

June 25, 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, JUNE 25, 2023** 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2. Saint Theólēptos, Metropolitan of Philadelphia (1325). Virgin Martyr Febronia of Nisibis (ca. 304). Ss. Peter and Fevronia (tonsured David and Euphrosynē), Wonderworkers of Múrom (1228). St. Dionysios, the builder of Prodromou Monastery on Mt. Athos (1375). Ven. Dometius of Dionysiou (1405). Monastic Martyr Procopius of Ivéron. St. Moloug of Lismore (530).

**TROPARIA**

**Tone 2** When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You slew hell with the splendor of Your Godhead! And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life! Christ our God! Glory to You!

**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 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 second tone: The Lord is my strength and my song; / He has become my salvation. (Psalm 117:14)*

*v. The Lord chastising chastised me, and did not give me over to death. (Psalm 117:18)*

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS (5:1-10)** Brethren: since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

*Alleluia, Tone 2*

*v: The Lord hear you in the day of affliction, the name of the God of Jacob shield you. (Psalm 19:1)*

*v: Lord, save the king and hear us, on whichever day we call upon you. (Psalm 19:9)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (6:22-33)** At that time Jesus taught the people who had come to Him saying: "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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

**The holy Gospel according to Mark 16: 9-20 (3rd Matins Gospel)** Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

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

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey & Irina

Irina Sivergina

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**

Ivan & Evdokia Ponomarenko

Lucy Hogg

Adelaïda & Feodosiy

Irina Sivergina

Kum Stojan (1 yr.)

Kuma Bosa



**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:** Dennis Jernigan

**HOURS:** Lucy Hogg

**READER:** Katherine Gonser

**COFFEE SOCIAL** is provided today by Mira Prusac & the Beslach family in memory of Stojan Prusac. 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** next meets 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 through the end of June.

**SUMMER PAN-ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB**

Our first book will be *The Way Of The Ascetics* by Tito Colliander. You can get it at [Amazon](#) or the book seller of your choice. This is a nice book with short chapters and about 100 pages long . We will meet monthly so this will be a two session book (you read on your own and we meet once a month, live and possibly via zoom). **First (live) discussion:**

- Tentatively - Monday June 26 at 6 pm at St. George Church (we are looking at some other options including morning and zoom in addition to the live)

If you are interested contact Fr. Michael Bassett / St. George Church at [frdnmike@gmail.com](mailto:frdnmike@gmail.com) or at 989-627-9580.

**MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE** Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Golf Scramble, especially to the committee members: Chris Nedanis, Angelo Panoff, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, Peter & Marilyn Branoff, Phil Bakousidis and George Branoff.

**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](mailto: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.**

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**, the chief apostles, are honored universally on June 29. Presently we are in the fast in preparation for their feastday. Both were martyred in Rome and their relics are there - Saint Peter's at St Peter Basilica and Saint Paul's at Saint Paul Basilica Outside the Walls. **Come and honor the two great apostles at the pan-Orthodox Vespers and Liturgy on Wednesday, June 28 at 6 pm at our church.**

**AXIOS! WORTHY! FATHER ESTEBAN VÁZQUEZ**, a son of Saint Nicholas Church, will celebrate his 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on Monday, June 26. He will be awarded the gold cross by Archbishop Daniel on that day at the holy Liturgy at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago. The gold cross he will receive is the one our parish gave to Father Matthew in 2007 and that he is now handing to Father Esteban as a remembrance from our parish of Saint Nicholas. Father Matthew plans to serve at the Liturgy that day in Chicago.

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, June 26** *Fr. in Chicago for Fr. Esteban's receiving the gold cross*

**Tuesday, June 27** *Fr. in Toledo*

**Wednesday, June 28**

No morning Liturgy  
No adult education class *Please note this change*  
**6 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Liturgy at our church for SS PETER & PAUL**  
*Please fast from after 12 noon for receiving holy Communion*

**Saturday, July 1**

**5 pm Vespers - live-streamed** *Confessions*

**Sunday, July 2**

9:30 am Hours  
**10 am Divine Liturgy - live-streamed**  
Trisagion for Stojan Prusac - 1 yr. followed by mercy meal

**Offerings for the week June 18, 2023**

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| Weekly Offerings                  | \$ 2,074.42         |
| Estimated Average Weekly Expenses | \$ 3,104.00         |
|                                   | <b>\$ -1,029.58</b> |

*76 persons in attendance on June 18*