

June 22, 2025

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 narthex. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

Holy Communion – for Orthodox Christians (those received into the Orthodox Church through baptism or chrismation), please note that there are specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion – fasting from midnight (unless you need to take medication) and recent Confession. 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

For our visitors who are not Orthodox Christian: we welcome you to this celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Unfortunately we cannot extend to you a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of our community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, but for which we must all pray. All, however, are welcome to partake of the blessed bread (antidoron) which will be given when coming forward to receive the final blessing from the priest at the conclusion of the Liturgy. **Again, welcome!**

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1. ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA. **Hieromartyr Eusebius, Bishop of Samosata (380). Martyrs Zeno and his servant, Zenas, of Philadelphia (304). Martyrs Galacteon, Juliana, and Saturninus, of Constantinople. St. Alban, Protomartyr of Britain (ca. 287). Hieromartyr Nikéas of Remesiana (414-420). Martyr Nikéas the Dacian (370-372). St. Grigorie Dascalu, Metropolitan of Wallachia (Romania).**

TROPARIA

Tone 1 When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! // Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!"

Tone 8 As the bountiful harvest of Your sowing of salvation, / the lands of North America offer to You, O Lord, all the saints who have shone in them. / By their prayers keep the Church and our land in abiding peace // through the Theotokos, O most Merciful One!

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 first tone: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us / as we have set our hope on You.
(Psalm 32:22)

v. Rejoice, O righteous ones, in the Lord. To the upright is due praise. (Psalm 32:1)

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (11:33-12:2)

Brethren: all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith - Jesus.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v: God who gives me vengeance and subdues peoples to me. (Psalm 17:48)

v: Magnifying the salvations of the king, and making mercy to his anointed, to David and to his seed to the age. (Psalm 17:51)

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (4:18-23)

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

COMMUNION HYMN

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

ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

On the second Sunday after Pentecost, each local Orthodox Church commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have shone forth in its territory. Accordingly, the Orthodox Church in America remembers the saints of North America on this day.

Although it is a relatively young church, the Orthodox Church in America has produced saints in nearly all of the six major categories of saints: Apostles (and Equals of the Apostles); Martyrs (and Confessors); Prophets; Hierarchs; Monastic Saints; and the Righteous.

Saint Herman of Alaska (December 13, August 9), was a member of the first mission of Orthodox monks from Russia to Alaska and fell asleep in the Lord in 1837. The Martyr Juvenal was killed near Lake Iliamna by natives in 1799, thus becoming the first Orthodox Christian to shed his blood for Christ in the New World. In 1816, Saint Peter was put to death by Spanish missionaries in California when he refused to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Missionary efforts continued in the nineteenth century, with outreach to the native peoples of Alaska. Two of the most prominent laborers in Christ's Vineyard were Saint Innocent Veniaminov (March 31 and October 6) and Saint Jacob Netsvetov (July 26), who translated Orthodox services and books into the native languages.

As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, an event of enormous significance for the North American Church took place. On March 25, 1891, Bishop Vladimir went to Minneapolis to receive Saint Alexis Toth (May 7) and 361 of his parishioners into the Orthodox Church. Saint Tikhon (Belavin), the future Patriarch of Moscow (April 7, October 9), came to America as bishop of the diocese of the Aleutians and Alaska in September 1898. As the only Orthodox bishop on the continent, Saint Tikhon traveled extensively throughout North America in order to minister to his widely scattered and diverse flock. He realized that the local church here could not be a permanent extension of the Russian Church. Therefore, he focused his efforts on giving the American Church a diocesan and parish structure which would help it mature and grow. Saint Tikhon returned to Russia in 1907, and was elected as Patriarch of Moscow ten years later and reposed in 1925.

Saint Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27) was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North America. He was consecrated by Bishop Tikhon and Bishop Innocent (Pustynsky) at Saint Nicholas Cathedral in New York on March 13, 1904. As Bishop of Brooklyn, Saint Raphael was a trusted and capable assistant to Saint Tikhon in his archpastoral ministry. Saint Raphael reposed on February 27, 1915.

In the twentieth century, in the aftermath of the Russian Revolution, countless men, women, and children received the crown of martyrdom rather than renounce Christ. Saints John Kochurov (October 31) and Alexander Hotovitzky (December 4 and August 7) both served the Church in North America before going back to Russia. Saint John became the first clergyman to be martyred in Russia on October 31, 1917 in Saint Petersburg. Saint Alexander Hotovitzky, who served in America until 1914, was killed in 1937.

In addition to the saints listed above, we also honor those saints who are known only to God, and have not been recognized officially by the Church. As we contemplate the lives of these saints, let us remember that we are also called by God to a life of holiness. oca.org

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 16:1-8 (2nd Matins Gospel)

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away - for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples - and Peter - that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you. So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

God's blessings for good health on Father's Day to our sons Chris, Tom & Mike Panoff

Angelo & Christine Panoff

Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Jeanette, Ted, Kathryn, David, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends

Joe Tome

Special Intention

Joe Tome

For health for Sviatlana Khait

Sviatlana Khait

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF

Allison Borkovich

Bosa Kantar

Grandsons Andrew, Matthew & other angles, Chris, Lazo, Michael, Kirsto & Alexo

Angelo Popoff

Angelo & Christine Panoff

Kathy, David, Mary, Elva,

Dakota, Austin & Nick



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](#).

June 22 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie

HOURS: Madison Green

READER: Barry Cavett

June 29 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford

HOURS: Phil Wiles

READER: Staci Shank

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Deacon Luke after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith. The class meets in the library.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS is on hiatus until September.

COFFEE SOCIAL is provided today by Allison Borkovich's family in her memory. Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.

HELP NEEDED on the church grounds. 3 or 4 people to help in the following areas:

- sealing the joints in the parking lot
- completing painting in the pavilion
- clean-up of the pavilion

Please contact Dennis to help at 810-908-3631.

GODPARENTS for our inquirers who need godparents - **Paul Brayan** and **Constance Maxim** are willing to be godfather and godmother, respectively. Inquirers must have godparents before being made catechumens as their godparents will stand with them during the making of a catechumen service.

VISIT TO HOLY DORMITION MONASTERY on Saturday, June 28 beginning with Divine Liturgy at 8:45 am. This visit is for our catechumens and inquirers and any faithful who would like to attend. We will receive a tour of the monastery church and grounds following the Liturgy and luncheon. Mother Abbess Gabriella asks for a count of how many will attend. Please call the church office at 810-744-0070 or e-mail stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com with the number of persons attending. Also, we will offer a monetary gift to the monastery for the hospitality we receive. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall.

THE MACEDONIAN OPEN COMMITTEE would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's golf outing. Whether you golfed, donated money, a gift or your time, sponsored a sign, or joined us for dinner, we could not have done it without your help!

ALL of the proceeds from the Macedonian Open go toward the Church's Capital Improvement Fund. A few projects the funds have gone towards are: repairing the Church roof, resurfacing the parking lot, replacing the A/C in the office, and upgrading the Church's boiler system which is ongoing. Projects that still need funding are: painting the Church dome, repairing & painting the bell tower, and repairs and general maintenance for the pavilion. **THANKS** again to everyone who contributed!

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED:

- Additional Chairperson(s) for the picnic and dance on Sunday, August 17.
- Committee members to prepare for the Diocesan conference October 10, 11 & 12
- Assistant choir director trainee.
- **Livestream - persons to assist beginning and ending livestreaming of services**
- Media Ministry person(s)
- Maintenance ministry - persons to assist.
- An additional church school teacher and substitute because of the increase in number of students in church school - please see Stephanie Price.



PAN-ORTHODOX SOFTBALL GAME July 6 @ St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Fenton. The game starts at 3 pm. Drinks and food are provided by St. George Church this year. All ages are welcome. Please join us for an afternoon of family fun.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to do the weeding on the church grounds.

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

GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY Go to our website www.saintnicholasburton.org and click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#); this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). *Please consider adding a little extra to your donation to cover the fee we are charged. 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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today Trisagion for Allison Borkovich
Fundraising Meeting after Liturgy

Monday, June 23 Fr. with Archbishop Alexander

Tuesday, June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist
9:30 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, June 25
No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, June 28
8:45 am Liturgy at Dormition Monastery to begin our visit
5 pm [Pan-Orthodox Vespers - live-streamed](#) confessions

Sunday, June 29 **Saints Peter & Paul**
9 am Baptism of Penelope Maria Bailey (No Hours)
10 am [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)

Offerings for the week June 15, 2025

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 3,256.81
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,985.00
	\$ -1,728.19

84 persons in attendance on June 15

Welcome to our new parish secretary-in-training, LaShonda Bradley who began training with Marcia on Wednesday. Marcia and her husband Terry are moving to the U.P. soon. LaShonda will train with Marcia for two weeks before taking over the duties of parish secretary. Please stop in the office to say hello to LaShonda and welcome her!

Pew Pals is a children's weekly newsletter through My OCN (Orthodox Christian Network). "We pray that this weekly newsletter will provide opportunities for you and your family to continue the lessons we hear on Sunday at home. We invite parishes, families, organizations to download, print, and share. There will be saint stories, craft ideas, discussion topics, memory verses, and ways to continue the conversations." You can sign up to receive the newsletter by email here: <https://myocn.net/weekly-pew-pals/>

Traveling this summer and need to find a church? Go to <https://orthodoxyinamerica.org/> for a listing of the Orthodox churches throughout North America - the United States, Canada, and Mexico.