyous celebration and weekend. Orthodox Women's Retreat at Dormition Monastery on July 22. Volunteers are still welcome for the candle stand for Sundays, feasts, baptisms, weddings, and funerals. *Youth ministry/Church School* - August 12 is pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School at St George Church. Michelle Gerzevske is our parish contact person for the VCS. In July a planning meeting for the Church school year 2023-2024 will take place. *Fundraising* - outdoor Liturgy and picnic on August 20, car show on Sunday, August 27 (please see Deacon Luke for more information). Will be added to the electronic sign. The brunch from Sunday, June 11 brought in \$514 in free-will offerings. Outdoor Liturgy and picnic on Sunday, August 20 - lamb and chicken, sell tickets. **Please consider donating the cost of a whole lamb or making a partial donation.** *Charity ministries* - North End Soup Kitchen is Thursday, July 6 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. We've brought in approximately \$100 towards backpacks for children in need in Atherton school district. The charity plate will be passed for the remainder of June for this charity support. Backpacks cost approximately \$25 each. *Church building and grounds* - Tim Wiles trenched for the wiring to the garage and did the backfill. Cost the wiring was \$1,200 rather than \$500. Some repair was done on the bathrooms. Thanks to everyone doing the yardwork at church - the grounds look beautiful. Terry Lyons

will do the painting of the bell tower in July. The dome also will need to be done. Seams on the dome will need to be re-sealed. **Old business** - Dance (vecherinka) on Saturday, September 23 - music, need help with set-up and break-down, refreshments (pizza and pop). \$10 per person. Upcoming social events will be added to the church website. **New business** - perhaps look into having the icon of our Lord restored to be placed on the cross in the cemetery and have the cross at the cemetery repainted through Eikona Studios which has done work for us previously.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, June 19** *Fr. in Toledo*  
Macedonian Golf Open at Flint Elks Club



**Wednesday, June 21**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy – served by Fr Michael Bassett and  
11:15 am Adult ed class

**Saturday, June 24** **Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
10 am Divine Liturgy  
**5 pm** **Vespers - live- streamed** *Confessions*  
6 pm 40 day Parastas for Feodosiy Sivergin, father of Irina Sivergina

**Sunday, June 25**  
9:30 am Hours  
**10 am** **Divine Liturgy - live- streamed**

**Offerings for the week June 11, 2023**

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,603.10
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	<b>\$ -1,500.90</b>

83 persons in attendance on June 11