

October 22, 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, OCTOBER 22, 2023 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3. Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Hieropolis (ca. 167). The Holy Seven Youths (“Seven Sleepers”) of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian (Constantine), and Antonius (ca. 250). Martyrs Alexander the Bishop, Heraclius, Anna, Elizabeth, Theodota, and Glyceria (Glykéria), at Adrianopolis (2nd-3rd c.). The “KAZAN” Icon of the Mother of God (commemorating the deliverance of Moscow and Russia from the Poles in 1612.

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 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 third tone: Sing praises to our God, sing praises; / Sing praises to our King, sing praises!* (Psalm 46:6)**

***v. All the nations, clap hands, raise a great shout to God in a voice of rejoicing.* (Psalm 46:1)**

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (1:11-19) Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Alleluia, Tone 3

v. In you, O Lord, I hoped, let me not be put to shame to the age. (Psalm 30:1)

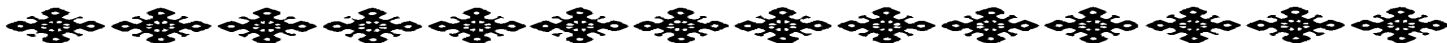
v. Become for me a God who shields, and a house of refuge to save me. (Psalm 30:2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (8:26-39) At that time Jesus arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey & Irina

Irina Sivergina

Chris, Heather & Raegan

Lucy Hogg

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

Adelaïda Feodosiy

Irina Sivergina

Mary Lou Brayan (12 yrs. Oct. 17)

Paul Brayan

Blessed Repose to our grandson Matthew Panoff (4 yrs.)

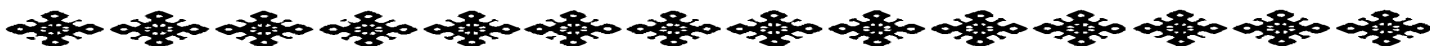
Baba & Dedo

Memory Eternal~Blessed Repose Lewis Elieff (14 yrs. Oct 16)

his family

Mildred George

Nick, David, Don & all their families



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](#).

Oct 22 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Alexander Gonser

READER: Phil Wiles

Oct 29 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Angelo Panoff

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COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by Marc & Karen Ethington in memory of Don Ethington. 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.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER Last week His Eminence Archbishop Alexander was diagnosed with localized prostate cancer. His Eminence plans to undergo surgery (robotic laparoscopic prostatectomy) to remove the prostate gland. The surgery will take place in November. He is expected to make a full recovery. During the months of recuperation that will follow Archbishop Alexander will not travel. Any travel plans scheduled after November 10 are cancelled. His Eminence will attend to the work of the diocese from his residence as he recovers.

The clergy, monastics, and faithful of the diocese are asked to increase their prayers for our Archbishop and Father Alexander.

God grant Archbishop Alexander to continue cutting straight the word of His Truth in peace, safety, honor, health, and length of days.

NOISY OFFERING will be collected the whole month of October and the children will sponsor a child or children from the Angel Tree for Christmas. The offering will be taken during coffee social after class. Please bring your spare change!

PARISH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITOR & LAY DELEGATE on Sunday, November 5. To vote you must have submitted a pledge card & received Confession and Communion within the past year. Only one vote per person: if you fill out an absentee vote please do not fill out a ballot on November 5. The nominees are:

Parish Council (3 year term)
(3 will be elected)

Barry Cavett
Connie Maxim
Ian Price
Stephanie Price (*term expiring*)
Ellyn Serra (*term expiring*)

Auditor (3 year term)
(1 will be elected)

Calvin Conrad (*term ending*)

**Lay Delegate to the
2024 Diocesan Conference**

(1 will be elected)
Susie Ford
Joe Tome
(*top vote-getter is the delegate, next
in votes is the alternate delegate*)

- Absentee ballots are available in the office
- Absentee ballots must be returned by November 3

Soup Luncheon (instead of potluck) to raise funds for the band at the picnic.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by our parish catechist, 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 ED CLASS on Wednesdays at 11:15 am. [*Psalms and the Life of Faith*](#) by Elder Aimilianos looking at twelve of the one hundred and fifty Psalms.

CHURCH SCHOOL Lesson - [Ordination](#)

KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP meets in the fellowship hall every Monday 10 am - 1 pm. Whether you already knit/crochet, want to learn or just want to come and fellowship everyone is welcome. Contact Pam Pitlanish at 248-854-6351 with any questions.

PARKING LOT will be closed on Tuesday, October 24 for maintenance.

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PAN-ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS CONCERT DVDS, from 1992 at St Nicholas Church and 1993 at Assumption Church on Beecher Rd, will be available through pre-order. The donations will support the Genesee County Pan-Orthodox Holy Cross Society. Please use the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Once orders are received from the four parishes, the DVD order will be made to produce them. It will make a wonderful Christmas gift.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS made by church school children from decades ago and signed are on the table in the fellowship hall. If you or a family member made one, take it home to place on your tree!

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today 40 days memorial for Vladimir Pyatenko

Tuesday, October 24 **Parking lot closed for maintenance**

Wednesday, October 25

9:30 am Divine Liturgy – served by Fr Michael Bassett & responses led by Fr Matthew

11:15 am Adult education

Thursday, October 26 *Fr. Matthew in Toledo*

11:30 am to 1:30 pm Fall Salad Luncheon at Assumption Church. \$15 per plate. Pastries for sale.

Friday, October 27 *Fr. Matthew in Toledo*

Saturday, October 28

5 pm **Vespers**
Confessions

Sunday, October 29

9:30 am **Hours- live- streamed**

10 am **Divine Liturgy - live- streamed**

Church School - Holy Unction

Trisagion for Harold Brock

Noisy Offering collected during Coffee Social-bring your loose change

Offerings for the week October 15, 2023

<i>Weekly Offerings – will be posted next week</i>	
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 4,100.00

70 persons in attendance on October 15