

May 7, 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, MAY 7, 2023 4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 3. Paralytic. Repose of St. Alexis Toth, Confessor and Defender of Orthodoxy in America (1909). Commemoration of the Appearance of the Sign of the Precious Cross over Jerusalem in 351 AD. Martyr Acacius the Centurion at Byzantium (303). Repose of Ven. Nilus, Abbot of Sora (1508). St. John of Zaden in Georgia, and 12 disciples: Ss. Shio, David, Anthony, Thaddæus, Stephen, Isidore, Michael, Pyrrhus, Zeno, Jesse, Joseph, and Abibus (6th c.). Ven. Nilus the Myrrhusher of Lavra (Mt. Athos – 1651). Monastic Martyr Pachomius (Mt. Athos – 1730). The “ZHIROVITSKAYA” Icon of the Mother of God (1470).

FIRST ANTIPHON

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! (*Psalms 65:1*)

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!

(*Psalms 65:1*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your name, O Most High! (*Psalms 65:3*)

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Your countenance upon us and have mercy on us!

(*Psalms 66:1*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations! (*Psalms 66:2*)

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Let the people give thanks to You, O God! Let all the people give thanks to You! (*Psalms 66:3*)

O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation willed to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and were crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face. (*Psalms 67:1*)

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire. (*Psalms 67:2a*) Christ is risen...

So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad. (*Psalms 67:2b-3*) Christ is risen...

This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! (*Psalms 117:24*) Christ is risen...

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 4 O righteous Father Alexis, our heavenly intercessor and teacher, divine adornment of the Church of Christ, entreat the Master of All to strengthen the Orthodox Faith in America, to grant peace to the world// and to our souls 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 8 You descended into the tomb, O Immortal; You destroyed the power of Death. In victory You arose, O Christ God, proclaiming "Rejoice!" to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Your apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

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 ACTS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (9:32-43) *In those days:* as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas, that is Gazelle. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Alleluia, Tone 5

v. Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing to the age, to generation and generation I will declare your truth in my mouth. *(Psalm 88:1)*

v. For you said, To the age mercy will be built, in the heavens your truth will be prepared. *(Psalm 88:2)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (5:1-15) At that time there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

COMMUNION HYMN Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..." Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

Christos voskrese! Voistinnu voskrese! (Slavonic)

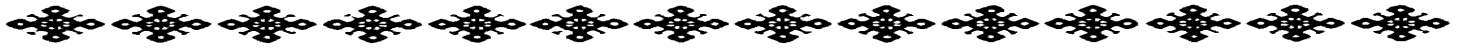
Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! (Greek)

Al Maseeya kam! Hakkan kam! (Arabic)

Hristos vaskrese! Voistinnu vaskrese! (Serbian)

Hristos a înviat! Adeverat a înviat! (Romanian)

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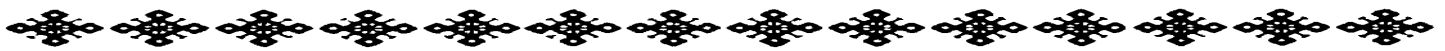


CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Patche and Angelo & Helen Popoff	Magda Popoff
Olena, Ilya, Laska, Vladic & Tamara	Lucy Hogg
Health & blessings for Sydney	Alexandra Price
God's blessings for continued good health to our son Christopher Panoff	Mom & Dad
God's blessings & good health to our grandson James Panoff on his namesday (4/30)	Baba & Dedo
God's blessings for good health to Linda Branoff & Joe Oginsky	Angelo & Christine
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

Alex & Peter Popoff and Eleni Servinis	Magda Popoff
Alex & Peter Popoff	Angelo & Helen Popoff



CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN! 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: Calvin Conrad

READER: Ruth Conrad

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL - [Ascension Pentecost](#)

ADULT EDUCATION will continue reading Fr Silviu Bunta's talks on the Liturgy in [Your Life Will Be Hung Before Your Eyes': Meanings of Our Life in Orthodox Liturgy](#). The book is available for purchase through [Cherubim Press](#).

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.

AXIOS! At its spring session, the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America bestowed upon **Protodeacon Luke (Kerry) Gonser** the right to wear the kamilavka (liturgical head covering). At the same meeting and the Synod also awarded **Reader J. Joseph Tome** the Order of St Romanos. Established by the Holy Synod of Bishops in 2014, the Order is awarded to influential arrangers, composers, teachers and conductors. Past recipients include Archpriest Sergei Glagolev, Archpriest Igor Soroka, Prof. Dr. David Drillock, Walter Shymansky, Archimandrite Roman [Braga], Dr. Vladimir Morosan, Aleksei V. Shipovalnikov, and John Sutko. **Archbishop Alexander** will make a visit to present the Order of St. Romanos. Congratulations to Protodeacon Luke and Reader J. Joseph! Axios! Worthy!

HAM DINNER today. It will be a great time of fellowship & wonderful food. See Sharon Jernigan to purchase tickets, which are \$15. Bring a dessert to pass. Please allow those who reserved tickets to be served first.

CHURCH SCHOOL will finish the academic year on May 14th in church recognizing milestones such as students moving from elementary to middle school, high school graduations, acknowledge participants with certificates and our teachers. There are plans to have a fun event such as bowling which can accommodate both the older and younger youth at a later date.

GRADUATIONS It's that time of year again. If you have anyone in your family that will be graduating from High School or College please let us know so that we may put their name in our June bulletin. We will need the following information no later than May, 17th. **1)** Name of Graduate **2)** School they are graduating from **3)** If they are graduating with honors **4)** Name of the parents and grandparents and **5)** Where they will be attending in the fall if they are a high school graduate.

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

GAME NIGHT May 20 after Vespers. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship, pizza & playing board games. A free will offering will be collected which will be used to sponsor other social activities. Stephanie & Ian Price are hosting the event so you can contact Stephanie at (248) 396-3899 if you have any questions or to R.S.V.P. You don't have to R.S.V.P. but it would be helpful. They will also bring the games but you are welcome to bring your own.

BURTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE on Monday, May 29. Our parish will participate in the parade and we need people to join in the procession & to help fill bags of candy. If you would like to be part of this great opportunity, please contact Stephanie Price at 248-396-3899 as soon as possible. There is also a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. When signing up please note if you want to walk in the procession or would like to ride in a vehicle. We will meet in the church parking lot at 11:45 am on May 29. Seating will be available for those who want to watch on the sidelines.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL will have their next planning meeting on June 5th. We need a representative from St. Nicholas to participate and be the contact person for our parish. Please contact the parish office if you are interested at 810-744-0070.

MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE The Macedonian Open committee & St. Nicholas wants to thank everyone who has already donated money for signs & golf. It is very helpful to get the information for both of these as soon as possible. It keeps us more organized and signs are more expensive for us to print closer to the event, so we need that information as soon as you decide on signs. Money can wait if necessary. Please get gift cards to us as soon as you can also in the amounts of \$20-\$25 (Visa gift cards, Meijer, Dunham's, Gas Cards, Restaurant cards, or any establishment you frequent.) Monetary gifts are always helpful & appreciated. See Christine Panoff if you have any questions or payments for golfers and signs. The cost for dinner only will be announced later. Fliers are available in the fellowship hall and on our website.

ST GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH - Banquet Center Renovation Grand Opening Gala on Friday, May 12 at 7 pm to celebrate the re-opening of their renovated banquet center. Tickets are \$200. Cocktail attire. All funds raised to support the recent renovation. Please call St George Church office at 810-732-0720.

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

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Trisagion for Bob Edwards (1 yr.)
Ham Dinner

Tuesday, May 9

6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 10

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
11:15 am Adult ed class

Saturday, May 13

10 am Slavonic Divine Liturgy
5 pm **Vespers - live-streamed** Confessions

Sunday, May 14

10 am Samaritan Woman
Divine Liturgy - live-streamed
Church School - end of year recognition

Offerings for the week April 30, 2023

Weekly Offerings	\$ 2,876.35
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ - 227.65

76 persons in attendance on April 30