St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Newsletter

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Services: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Wednesday- adult education 11:15 am
Saturday – 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions
Holydays: Vespers & Liturgy as announced

"May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you." St. Jude 1:1

APRIL 2023

SAINT ISAAC THE SYRIAN, Bishop of Nineveh

O power whereby the fathers of old overcame the mighty and fearsome attacks of the rebellious one – people who, though sharing in human nature which is subject to many needs, were like those without need, manifesting on earth a likeness of things to come, while you made human tombs, caves and crevices the tabernacle of your revelations to them – pour into my heart the fervour of their thoughts, so that by it I may become valiant and trample on natural desire and on the fear of all that opposes human nature; sow in me a knowledge of humility and an unrestrainable impetus for the steep journey towards you. O refuge of the weak, straight path for those held back by wandering astray, place of escape for all those caught in storms, lay low the adversary's boast over me, subdue the strength of his cunning actions against me, bring low his exalted pride, make smooth your hidden paths before my thoughts, and be for me a comfort in the time of my anguish and a guide in the place of peril.

O Sun of righteousness by which the righteous have beheld their own selves and become a mirror for their generations, open up within me the gate to awareness of You; grant me a joyful mind, one which sails above the rocks of error, until I may reach that serene abode, as did our fathers of old who pleased You with their discerning lives.

Sanctify me by Your Mysteries, illumine my mind with knowledge of You, make Your hope to shine forth in my heart, deem me worthy to supplicate for it, O God my Father and Lord of my life; illumine Your lamp within me, place in me what belongs to You so that I may forget what belongs to myself. Cast upon me the constraint of wonder at You, so that the constraint of nature may be overpowered by it. Stir up within me the vision of Your Mysteries so that I may become aware of what was placed in me at holy baptism. You have placed within me a Guide: may He show me Your glory at all times. You made me to be light and salt for the world: may I not prove a stumbling-block for my companions. Seeing that I have left the world, may I never again look back to it and to the things which I renounced when I made my promise to You. Cast reins of delight upon my heart, so that my senses may not gaze beyond the paths of Your law. Rig together my impulses for the ship of repentance, so that in it I may exult as I travel over the world's sea until I reach the haven of Your hope. When I am tempted, may my mind take courage from the recollection of You. Illumine the dark path before me by the brilliance that comes from awareness of You.

~From *The Prayers of Saint Isaac the Syrian* (Prayers 11, 12 and 13).

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Beloved, take the time to read these powerful words of Elder Aimilianos which we have read in our adult education class. Love, Fr Matthew

Naked man is something tragically diminished in his being. He is nothing and has only the consciousness of his nakedness, only the awareness of his sin, only the knowledge that he is a sinner, and this does not mean that I say things like, "I am a sinner" or "I must go to confession," but it is rather an existential situation in which the soul is much more profoundly aware of its sin. Any soul can go to confession, read spiritual books, pray much, and shed copious tears, but all of that can take place without the sense of sin that we are describing here.

Why do we so often choose to conceal ourselves and cover things up? For the simple reason that it is a terrible thing for us to realize we are nothing. Do you know what it means to go from thinking that you are special and important, from being respected publicly, from thinking that you've done great things, from being talented, wonderful, good-looking, charming, and I don't know what else besides, going to recognizing that, on the contrary, you are naked and of no consequence whatsoever. It requires strength to accept that, a lot of strength, and yet we can't even accept the slightest blemish that we might have, or any fault, failure, error, or sin that we may have committed, without covering it up, like with a lie, and then covering up that lie with a second one, and the second with a third. A person may conceal his or her nakedness by means of an inferiority complex, by acts of aggression, by self-justification, by donning various masks, and by many other means.

Let me give you an example. It will be one taken from external experience, because I can't tell you anything else, that would be too much and too deep. Your professor asks you a question in class, and all the other students make fun of you because you don't know the answer. You get up, you leave school and go straight home, you stand in front of the mirror, fix yourself up, and put on your make-up, even though there is no one there to see you. But there, in front of the mirror all by yourself, with that self which is everything to you, you can assure yourself that *I*, whom they made fun of, am beautiful. In this way, I seek to regain my balance, to compensate for the weakness exposed by my teacher and my classmates. At such a moment when I am in front of the mirror, I am not standing there in my nakedness, in my inability to answer questions, but instead I am standing on what I believe are my good qualities, such as my beauty, be it genuine or the artificial effect of make-up. And such beauty may be physical, emotional, intellectual, or even spiritual, as we are now in the habit of saying, but it makes no difference. Whatever it is, it's a substitute for my nakedness.

Such strategies of denial also involve concealment from myself. What does that mean? It means that even though I am naked; I live as though I were not, and thus I lead a double life. Or I may refuse to grow and progress, as though I weren't naked at all. And this is something much more terrible, for it is the rejection of reality, and such a rejection can only have tragic consequences for me. Life is full of people like that.

Elder Aimilianos of Simonpetra, *The Way of the Spirit. Reflections on Life in God* (Athens: Indiktos, 2009), pp 7, 8, 9-10

The aim of love is for one person to give joy to another; for me to voluntarily deprive myself of something so that someone else has more; for me to sacrifice myself so that the other feels at ease, feels secure in his life. . . How are we to achieve this? By "bearing patiently with one another's failings in the spirit of love," as the Apostle Paul says (cf. Eph 4:2), by accepting the other person as he is. Does he grumble? Let him grumble! If you try to make him stop grumbling, he'll grumble even more, and you'll get upset and start to shout. Someone else gets up in the middle of the night, makes a lot of noise, and wakes you up. You probably do the same thing and don't even realize it. Leave him alone, because if you try to reproach him, he'll want to correct your mistakes. . . And thus there are no fits of anger or shouting based on disagreements; no malice, no revenge, and everybody is kind. And what does "kind" mean? It is the mark of one whose absence does not pass unnoticed because he is merciful and compassionate. How do we become kind? By "forgiving one another" (Eph 4:32). I realize, for instance, that someone is angry with me. I don't speak roughly to him. Instead, I behave toward him with great politeness and love, imitating the Lord. . . *continued on pg. 3*

If someone has failed in something, makes a mistake, or has a problem, we will show him great love, in order to restore a sense of balance and relieve him of his difficulties, thus "looking to each other's interests," as the Apostle Paul says to the Philippians (Phil 2:4). Let each of us do what the other wants. The husband what his wife wants, and the wife what her husband wants.

Do you see, my brothers and sisters, how much delicacy of feeling there is in the Church, and particularly among the saints? The saints are always careful in their dealings with others. Why? Because they have tasted the sweetness and peace of the Holy Spirit, and they know that, if they are not careful in their relations with their neighbors, they will lose the gifts of the Spirit. The saints never try to sadden anybody, not even the animals. They see the other person as if he were Christ. And the other person really is Christ, because he is an image of God. And thus the saints love all men, for all men are images of God, and in this way Christ and humanity become one in the hearts of the saints, in the inner depths of their being. . .

Among the Monastic Rules of St. Anthony the Great is the following: "Never create difficulties for someone else; never attempt to insist on what you say." You have said something, for instance, to which the other replies, "No. It isn't as you say." In response, don't try to prove that you are right, but instead find a polite way of letting him know that he has won the argument. Because if he doesn't feel that he is the victor, he may be overcome by bitterness, obstinacy, poison, feelings of revenge and inferiority, and much else besides. Gently yield to him without showing it, without his realizing it, so that he thinks he's convinced you. You, of course, will remain steadfast in the truth. If we don't behave like this, evil will rule us, as the Rule of St. Anthony goes on to say. . .

We don't tell the truth straight out. The other person can't bear this. A husband, for example, returns from work, and finds that his wife has done something wrong. Then the husband berates her: "You've made a mistake! That's the truth, and it should be told!" But this is not the truth. It isn't love. It's merely self-centeredness. It means that you don't love your wife, whom you embrace every day, since now you give her a blow to the head and to the heart: how can you reconcile these things? The same applies to the wife with her husband, the abbot with the novice, the novice with the abbot, brother with brother. Archimandrite Aimilianos of Simonpetra, *The Church at Prayer* (Sebastian Press/Indiktos, 2012), pp 78-80

Hours Schedule

April		May		June	
2	Angelo	7	Calvin	4	Calvin
9	Calvin	14	Alexander	11	Alexander
16	Alexander	21	Lucy	18	Lucy
23	Lucy	28	Angelo	25	Angelo
30	Angelo				

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please find a replacement.

Reader Schedule

April		May		June	
2	Kathy	7	Ruth	4	Ruth
9	Ruth	14	Angelo	11	Angelo
16	Angelo	21	Alexander	18	Alexander
23	Alexander	28	Kathy	25	Kathy
30	Kathy				

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Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

April		May		June	
2	Dennis Jernigan	7	Susie Ford	4	Dennis Goodman
9	Dave Houser	14	Christine Panoff	11	Ian & Stephanie P.
16	Christine Panoff	21	Dennis Jernigan	18	Susie Ford
23	Dennis Goodman	28	Dave Houser	25	Dennis Jernigan
30	Ian & Stephanie P.				

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NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on April 6 from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

COIN BOXES Each Lent, we collect coins to help support the Orthodox missions here in the US and around the world through the Orthodox Christians Mission Center (OCMC). Boxes are found on the tables in the church hall. Please be generous!

PASCHA on Pascha night we would like to light all the 7 days candles in church. The cost is $250. If you would like to contribute and have candles lit, please contact the office.

FLOWERS FOR PASCHA Give as you are able to. Please fill out the form & return it to the office.

PASCHAL EGG HUNT on St Thomas Sunday, April 23 after Liturgy. Bring your little ones to enjoy!

VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF THE LORD It is traditional to keep a vigil at the Tomb of our Lord from Great Friday evening until the Great Saturday's Liturgy and then until the midnight service. The Vigil is from Friday, April 14 at 10 pm until Saturday, April 16 at 10 am and then from 1 pm until 10:30 pm. If you are interested, please email stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or call the office at 810-744-0070.

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER Just a reminder to pray for your prayer partner throughout Lent especially. At Pascha you may want to let them know you were praying for them with a card or note.
If you do not have the contact information to let your Prayer Partner know that you were praying for them during Lent, please call the parish office (810) 744-0070 or email stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com

ADULT EDUCATION classes in Lent are on Tuesdays at 11:15 am. We are reading Fr Silviu Bunta's talks on the Liturgy of St Basil and the Presanctified Liturgy in *Your Life Will Be Hung Before Your Eyes': Meanings of Our Life in Orthodox Liturgy*. The book is available for purchase through the parish office. The cost is $24 per book.

ALL PARISHIONERS Your help will be needed as we get closer to Pascha. Your help will also be needed twice on Great and Holy Friday. First, after the morning Royal Hours your help will be needed to set up the Tomb of our Lord for Vespers and then decorate it after Vespers. Second, after the Lamentations that evening your help will be needed to change over all the candles from purple to white.

YOUTH NEEDED TO ASSIST ON GOOD FRIDAY We look to the children and young adults to assist Father during the Vespers Service (3 pm) and at the Lamentations Service (6 pm). As Father removes the image of the body of Christ from the Crucifix at Vespers, the children help by holding the winding sheet and covering the icon for Father. And, at the evening service, the young ladies of the parish (as well as family and friends), are invited to join in by sprinkling the Tomb with rose water during the Lamentations. After, the girls help lead the procession by scattering flower petals before the Tomb and our other young people are invited to join in by bearing various instruments of the Passion.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE please see the calendar in the newsletter and note that services and times are subject to change.

PASCHAL VESPERS It is customary at this service on Pascha morning (Agape Vespers) – April 16 at 11 am - to read the Gospel in various languages. If anyone would like to read the Gospel in a language other than English at this service, please contact the office as soon as possible.

BRIGHT WEEK SCHEDULE please see the flier for the Pan-Orthodox Services in this newsletter for days, times, and locations.

PASCHAL GREETING When we greet on another we usually say "Hello" or "How are you". For the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection we have a special greeting to offer on another: "Christ is Risen!" and we respond with "Truly, He is Risen!" When we come to venerate the Cross after the Divine Services Father Matthew will offer this greeting and we respond: "Indeed, He is Risen!"

MEMORY ETERNAL Dorothy Brown Goodman, the wife of the late Joseph Goodman, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, February 27. Her funeral was at church on Thursday, March 2 followed by the burial at Evergreen Cemetery through Swartz Funeral Home. You may read Dorothy's obituary here. Christ God rest his newly fallen asleep handmaiden Dorothy in the light of His face. Please remember Dorothy in your prayers and also her children - Deborah Neely and David Goodman, her brother Philip Brown, her grandchildren, nephews and nieces, cousins, all her family, and friends that the Lord God sustain them in this time of grief by His grace. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

To our parish family, thank you for your love and support. A special thank you to all that helped with set-up, clean-up and baked the wonderful lenten desserts for our moms memorial meal. It is greatly appreciated and helped make the day less stressful. - David Goodman and family, Debbie Neely and family

HALL/PAVILION RENTAL please make your reservations as soon as possible if you are planning on using St. Nicholas. Call or email the office to see if your preferred date is available.

CONFESSIONS are offered on Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment. Call the parish office 810-744-0070 or e-mail stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com to make an appointment.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE from the February meeting. **Finances - please continue to make your donations regularly. God bless you for your faithful stewardship. Fundraising - Joe Tome will chair a Palm Sunday bake sale on Sunday, April 9. Church building and grounds - Dennis Jernigan installed a new sign for the office. The Hoover vacuum motor burned up. A commercial Oreck will be purchased to replace it. The bell tower is rusting so it will need to be sandblasted and painted. The small bell in the tower is not working. Both of these items will be looked into. Spring cleanup needs to be done. The old television in the hall is available free - first come first served. The proceeds from the Angel Wing Tree will go towards wherever it's needed. Spring clean-up is Saturday, May 6 - we will need many hands to help.**

SPRING CLEAN UP Spring clean-up is Saturday, May 6 - we will need many hands to help.

BURTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE on Monday, May 29. Our parish plans on being represented in the parade and we are hoping we have enough people interested in participating. If you would like to be part of this great opportunity please contact Stephanie Price at 248-396-3899 as soon as possible.

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH CEMETERY We need a new sextant for the cemetery - if you are interested, please contact the parish office.

PRAYER SERVICE for the sick & suffering at St. Mary Magdalene will resume on May 2nd.

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.

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Saturday, May 6 – church cleanup day**
- **Sunday, May 21 - ham dinner**
- **Monday, May 29 - participate in the Burton Memorial Day parade**

PRAYERS AT THE GRAVES will take place on St Thomas Sunday, April 23 at 2 pm at St Nicholas Cemetery.

PRAYERS AT THE GRAVES will take place on Souls' Saturday (Zaduśnica), June 3 and Pentecost, June 4 at Evergreen, Crestwood, Sunset Hills, and Saint Nicholas Cemeteries as well as any other cemetery requested of Father Matthew.

SEMINARIAN OFFERING On the stewardship envelopes in the envelope box there is a category marked "Seminarian." Through the years these funds have been used to support our seminarians, most recently Father Esteban Vázquez. Reader Alexander Gonser is currently enrolled in classes to be ordained a deacon, God-willing. Your offering to the seminarian fund will help with his class expenses.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN we serve on Thursday, April 6 from 9 to 12:30 pm.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Deodorant & First Aid Items for the month of April. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items. shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper and diapers.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

CENTER OF HOPE will be giving out Easter baskets to every child who visits for Easter dinner. Please consider donating a fully made basket(s) by April 5th. For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri 9:30-3:30 at 812 Root St, Flint.

MAKE YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING EASY AND CONVENIENT WITH *GIVELIFY*
Go to the website and on the home page click on the box Give now with Givelify which will walk you through the donation process; this is a secure site. (2.9% + $0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). 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.

ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE-KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Remember to use your community rewards when checking out at Kroger. If you haven't signed up for it you can do so online or at their customer service desk. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores. In March we received a check for $35.25.

EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE $2,133 was collected in February. You may donate to assist the people suffering in the aftermath of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria through IOCC, the Antiochian Archdiocese at Antiochian.org/earthquake, the Greek Archdiocese at goarch.org/earthquake. Pray for those who have died and those who suffer and help.

ORDER OF PROCESSION FOR GREAT FRIDAY AND PASCHA

Matins on Great Friday

Processional Cross	**Barry Cavett**
Torches	**Alexander Gonser**
Instruments of the Passion	**Church School Students**
Girls with flower petals	**Church School Students**
Incense	**Deacon**
Censer	**Deacon**
Holy Tomb of our Lord	**Philip Bakousidis, Amir Abu-Aita, Steve Nicoloff, Paul Brayan, Jordan Abu-Aita, Jacob Abu-Aita, Charlie Jernigan, Bill Economou, Phil Wiles, Jonathon Shann, Christopher Taylor, Nick Nicoloff, Vladimir Akkerman, Eugene Akkerman, Michael Serra**
Gospel	**Priest**
Procession Wardens	**Dennis Jernigan & Dennis Goodman**

Resurrection Procession on Pascha

Processional Cross	**Barry Cavett**
Processional Fans	**2 Altar Servers**
Banners	**Tom Batzos and Jonathan Shann**
Torches	**Altar Servers**
Icons	
Holy Theotokos Icon	**Lena Bakousidis**
Myrrhbearers Icon	**Shari Nicoloff**
St. Catherine Icon	**Christine Panoff**
St. Juliana Icon	**Jennifer Shann**
Resurrection Icon	**Stephanie Price**
riza Resurection Icon	**Ellyn Serra**
Gospel	**Sharon Jernigan**
Assistant to Priest	**Alexander Gonser**
Censer	**Deacon**
Resurrection Candle	**Priest**
Choir and People follow	
Church Set-Up	**Dave Houser, Dennis Jernigan, Charlie Jernigan, Dennis Goodman, Phil Wiles, Christopher Taylor, Philip Bakousidis, Matushka Lisa**

HOPE IN A BOX

April	Deodorant & First Aid Items
May	Bar & Hand Soap
June	Laundry Soap & Jeans

April Coffee Social Volunteers & Sponsors	
2	
9	Palm Sunday
16	Pascha
23	
30	

MACEDONIAN OPEN GOLF SCRAMBLE Spring is here and that can only mean one thing, the Macedonian Open is right around the corner. There are a number of ways to get involved. If you can sponsor a sign it is highly encouraged. Donating a gift card, gift basket or cash is also needed. This year's outing will be held on Monday, June 19 at the Flint Elks Golf Club. As has been our tradition, that is the Monday after Father's Day. We encourage everyone to participate in some way.

The Macedonian Open is our biggest fundraiser and we are hoping for an even bigger and better turnout this year. If you have any questions or know of someone who would like to help, please contact Angelo Panoff (angelo.panoff@stifel.com or 810-249-6031), Christine Panoff (capanoff@umflint.edu or 810-232-4868), Linda Branoff (branoff721@aol.com or 810-964-3654), George Branoff (george.branoff27@frontier.com or 810-252-5395) or Chris Nedanis (cned77@gmail.com or 810-877-0889).

HOW CAN I HELP? I DON'T GOLF.

- Donate a sign wishing "good game" or in honor or in memory of a loved one. A sign sponsorship is a great advertising opportunity for any business. Whether it's for your business or one that you frequent, we encourage everyone to participate in getting new sign sponsors this year.
- Donate money for prizes-any amount you can give would be very much appreciated to offset the cost of buying prizes.
- Donate a gift card-we are looking for gift cards to give as prizes in the amount of $20 or $25 similar to these: Visa gift cards, Meijer, Dunham's, Gas Cards, Restaurant cards, or any establishment you frequent.
- Donate a prize-donate a prize, whether it's golf related or not; or ask a business you frequent to make a donation (such as a gift card).
- Join us for dinner.

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

VISITATION TO THE SICK If you would like Fr. Matthew to make a visit to home, hospital, or nursing home, please contact the office 810-744-0070.

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The following are our brothers and sisters of St. Nicholas who are currently homebound, suffering from chronic illness, in recovery or in need of special prayers. Please remember them in your prayers and reach out to them with a card, a phone call or a visit! Please call the office to schedule a visit for Holy Communion.

Deacon John Bocek	Paul Ellis	Nick Karayanis	Bill Tadrick
Linda Branoff	Bill Haw	Macy Lemmen	Wendy Tadrick
Mary Abu-Aita	Mary Karayanis	Ron Salhany	Dave Vuckovich

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of our Homebound:

Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr	Flint, MI 48532
Dave Vuckovich	9352 Morrish Rd	Swartz Creek, MI 48473

APRIL BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

3 Zayn Abu-Aita
7 Aretoula Nedanis
Danni Burns
David Houser
Kristal George
Nancy Krigner
Nancy Tasevski
Lennon Gerzevske
11 Jennifer Borkovich
Katherine Economou
Majd Helal
12 Helen Popoff
13 Barbara Brown
16 Anastasia Pirkovic
Bob Steiner
17 Irina Sivergina
22 Jenna Paul
24 Sharon George
28 George Brown
29 Tammy Sapardanis
30 Fred Paul
Les Ford
Vickie Borkovich

ANNIVERSARIES

16 Alex & Anastasia Branoff (1961)
21 Germanos & Lena Bakousidis (1985)

If your name is missing or has the incorrect information in the birthday, anniversary or namesday list please call the office: (810) 744-0070

Dear Father Matthew and Members of St. Nicholas,
Your blessings! Thank you for your generous gift to IOCC! This period of Great Lent offers us the opportunity to put into practice the three pillars of our faith - prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Thank you again for your kindness!
In Christ,

Nick Kasemeotes | *Development Officer*
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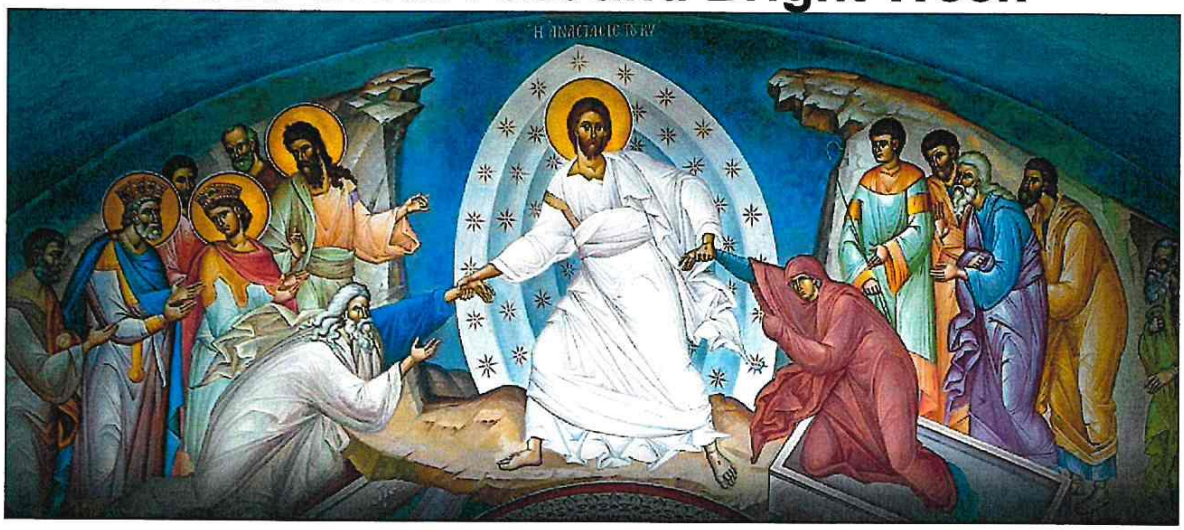
NAMESDAYS

8 Lazaros Stavridis
10 Alexander Ahejew
Alex Karayanis
Alex Karayanis
Alex Nedanis
14 Tammy Sapardanis
16 Shari Marie Nicoloff
Pascha
Anastasia Branoff
Lambros Grousopoulos
21 Lena Grousopoulos
Bright Friday
Zoe Grace Batzos
Zoe Karayanis
Zoe Conover
Zoe Stavridis
22 Nathan Nicevski
23 Alexa Isabelle Stevens
Carli Alexa Nicoloff
Fred (George) Paul
George Branoff
George Brown
Richard George Elieff
George Popoff
Georgiana Adkisson
Roseanne (Alexandra) Bagale
Sandra Ahejew
Sandra Grossi
Sandy Spankie
Thomas Stavridis
Tom Batzos
Tom Krigner
Tom Sfetkidis
24 Brian (Branko) Mitevski
25 Marc Ethington
Mark Houser
30 Jacob Abu-Aita
James Binelli
James Grossi
James Hart
Lennon Gerzevske

Orthodox Churches of Genesee County, Michigan

Assumption (Greek) 2245 Baldwin Road ❖ Grand Blanc, MI 48439 ❖ 810-771-4611
St. George (Antiochian) 5191 Lennon Road ❖ Flint, MI 48507 ❖ 810-732-0720
St. Mary Magdalene (OCA) 2439 S. Long Lake Road ❖ Fenton, MI 48430 ❖ 810- 750-1401
St. Nicholas (OCA) 2143 South Center Road ❖ Burton, MI 48519 ❖ 810-744-0070

2023 Great Fast and Bright Week



Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Lenten Refreshments

Great Compline at St. George (*Mondays, 6pm)* All are welcome every Monday night. This beautiful service along with the Lenten Hours on Wednesdays allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available after the service.

Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas (*Wednesdays, 10:30am)* All are welcome every Wednesday morning.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy and **Lenten Refreshments** *(Wednesdays, 6pm)* We will celebrate together the Presanctified Liturgy and the Great Feast of the Annunciation according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at both. To partake of Holy Communion at evening liturgies, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (*no eating or drinking after 12 Noon*). Confessions will only be available prior to the evening liturgies from 5:30pm–6pm. Unfortunately, we will not be having Potluck Lenten Meals this year, but we will break the fast with Lenten Refreshments.

April 5th	***Presanctified Liturgy*** at St. George 6pm
April 8th	***Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Liturgy*** at St. George 9:30am

Bright Week (April 16th-22nd)

April 17th	***Paschal Divine Liturgy*** at St. Mary Magdalene 10am
April 18th	***Paschal Divine Liturgy*** at St. Nicholas 10am
April 19th	***Paschal Evening Liturgy*** at St. George 6pm
April 21st	***Paschal Divine Liturgy for the Life-giving Font*** at Assumption 10am

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Flowers for Great Friday & Pascha

Please fill out & return the form to the office or put it in the collection basket on Sunday. The names of those honored or memorialized will be published on a later date. Give whatever amount you are able to.

I wish to donate:

$_____ **Flowers (suggested donation $20 each)**

$_____ **Large Boston Ferns (suggested donation $30 each)**

$_____ **Special Items for Lent, Holy Week & Pascha: Palms-Strips, Palms-Fan, Candles for the altar, Large candles for the Holy Grave, Incense and Rose Water. (suggested donation $10-$100)**

In honor of: (for the living)

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Or, in memory of: (departed)

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Your Name:_____

Salad Luncheon

Sponsored by the Daughters of Penelope

Thursday, April 27, 2023
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

$12.00 a plate

An assortment of individual, specialty salads – try one, try them all!!
Plate includes: a cheese triangle, delectable appetizers, & a beverage (coffee, hot tea, or water)

THERE WILL ALSO BE A BAKE SALE of Scrumptious Greek pastries and RAFFLE Drawings

Please join us for lunch

at

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
‡ Fast Dairy Permitted (no meat) Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat) Fish Permitted (no other meat)		***Services are streamed on our YouTube channel St Nicholas Burton***	***All texts in blue are links to the livestreams for the divine services***			1 ***Akathistos Saturday*** 10 am Liturgy & Akathist 5 pm Vespers ***confessions***
2 9:30 am Hours 10 am Liturgy 40 day Trisagion for Dorothy Goodman ***Church School***	3 ‡	4 ‡ 11:15 am adult education	5 ‡ 10:30 am Lenten Hours ***6 pm pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy at St George***	6 ‡ ***9 am North End Soup Kitchen***	7 Office Closed	8 ***Lazarus Saturday*** ***9:30 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St George*** 5 pm Vespers w/Lity ***confessions***
9 **PALM SUNDAY** 9:30 Hours 10 am Liturgy and procession Bake Sale ***6 pm Bridegroom Matins***	10 ‡ ***HOLY MONDAY*** 9 am Presanctified @ St. George ***6 pm Bridegroom Matins*** Office Closed	11 ‡ ***HOLY TUESDAY*** no adult education 9 am Presanctified @ St. George ***6 pm Bridegroom Matins***	12 **HOLY WEDNESDAY** ‡ 9 am Presanctified @ St. George ***6 pm Unction*** **LAST CONFESSIONS BEFORE PASCHA**	13 **HOLY THURSDAY** ***10 am Vespers with Liturgy of St Basil*** 6 pm Passion Matins	14 **HOLY FRIDAY** ‡ ***9 am Royal Hours*** ***3 pm Vespers*** ***6 pm Matins*** ***with Lamentations*** Office Closed	15 ***HOLY SATURDAY*** ‡ 10 am Vesperal Liturgy 10:30 pm Nocturns 11 pm Procession/ ***Matins/Divine Liturgy***
16 **PASCHA** ***No Fast*** 10:45 am Hours 11 am Vespers **w/reading of the gospel in various languages**	17 ***No Fast*** **BRIGHT MONDAY** ***10 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy @ St. Mary Magdalene***	18 ***No Fast*** ***BRIGHT TUESDAY*** ***10 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy at our church*** 6:30 pm Parish Council	19 ***No Fast*** ***BRIGHT WEDNESDAY*** ***6 pm pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St. George***	20 ***No Fast*** ***BRIGHT THURSDAY*** Office Closed	21 ***No Fast*** ***BRIGHT FRIDAY*** ***10 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy at Assumption***	22 ***No Fast*** ***BRIGHT SATURDAY*** 5 pm Vespers
23 9:30 am Hours 10 am Liturgy ***Church School*** ***Paschal egg hunt*** ***2 pm prayers at the graves at St Nicholas Cemetery*** 30 9:30 am Hours 10 am Liturgy ***Church School***	24	25	26 ***11:15 am adult education resumes***	27 ***Salad Luncheon at Assumption*** ***11:30 am to 1:30 pm*** *$12 a plate* Office Closed	28 ‡	29 ***5 pm Vespers***