

March 3, 2024

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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON — Tone 6. Martyr Eutropius of Amasea, and with him Martyrs Cleonicus and Basiliscus (ca. 308). Saint Piamoun (337). Ss. Zenon and Zoilus.

TROPARIA

Tone 6 The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You captured hell, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, 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 3 I have recklessly forgotten Your glory, O Father; and among sinners I have scattered the riches which You had given me. Therefore I cry to You like the Prodigal: / “I have sinned before You, O compassionate Father; / receive me a penitent, and make me as one of Your hired servants!”

***The prokeimenon in the sixth tone: O Lord, save Your people / and bless Your inheritance!* (Psalm 27:9a)**

v. To you, O Lord, I cried, O my God, do not keep silent from me. (Psalm 27:1a)

THE READING FROM THE FIRST EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (6:12-20) Brethren, all things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For “the two,” He says, “shall become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Alleluia, Tone 6

v: The one who dwells in the help of the Most High, in the shelter of the God of heaven will be abiding. (Psalm 90:1)

v: He will say to the Lord, You are the one who takes hold of me and my refuge, my God, and I will hope in him. (Psalm 90:2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (15:11-32) At that time Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

COMMUNION HYMN

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

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON Through the parable of today's Gospel, our Saviour has set forth three things for us: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The divine Fathers have put this reading the week after the parable of the Publican and Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own wretched condition -- inasmuch as we are sunken in sin, far from God and His Mysteries -- we might at last come to our senses and make haste to return to Him by repentance during these holy days of the Fast. Furthermore, those who have wrought many great iniquities, and have persisted in them for a long time, oftentimes fall into despair, thinking that there can no longer be any forgiveness for them; and so being without hope, they fall every day into the same and even worse iniquities. Therefore, the divine Fathers, that they might root out the passion of despair from the hearts of such people, and rouse them to the deeds of virtue, have set the present parable at the forecourts of the Fast, to show them the surpassing goodness of God's compassion, and to teach them that there is no sin -- no matter how great it may be -- that can overcome at any time His love for man. From goarch.org

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

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| Health & blessings for Les Ford | Akkerman family |
| God's blessings for our granddaughter Avery Panoff on her birthday Feb. 23 & on her engagement | Baba & Dedo |
| God bless the birth of my great grandson Jaxon & his parents, Lauren & sister Deklyn | Connie |
| Nick, Chris, Heather, Raegan, Nadja, Sean, Auden, Teri, Jeremy, Hayden, Cathy, George & my cousins in Ukraine | Lucy Hogg |
| Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, Vlada, Kirill, Lev & Irina | Irina Sivergina |
| Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Les, 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 INTENENTION FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

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| Dorothy Goodman (1 yr. Feb. 27) | Ralph, Debbie, Joe & Sarah |
| Adelaïda, Feodosiy, Vitaliy, Galina & Vasiliy | Irina Sivergina |

Dorothy Goodman
Blessed Repose for Dorothy Goodman (1 yr.)

Christine, Jerry, Josh & Jenn
Angelo & Christine

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Bogdan Beslach (12 yrs.)

Janja Beslach



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](#).

Mar 3 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Phil Wiles

READER: Alexander Gonser

Mar 10 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman

HOURS: Alexander Gonser

READER: Angelo Panoff

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by Connie Maxim in memory of Nick Maxim (5 yrs.). 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 Reader Alexander Gonser after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

ADULT EDUCATION classes are on Wednesday at 11:15 am. We are continuing with [Psalms and the Life of Faith](#) by Elder Aimilianos looking at twelve of the one hundred and fifty Psalms.

CHURCH SCHOOL Lesson - [Philemon - Slave or Brother?](#)

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on March 7 from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

MEMORIAL SATURDAY / SOULS' SATURDAY March 9 which we will observe with 10 am Divine Liturgy followed by a Trisagion for the fallen asleep. We pray for the dead because it is handed on to us from the Scriptures. As members of the Church, the Body of Christ, we are exhorted to pray for one another (James 5:16). Whether we live or die, "we belong to the Lord" (Romans 14:8). For we are "members of His Body, of His flesh and of His bones" (Ephesians 5:30). The Church is "the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God". As such, she includes "tens of thousands of angels" and "the spirits of righteous people completed (in death)" as well as those of us alive on earth (Hebrews 12:22-24). Death does not end our membership in the Body of Christ. For neither "death nor life [...] will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39). We remember that God "is not the God of the dead, but of the living - for all are alive to Him" (Luke 20:38). Therefore, we pray for both the living and for the "dead in Christ" (1 Thessalonians 4:16). **In the March newsletter there is a remembrance sheet for 2024 for you to put the first names of those you want to be remembered at the Souls Saturdays throughout the year. Extra copies are at the candlestand. Please submit your remembrance sheet as soon as possible**



MEATFARE DANCE March 9 from 6 pm - 9 pm. A DJ will be playing cd's. The cost is \$10/under 10 free. There will be a freewill offering for food. All ages are welcome! Please join us for an evening of fun, dancing, fellowship & food.



MEATFARE SUNDAY is March 10. The menu is lamb, chicken, rice, coleslaw & a vegetable. The cost is \$18 per adult and children are free. Please see Sharon Jernigan for tickets. There is a signup sheet in the parish hall for those who can help with serving, cleanup & bringing desserts.

PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT on Saturday, April 6 at St Mary Magdalene Church welcoming Father Andrew Stephen Damick of the Lord of Spirits podcast at Ancient Faith. Register and see more information [here](#). There is also a signup sheet in the parish hall. Please take the time during the great forty days' fast to be spiritually renewed through our annual pan-Orthodox retreat. Livestreaming will be available for those who register. **The deadline to register is Friday, March 29 at 3 pm.**

GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY Go to our website www.saintnicholasburton.org and click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#); this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). *Please consider adding the extra fee we are charged to your donation. If you do not wish to donate online, you may write a check to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church and send it to the parish address: 2143 S Center Rd, Burton, MI 48519.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP ENVELOPES in the bulletin is to support parish seminarians, those training to become catechists, and kiosk expense for theological materials for inquirers. Please be generous!

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Trisagion for Nicholas Maxim after the Ambon Prayer

Monday, March 4

am Communion calls
pm Fr leaves for Toledo and returns Tuesday

Wednesday, March 6

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult education

Thursday, March 7

9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen

Saturday, March 9 Soul's Saturday - Meatfare Saturday

10 am Liturgy with Trisagion
5 pm **Vespers - live-streamed** Confessions
6 pm-9 pm Meatfare Dance

Sunday, March 10 Meatfare Sunday

9:30 am **Hours & 10 am Divine Liturgy - live-streamed**
Church School - **Hebrews - Angels**
Meatfare dinner

Offerings for the week February 25, 2024

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| Weekly Offerings | \$ 2,336.72 |
| Estimated Average Weekly Expenses | \$ 4,100.00 |
| | \$ -1,763.28 |

72 persons in attendance on February 25