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 2024

MORNING PRAYER OF THE ELDERS OF OPTINA

O Lord, grant that I may meet all that this coming day brings to me with spiritual tranquility. Grant that I may fully surrender myself to your holy will.

At every hour of this day, direct and support me in all things. Whatsoever news may reach me in the course of the day, teach me to accept it with a calm soul and the firm conviction that all is subject to your holy will.

Direct my thoughts and feelings in all my words and actions. In all unexpected occurrences, do not let me forget that all is sent down from you.

Grant that I may deal straightforwardly and wisely with every member of my family, neither embarrassing nor saddening anyone.

O Lord, grant me the strength to endure the fatigue of the coming day and all the events that take place during it. Direct my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to be patient, to forgive, and to love. Amen.

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Dearly faithful and friends of St. Nicholas,

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, this year April 14, we will hear the gospel passage Mark 9:17-31 where a man confesses to Jesus, "I believe, Lord. Help my unbelief!" (9:24) This is a powerful confession. This cry of the father in the gospel reveals his own brokenness, the brokenness of our human nature. How can one be at the same time both believing and yet unbelieving? How can we have faith and yet not have faith? The fact is our hearts can be given over to holding two contradictory things. There's a word for it: double-minded. In the case of faith we can find ourselves of two minds. When we were joined to Jesus Christ at our baptism, we first rejected the devil and all his works and all his service and all his pride. We turned from sin so that we may face our Lord Jesus Christ and become his sisters and brothers through the Holy Spirit.

Yet we all know that we do not stay true to that profession of faith. We take turns here and there to go back to sin. Falling into temptation. The image of the Israelites is a good picture of this. After their deliverance from slavery to Pharaoh and their travels in hunger through the desert of Sinai, the Israelites murmured "Better we had died in Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill us with hunger." (Exodus 16:3) They were freed from whippings, punishments and death. But their hungry stomachs made them wish they could be back in chains in Egypt where at least they were fed.

Even the saints struggled with living a new life in Christ Jesus. St. Augustine in his youth was given over to lust. In his autobiography he wrote that he prayed to God, "Grant me chastity and continence, but not yet. For I was afraid that You would hear me too soon, and too soon cure me of my disease of lust which I desired to have satisfied rather than extinguished." (*The Confessions, Book VIII*) St. Augustine wanted to make the leap to leave behind his sins but a part of him wanted to cling to his familiar sinful habits and passions. He turned from his former way of life by praying not only that he would change but that he will *want* to change. The change in Augustine had to go down to his very core. He finally submitted himself to God, giving up on wanting to keep a door open to his sinful ways. And by God's grace St. Augustine was baptized as an adult by St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan.

We, like St. Augustine and all the saints, have been freed from the tyranny of sin and death by our Lord Jesus Christ through His death upon the Cross. Though we have been made alive in Christ yet, if we are honest with ourselves, we still struggle to live that reality in the depths of our being. So, too, did the saints. They still fell into sin. Read the "Sayings of the Desert Fathers." Every one of them prayed for the forgiveness of their sins. They still got up and asked God to forgive them and began again their life of repentance. We come to Confession to tell God our sins and ask Him to forgive us. We resolve that we will work with God's grace to do better than we did before; that we'll seek to live in His life rather than according to our selfish desires. And we will sin again, we will fail again. So we must come again in humility to God and ask His forgiveness which He pours out on us in abundance.

It is good for us to come to Confession, especially during Lent, that we may unburden ourselves of sin. In doing so we seek to live life in Christ more deeply than we did the month before, the week before, the day before. By coming to God and confessing, "I believe, Lord; help my unbelief!" we are honest with God and show to him our heart broken by sin. And the Lord heals us with His forgiveness, Who forgives sins even seventy times seven which means He forgives us as often as we ask His forgiveness with sorrow for our sins. "A shattered and humbled heart God will not despise." (Psalm 50) Jesus came to heal our bruises and bind up our wounds, to heal also the wounds that we inflict on ourselves through sin. And He does this by His precious Blood poured out for us and through Confession and Holy Anointing. Jesus ascended the Cross for us to give us healing salvation, to heal and cleanse us so that we may join the saints who are in heaven.

During the weeks that remain in Lent, if we haven't already, let us go to Confession that God may heal us of our sins, that He may heal us of our unbelief so that we may believe not only in our mind but in our heart, in our thoughts and words and deeds so that we may rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on the great and glorious Pascha of the Lord. With love in Christ, Father Matthew

Hours Schedule

April		May		June	
7	Phil	5	Calvin	2	Lucy
14	Alexander	12	Phil	9	Calvin
21	Angelo	19	Alexander	16	Phil
28	Lucy	26	Angelo	23	Alexander
				30	Angelo

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

Reader Schedule

April		May		June	
7	Angelo	5	Angelo	2	Angelo
14	Phil	12	Phil	9	Phil
21	Katherine	19	Katherine	16	Katherine
28	Alexander	26	Alexander	23	Angelo
				30	Alexander

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

Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

April		May		June	
7	Dennis Goodman	5	Dennis Goodman	2	Dennis Goodman
14	Susie Ford	12	Susie Ford	9	Susie Ford
21	Christine Panoff	19	Ian & Stephanie P.	16	Ian & Stephanie P.
28	Ian & Stephanie P.	26	Christine Panoff	23	Susie Ford
				30	Christine Panoff

If you are unable to make your assigned date please find a replacement. Let Susie know of any changes or if you cannot find a replacement (810-407-3016).

HOURS, READERS & CANDLE STAND. Please look at each month's newsletter as the schedule may have changed since the previous publication.

MEMORY ETERNAL - Please pray for the repose of Patriarch Neofit of the Orthodox Church in Bulgaria who fell asleep in the Lord on March 13. His funeral will be held at St Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Sofia on Saturday, March 16. May he rest in the light of Christ's face. Bog da prosti. Christ is risen!

MEMORY ETERNAL - MARY (MOUNIRAH) BANURA ABU-AITA, the mother of Amir, Amira, Jacob, and Jordan fell asleep in the Lord Monday, March 18, 2024 in Arizona. Visitation and funeral were held at Saint Nicholas Church through Swartz Funeral Home with entombment at Sunset Hills Mausoleum. You may view her obituary here. Please remember Mary in your prayers that she rest in the light of Christ's face, and also remember her family that the Lord sustain them in their grief. Memory eternal! Christ is risen.

PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT April 6 at St. Mary Magdalene with Fr. Andrew Stephen Damic. The topic will be "Salvation and the Unseen World". The deadline to register is Friday, March 29 at 3 pm. It is especially important for those wishing to attend virtually to PRE-REGISTER so they can receive the private link. This will not be accessible virtually any other way.
People can register at www.st-marymagdalene.org/adult-education or with the direct link here.
Fr. Andrew also created a Facebook event for the lecture. The link will be shared with those who register. Even if people express interest on Facebook, they still need to fill out the registration form. See the flier for more details.

PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE is April 28. The deadline for orders is April 17. Order forms are available in the parish hall. Please give them to Joe Tome.

PRAYER SERVICE for the sick & suffering at St. Mary Magdalene will resume on May 14th. There is not a service in April.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on April 4 from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

CONFESSIONS the sacrament of Confession is 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.

CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING CLEAN UP April 20th starting at 10 am. There will be something for everyone to do no matter your age or ability. Lunch will be provided. Bring your yard & garden tools & gloves. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call the office so Dennis Jernigan can coordinate the jobs beforehand. He will have everything needed for the painting projects.

ADULT EDUCATION classes in April are Tuesday, April 9 @ 10 am and Friday April 19 & 26 after Presanctified Liturgy.

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.

GENESEE COUNTY PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICE SCHEDULE – APRIL THROUGH MAY

GREAT LENT – Lenten potlucks follow the Presanctified Liturgies

Sat, Apr 6	**Lenten Retreat at St Mary Magdalene Church, concluding with Vespers at 4 pm**
Wed, Apr 10	**6 pm Presanctified at St George Church followed by lenten potluck**
Wed Apr 24	**6 pm Presanctified at St Mary Magdalene Church followed by lenten potluck**
Sat, Apr 27	**Lazarus Saturday – 9:30 am Preparation of Gifts and Divine Liturgy at Assumption**

BRIGHT WEEK

Mon, May 6	**10 am Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church**
Tues, May 7	**10 am Divine Liturgy at St Nicholas Church**
Wed, May 8	**6 pm Vespers with Divine Liturgy at St George Church**
Fri, May 10	**10 am Divine Liturgy at Assumption Church**

FLOWERS (WREATH) FOR THE CROSS are needed for Sunday, April 7 for the Third Sunday of Lent when we observer the veneration of the Cross. If you would like to donate towards them, please contact the office.

FLOWERS FOR PASCHA & ITEMS FOR LENT donations this year are not specified by a certain amount. Give as you are able to. Please fill out the form & return it to the office. Sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

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.

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!**

PARISH COUNCIL will not meet in April. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Opening prayer at **6:30 pm. Secretary's report was presented with corrections made. Endowment fund is at $422,797.95, a diversified portfolio in various sectors of the economy with high-quality, dividend-paying stocks. Average return is a little more than 3%. Cash in money market $22,051.29 available to be invested or if the church needs - this amount is only interest and dividends that have come in over time. Fund is up $10,092 since the end of January.** *Finances* **remain stable. God bless everyone for your continued stewardship. Macedonian Open Committee-** $3**,000 transferred for furnace work. Funds are for capital improvements. The committee will begin meeting soon - Macedonian Open is Monday, June 17.** *Rector's report* **Father Matthew updated on Communion calls and also the list of pan-Orthodox services through Ascension of the Lord (June 13). May parish council** meeting **has been moved to Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 pm. No meeting in April (during Lent).** *Youth ministry/church school* **March 24 will be the icon procession. Adults and youth invited to participate - bring icons from home and there are icons at church to be carried.** *Community outreach* **Tracy Dan Productions (the DJ) was very generous to the church for the Meatfare Dance on March 9 and prepped very well with the music. May 18 - family game night, May 27 - Burton Memorial Day parade. Planning to hand out a "coming events" flier at the parade. We give out candy. Candy is already bought for Easter egg hunt.** *Fundraising* **Cheesefare on March 17, Turkey Dinner on May 19.** *Charity ministries* **Thursday, April 24 at the North End Soup Kitchen from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Meijer food cards are given out on the third Wednesday of the month. Last month 22 people received cards.** *Building and grounds* **AC in conference room and offices is over 30 years old. It will need to be addressed as there are issues. Shingles on north side of building came off, Dennis Jernigan will check on it. When the furnace goes down for the season, repairs/replacement on old piping can be done. Looking into doing lawn treatments on the front lawn. Phil Wiles will be sexton for church cemetery. Making a checklist for what needs to be done regularly - monthly, quarterly, bi-annually, yearly. Pussy willows need to be checked if they need to be cut in advance of Palm Sunday (April 28). Pavilion - caulking can be done to seal seams, raising the concrete can be put off for a little bit.** *Old business* **Stephanie Price mentioned the text messaging app Project Broadcast ($180 per year) 6,000 messages per year, 500 per month. Will go ahead with this. It is not a group chat. It is for use if there is a special event coming up, a weather-related change of schedule, etc.** *New business* **Stephanie Price suggested we have a vision meeting - what is our vision for 5 years, 3 years, 1 year from now (2029, 2027, 2025) so that our decisions reflect that and our actions are more intentional. Do this exercise after Lent - a separate meeting rather than at regular parish council meeting and get input from parishioners - to be added to May's agenda at the beginning of May's parish council meeting. Endowment fund - The parish council president and a member of the endowment committee have been signatories in the past for any paperwork from the company that handles the endowment fund. This will be formalized through the endowment fund bylaws.** Meeting adjourned **at 8:35 pm.**

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER Pray daily for the person on the card you drew. Remember to keep it secret! At Pascha, you can let your prayer partner know you remembered them in prayer during Lent by giving them a card or a red egg or sending them a card.

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, May 3 at 10 pm until Saturday, May 4 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.

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) – May 5 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.

PRAYERS AT THE GRAVES will take place on Souls' Saturday (Zaduśnica), June 22 and Pentecost, June 23 at Evergreen, Crestwood, Sunset Hills, and Saint Nicholas Cemeteries as well as any other cemetery requested of Father Matthew.

BURTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE on Monday, May 27. 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.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN we serve on Thursday, April 4 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.

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

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER has asked Father Matthew to drive him on two trips:

- **Sunday, March 31 for the spring session of the Synod spring session in Springfield, VA, from April 1 to April 5.**
- **Thursday, April 11 to Sunday, April 14 to Saint Athanasius Church, Nicholasville, KY (Diocese of the South)**

Father Robert Royer will serve Liturgy here on Sunday, March 31 and Sunday, April 14. Father Robert will serve the Presanctified on Wednesday, April 3. The diocese will cover the honoraria for Fr Robert.

IN EMERGENCY ONLY April 1-5 & April 11-14 contact Father Gabriel Bilas at 810-750-1401 or Father Peter Bistolarides at 810-771-4611.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Father Joe Abud as he undergoes chemotherapy. His physician is confident that this treatment will be successful.

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 17 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 Chris Nedanis (cned77@gmail.com or 810-877-0889), Christine Panoff (capanoff@umich.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 Peter Branoff (ptb704@yahoo.com or 810-877-8773).

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- 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.

HOPE IN A BOX

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

April Coffee Social Volunteers & Sponsors	
7	
14	
21	
28	

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). 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/SEMINARIAN OFFERING On the first Sunday of the month an envelope will be placed in the bulletin for this fund to be placed in the plate when it is passed. There is also a category marked "Seminarian" on your stewardship envelopes that you can include with your regular giving. This helps to support parish seminarians, those training to become catechists, and kiosk expense for theological materials for inquirers.

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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

3 Zayn Abu-Aita
7 Aretoula Nedanis
Danni Burns
David Houser
Kristal George
Lennon Gerzevske
Nancy Krigner
Nancy Tasevski
11 Jennifer Borkovich
Katherine Economou
Majd Helal
12 Helen Popoff
13 Barbara Brown
15 Ariana Loomis
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

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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

NAMESDAYS

10 Alexander Ahejew
Alex Karayanis
Alex Nedanis
14 Tammy Sapardanis
16 Shari Marie Nicoloff
21 Lena Grousopoulos
22 Nathan Nicevski
23 Alexa Isabelle Stevens
Carli Alexa Nicoloff
Fred (George) Paul
George Branoff
George Brown
George Popoff
Richard George Elieff
Roseanne (Alexandra) Bagale
Sandra Ahejew
Sandra Grossi
Sandy Spankie
24 Brian (Branko) Mitevski
25 Marc Ethington
Mark Houser
27 Lazaros Stavridis (Lazarus Sat.)
30 Jacob Abu-Aita
James Binelli
James Grossi
James Hart
Lennon Gerzevske

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	Bill Haw	Macy Lemmen	Wendy Tadrick
Tony Branoff	Mary Karayanis	Ron Salhany	Dave Vuckovich
Paul Ellis	Nick Karayanis	Bill Tadrick	

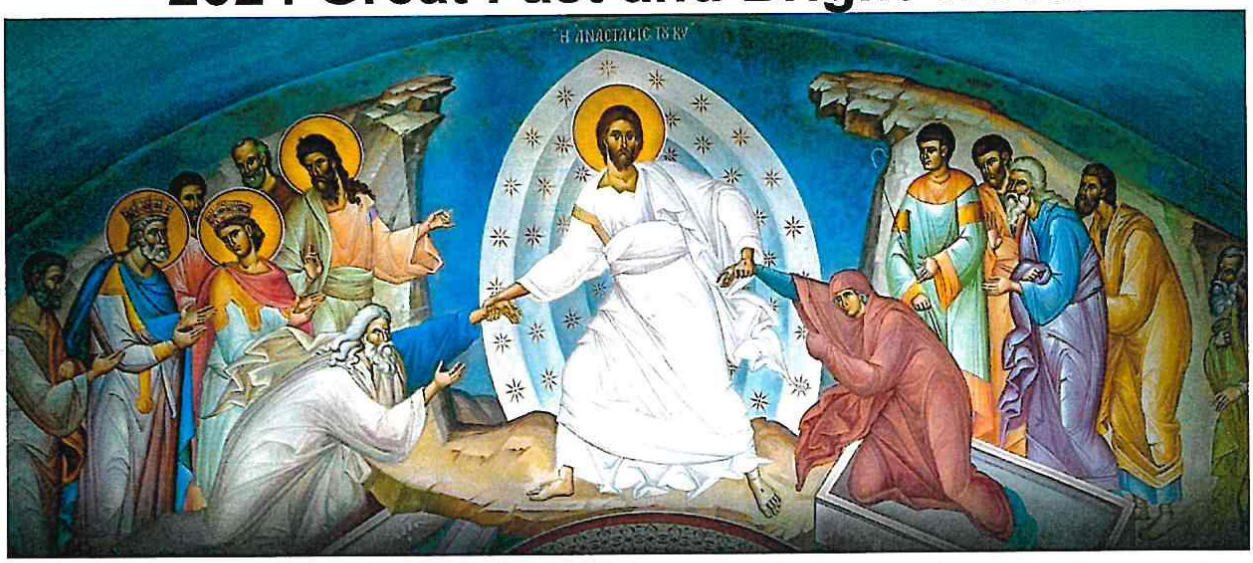
To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of our Homebound:

Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr	Flint, MI 48532
Mary & Nick Karayanis	2238 Old Hickory	Davison, MI 48423
Dave Vuckovich	9352 Morrish Rd	Swartz Creek, MI 48473

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

2024 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 at St. Nicholas, allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available after the service.

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

Presanctified Divine Liturgy and **Lenten Potluck Dinner** *(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 be available prior to the evening liturgies from 5:30pm–6pm. The Lenten Potluck Dinners will be coordinated by the host parish.

Sunday, March 24th	Great Feast of the ***Annunciation Great Vespers*** at Assumption	6pm
Monday, March 25th	Great Feast of the ***Annunciation Divine Liturgy*** at Assumption	10am
March 27th	***Presanctified Liturgy*** at St. Nicholas	6pm
Saturday, April 6th	**Lenten Retreat** *(more information to follow)*	
April 10th	***Presanctified Liturgy*** at St. George	6pm
April 24th	***Presanctified Liturgy*** at St. Mary Magdalene	6pm
April 27th	***Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Liturgy*** at Assumption	9:30am

Bright Week (May 5th-11th)

May 6th	***Paschal Divine Liturgy*** at St. Mary Magdalene	10am
May 7th	***Paschal Divine Liturgy*** at St. Nicholas	10am
May 8th	***Paschal Evening Liturgy*** at St. George	6pm
May 10th	***Paschal Divine Liturgy for the Life-giving Font*** at Assumption	10am

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Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Sunday April 28, 2024 after services

No orders can be accepted after Wednesday April 17, 2024

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

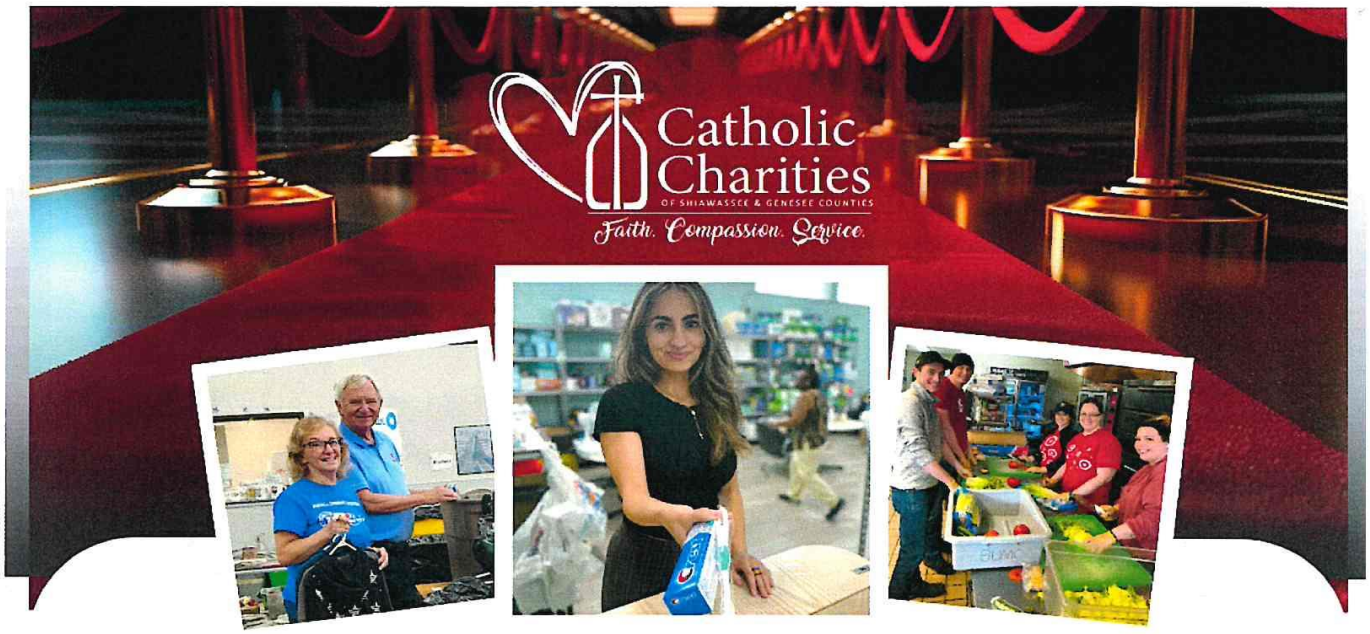
Order Form

Item	Cost	Quantity
Sweet Bread (Tsouraiki)	$10.00 each	_____
Triangles (Tiropita) Frozen only		
• Cheese	$4.00 each	_____
	$20.00 half dozen	_____
	$40.00 per dozen	_____
• Leeks	$4.00 each	_____
	$20.00 half dozen	_____
	$40.00 per dozen	_____
	Total	_____

Various sizes of Pascha breads and cheeses will be available for sale.

Baklava Walnut and Pistachio will be available for sale

Any other donations of baked goods for sale ae most welcome!



VOLUNTEER Appreciation Awards

April 17, 2024, 2-4 pm
St. Michael's Conference Center, 609 E 5th Ave., Flint

Please RSVP by April 8th by scanning the QR code or emailing us at GiveHope@ccsgc.org

We would not be the thriving organization we are today without the dedication of our volunteers!

Volunteer Impact In 2023

Number of Volunteers	Hours Contributed	Cost Savings
8,740	36,777	$478,101

COMING EVENTS

- **Apr. 6** Lenten Retreat
- **Apr. 28** Palm Sunday Bake Sale
- **May 3** Pascha Egg Coloring
- **May 12** Pascha Egg Hunt
- **May 18** Family Game Night
- **May 19** Church School year ends – turkey dinner
- **May 27** Burton Memorial Day Parade

- **June 17** Macedonian Open
- **June 22** Family Game Night
- **July 13** S'mores and Bon Fire
- **Aug. 18** Outdoor Picnic and Dance
- **Sept. 21** Family Game Night
- **Oct. 19** Trunk or Treat
- **Nov. 9** Family Game Night
- **Dec. 8** St. Nicholas visits
- **Dec. 14** Cookie Walk

Schedule for Holy Week, Pascha & Bright Week

LAZARUS SATURDAY, APRIL 27	**9:30 AM**	**Divine Liturgy at Assumption**
	5 PM	**Great Vespers w/lity & blessing of palms**
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 28	**9:30 AM**	**3rd & 6th Hours**
	10 AM	**Divine Liturgy w/procession**
	6 PM	**Bridegroom Matins**
GREAT & HOLY MONDAY, APRIL 29	**9 AM**	**Presanctified at St. George**
	6 PM	**Bridegroom Matins**
GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY, APRIL 30	**9 AM**	**Presanctified at St. George**
	6 PM	**Bridegroom Matins**
		Last day for Confessions before Pascha
GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY, MAY 1	**9 AM**	**Presanctified at St. George**
	6 PM	**Holy Unction**
GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY, MAY 2	**10 AM**	**Vesperal Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene with Archbishop Alexander**
	6 PM	**Passion Matins**
GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY, MAY 3	**9 AM**	**Royal Hours**
		Dyeing paschal eggs afterwards
	3 PM	**Vespers - the un-nailing of the Lord**
	6 PM	**Jerusalem Matins with Lamentations**
GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY, MAY 4	**10 AM**	**Vesperal Liturgy of St Basil the Great**
	12 PM	**Simple Blessing of Paschal Foods**
	10:30 PM	**Nocturnes**
	11 PM	**Myrrhbearers' Rush Procession**
		Matins of the Resurrection
	12 AM	**Divine Liturgy followed by the blessing of Paschal eggs, food and fellowship**
HOLY PASCHA, MAY 5	**10:45 AM**	**Paschal Hours**
	11 AM	**Paschal Vespers**
BRIGHT MONDAY, MAY 6	**10 AM**	**Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene Church**
BRIGHT TUESDAY, MAY 7	**10 AM**	**Divine Liturgy at St Nicholas Church**
BRIGHT WEDNESDAY, MAY 8	**6 PM**	**Divine Liturgy at St. George Church**
BRIGHT FRIDAY, MAY 10	**10 AM**	**Divine Liturgy at Assumption Church**

ORDER OF PROCESSION FOR GREAT FRIDAY AND PASCHA

Matins on Great Friday

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

Resurrection Procession on Pascha

Processional Cross	**Subdeacon**
Processional Fans	**2 Altar Servers**
Banners	**Christopher Taylor and Jonathan Shann**
Torches	**Altar Servers**
Icons	
Holy Theotokos Icon	**Lena Bakousidis**
Myrrhbearers Icon	**Connie Maxim**
St. Catherine Icon	**Christine Panoff**
St. Juliana Icon	**Jennifer Shann**
Resurrection Icon	**Stephanie Price**
Riza Resurection Icon	**Susie Ford**
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, Barry Cavett, Phil Wiles, David George**

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 at 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:_____

Please join us for our 43rd

MACEDONIAN OPEN

GOLF SCRAMBLE

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024

LUNCH & REGISTRATION @ 11 AM

SHOTGUN START @ **12 NOON**

Dinner & Prizes following golf

FLINT ELKS GOLF CLUB
FLINT ELKS LODGE 222 BANQUET FACILITY
7177 E. Maple Rd. (810) 743-9440
Grand Blanc, MI 48439 flintelks222.com

$125 PER GOLFER INCLUDES:

- 18 HOLES OF GOLF W/ CART
- GOLF SCRAMBLE FORMAT
- FULL USE OF DRIVING RANGE
- FLINT CONEYS FOR LUNCH
- LONG DRIVE CONTEST
- CLOSEST TO THE PIN CONTEST
- BUFFET DINNER
- PRIZES & AWARDS AT DINNER
- SKINS GAME & MORE!

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:
ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH
Burton, MI 810.744.0070

SPONSORSHIP INFO:

HOLE SPONSOR $125
includes a sign on the course; plus recognition in our thank you flyer and Church newsletter

CONTEST SPONSOR $250
includes a sign sponsoring one of the contests (example: closest to pin) plus recognition in our thank you flyer and Church newsletter

BIRDIE SPONSOR $500
includes a sign on the course; plus recognition in our thank you flyer, at dinner and in our Church newsletter

EAGLE SPONSOR $1,000
includes (2) golfers, a sign by the putting green; plus special recognition at dinner, in our thank you flyer and Church newsletter

PLATINUM SPONSOR $1,250
includes (4) golfers, a sign by the putting green; plus special recognition at dinner, in our thank you flyer and the Church newsletter

GOODIE BAG SPONSOR $500
will be used to purchase items for goodie bag that each golfer receives; business card and/or company name will be included inside goodie bag; special recognition in our thank you flyer and the Church newsletter

Individuals, families and businesses are all welcome and encouraged to become a sponsor or make a cash donation

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Please return this portion by June 3rd

GOLFER #1: _____
Company Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
GOLFER #2: _____
GOLFER #3: _____
GOLFER #4: _____

Note: if you do not have a foursome we can place you in one

REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP FORM

- ☐ _____ Golfer(s) ($125 per Golfer)
- ☐ _____ Sponsor a Hole ($125)
- ☐ _____ Contest Sponsor ($250)
- ☐ _____ Birdie Sponsor ($500)
- ☐ _____ Eagle Sponsor ($1,000)
- ☐ _____ Platinum Sponsor ($1,250)
- ☐ _____ Goodie Bag Sponsor ($500)
- ☐ _____ Dinner Only ($50)
- ☐ _____ Cash Donation (amount)

_____ = **TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**

Please write Name/Logo/Info to put on sign in box below:

Note: if you have .jpg file (or another format) of your logo please email it to Chris Nedanis at: cned77@gmail.com

Make Checks Payable to:
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Mail Entry Form & Payment to:
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St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
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Burton, MI 48519

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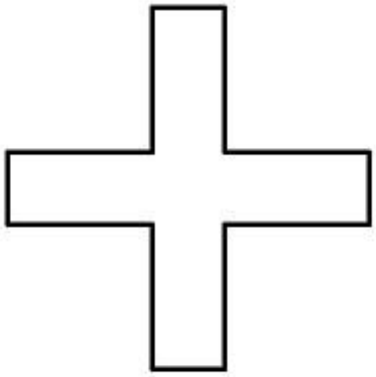

FOR THE REPOSE OF
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APRIL 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Times and events are subject to change	1 6 pm Compline at St George *Fr with Archbishop*	2 *Fr with Archbishop*	3 *No lenten hours* *6 pm Presanctified Liturgy* *lenten potluck* *Fr with Archbishop*	4 ***9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen*** *Fr with Archbishop* *Office Closed*	5 *Fr with Archbishop*	6 ***Lenten Retreat @ St. Mary Magdalene Church – see flier*** ***4 pm Vespers & confessions at St Mary Magdalene Church***
7 *Veneration of the Cross* 9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy ***Church School-****Revelation – Jesus Knocks at the Door*	8 6 pm Compline at St George	9 *10 am Adult ed class*	10 *10 am Lenten Hours* 6 pm pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy at St George *lenten potluck* *pm - Fr in Toledo*	11 *Office Closed* *Fr with Archbishop*	12 *Fr with Archbishop*	13 ***Souls' Saturday*** *4:45 pm Trisagion* 5 pm Vespers *Confessions* *Fr with Archbishop*
14 *4th Sunday of Lent* 9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy ***Church School-****1 Peter – the Cornerstone* *Fr with Archbishop*	15 *Fr. in Toledo* 6 pm Compline at St George	16	17 *9:30 am Presanctified Liturgy* *7 pm Matins & Canon of St Andrew at Dormition Monastery*	18 *8:15 am Presanctified Liturgy at Dormition Monastery* *Office Closed*	19 ***9****:30 am Presanctified Liturgy* *10 am Adult ed class*	20 ***Akathistos Saturday*** 10 am Liturgy & Akathist *10 am Church cleanup* 5 pm Vespers *confessions*
21 *5th Sunday of Lent* 9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy *Church School - confessions*	22 *Fr. in Toledo* 6 pm Compline at St George	23	24 *10 am Lenten Hours* 6 pm pan-Orthodox Liturgy @ St. Mary Magdalene *lenten potluck*	25 *Office Closed*	26 ***9****:30 am Presanctified Liturgy* *10 am Adult ed class*	27 ***Lazarus Saturday*** ***9:30 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy at Assumption*** 5 pm Vespers w/Lity *confessions*
28 ***Palm Sunday*** 9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy ***Church School-*** ***Bake Sale*** 6 pm Bridegroom Matins	29 ***HOLY MONDAY*** 9 am Presanctified @ St. George 6 pm Bridegroom Matins	30 ***HOLY TUESDAY*** 9 am Presanctified @ St. George 6 pm Bridegroom Matins ***LAST CONFESSIONS BEFORE PASCHA***	***May 1*** **HOLY WEDNESDAY** 9 am Presanctified @ St. George 6 pm Unction	***May 2*** **HOLY THURSDAY** 10 am Pontifical Vespers with Liturgy of St Basil at Saint Mary Magdalene 6 pm Passion Matins	***May 3*** **HOLY FRIDAY** 9 am Royal Hours 3 pm Vespers 6 pm Matins *with Lamentations*	***May 4*** **HOLY SATURDAY** 10 am Vesperal Liturgy 10:30 pm Nocturns 11 pm Procession/ Matins/Divine Liturgy

fast ***wine & oil permitted (no meat)*** ***fish permitted (no other meat)***