

September 10, 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, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. **Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. Sunday before Elevation. Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora, at Nicomedia (305-311). Ven. Paul the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 13th-14th c.). Bl. Prince Andrew, in monasticism Joasaph, of Kubensk (Vologda – 1453). Holy Apostles of the 70 Apelles, Luke (Loukios), and Clement (1st c.). Martyr Barypsabas in Dalmatia (2nd c.). Rt. Blv. Pulcheria, the Empress of the Greeks (453). Ss. Peter and Paul, Bishops of Nicaea (9th c.).**

FIRST ANTIPHON

O Lord, remember David // and all his meekness. (*Psalm 131:1*)

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

We heard of it at Ephratha: // we found it in the fields of the wood. (*Psalm 131:6*)

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

Glorious things are spoken of you, // O City of God! (*Psalm 86:2*)

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

God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved; // God will help her when the morning dawns. (*Psalm 45:5*)

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

The Lord has sworn and oath to David // from which He shall not turn back! (*Psalm 131:11*)

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

Of the fruit of your body // I will set upon your throne! (*Psalm 131:11*)

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

There I will make the horn of David flourish: // I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed! (*Psalm 131:18*)

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

For the Lord has chosen Sion, // He has desired it for His habitation! (*Psalm 131:13*)

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

This is my resting to age of age, here I will dwell, for I have chosen her. (*Psalm 131:15*)

Tone 4 Your nativity, O Virgin, / has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! / The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, / has shone from you, O Theotokos. / By annulling the curse, / He bestowed a blessing.// By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

The Most High sanctified his tabernacle. (*Psalm 45:4*)

Your nativity, O Virgin,...

Holy is your temple, wonderous in righteousness. (*Psalm 64:5*)

Your nativity, O Virgin,...

TROPARIA

Tone 5 Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

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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 4 By your nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness, Adam and Eve — from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: // “The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life.”

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, be not keep silent from me.** (*Psalm 27:1a*)

THE READING IS FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (6:11-18)

Brethren: see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v. **I lifted up a chosen one from my people.** (*Psalm 88:18b*)

v. **For my hand will take hold of him, and my arm will strengthen him.** (*Psalm 88:20*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (3:13-17) Jesus answered Nicodemus, saying: “No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God loved the world such that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

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

THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (SEPTEMBER 14)

The Elevation of the Holy Cross is one of the [Great Feasts](#) of the [Orthodox Church](#), celebrated on [September 14](#); the celebration continues through September 21. This feast is also referred to as the Exaltation of the Cross. This is also a popular name day for Stavroula/Stavros (from “stavros” meaning cross).

This feast commemorates The finding of the [Cross](#) by the Empress [Helen](#) (the mother of St. [Constantine the Great](#)) on [Golgotha](#) in 326 AD, the place where [Christ](#) was crucified.

On the spot where the Cross was discovered, St. Helen had found a hitherto unknown flower of rare beauty and fragrance, which has been named “Vasiliko,” or [Basil](#), meaning the flower of royalty. Note that the word “Vasiliko” means “of the King,” since the word “Basileus” in Greek means “King”; so, the plant Vasiliko, Basil, is tied to the Precious Cross of the King of Glory, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Underneath the Basil, the Cross of Christ was found, but with it were the other two crosses, those used to crucify the two thieves on either side of Christ. The sign with the inscription, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews”, also lay among the three crosses. In order to determine which one was the true cross, a sick woman was told to kiss each of the three crosses. The woman kissed the first cross with no result. She kissed the second cross and again nothing happened. However, when the ailing woman kissed the True Cross, she was immediately made well. It so happened that a funeral procession was passing that way, and so the body of the dead man was placed on each of the crosses, and when it was placed on the True Cross, the dead man came to life — thus the name the “Life-Giving” Cross, which gives life not only to that man, but to each person who believes in the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and His all-glorious three day Resurrection. When the true Cross was identified, it was lifted on high for all the people to see, who then continually sang Kyrie eleison, a practice which is still enacted at current celebrations of this [feast](#).

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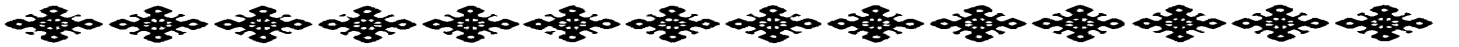
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Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Kosta, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Taras, Ted, Joseph, Marlene, Mary, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends

Special Intention

Joe Tome

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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](#).

Sept 10 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff **HOURS:** Phil Wiles **READER:** Alexander Gonser

Sept 17 CANDLESTAND: Dennis Goodman **HOURS:** Alexander Gonser **READER:** Kathy Gonser

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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.

ADULT ED CLASS Wednesday at 11:15 am, continuing with the book by Father Silviu Bunta.

CHURCH SCHOOL Classes begin on Sunday, September 17. On that date there will be prayers during the Liturgy for the teachers and students and a blessing after Communion for them as they go to class.

RIB/CHICKEN DINNER today September 10th - kick-off for Church School. Tickets are \$18 adults.

Children's meals are free. **See Sharon Jernigan for tickets.** Students and parents will be able to meet our teachers and see the classrooms.

PROSFORA We could use some loaves for the Liturgies so, if you are able, please prepare some.

MUSIC BOOKS for congregational singing at the weekday Divine Liturgy are available from Fr Matthew. You may see the book and listen to the sound files on our website [here](#).

VISITATION Mira Prusac would greatly appreciate visitors at her home.

ETHNIC DANCE Saturday, September 23 at 6 pm at St. Nicholas. Come and enjoy an evening of dancing & fellowship. **Everyone is welcome.** The cost is \$10 per person; children under 12 are free. Pizza & pop will be provided.

ST ROMANOS HERMITAGE, a monastic community in our Diocese in Williamston, MI, is looking to raise \$10,000 by September 30. They have two anonymous donors who will match that \$10,000. In September and October they look to remove the old roof from the future chapel, install a new roof, and install a dome with cross. You may see the Hermitage's website [here www.stromanos.org](http://www.stromanos.org) for more information.

MEMORY ETERNAL Mildred (Millie) Melanie George fell asleep in the Lord on September 2nd, 2023, after a recent hospitalization. She was born on July 31st in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada to Nikola and Latinka Mrmak. Her family attended the St Stephen Serbian Orthodox Church and Millie was active in their choir and the Serbian Singing Federation. During these singing festivals, she met and later married Nicholas (Nick) Allen George from Detroit, Michigan. They were married in Niagara Falls in September 1959. Upon Nick's retirement in 1997, they relocated to Arizona where they remained.

She is survived by Nick, her husband of 64 years, and their two sons David and Donald and their spouses. She was a devoted mother and proud of her 5 grandchildren - Nicholas, Adam, Eli, Kara, and Vanessa. Her surviving family extended to her three sisters Helen, Irene, and Elizabeth, and her 4 nieces (Nancy, Nadine, Linda, and Marianne) and 1 nephew (Nicholas).

Arrangements for a memorial service will be announced at a later time after Nick returns to Michigan.

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MAUI HAWAII DONATIONS will be sent to IOCC to help those who were devastated by the island fire. There is a basket at the candle stand or you can give directly on their website <https://iocc.org/>.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Rib/Chicken Dinner

Tuesday, September 12

6:30 pm Parish Council meeting

Wednesday, September 13

11:15 am No Divine Liturgy

adult education

Father travels to Toledo

6 pm pan-Orthodox Vespers & Liturgy at St. George Church for the elevation of the Cross

Thursday, September 14 ELEVATION OF THE CROSS OF THE LORD - fast day

Father in Toledo

Saturday, September 16

5 pm Vespers

Confessions

Sunday, September 17

9:30 am Hours- live- streamed

10 am Divine Liturgy - live- streamed

Church School - **Elevation of the Cross**

46 persons in attendance on September 3

Offerings for the week September 3, 2023

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$ 1,759.72
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$ 3,104.00
	\$ -1,344.28

Chapel Fundraiser 2023

Help us raise \$10,000 by September 30 and an anonymous benefactor will match whatever we raise by then (up to \$10,000). All proceeds go toward converting our 100-year-old Carriage House into a Monastic Chapel.



16-foot gold dome will be put on top of new roof in Sep/Oct 2023



Sketch of future Monastic Chapel

