

May 11, 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, MAY 11, 2025 4th SUNDAY OF PASCHA – Tone 3. Paralytic. Holy Equals-to-the-Apostles Cyril (869) and Methodius (885), First Teachers of the Slavs. Holy Monastic Martyrs Olympia and Euphrosynē (13th c.). Commemoration of the Founding of Constantinople (330). Hieromartyr Mocius (Mucius), Presbyter, of Amphipolis in Macedonia (3rd-4th c.). Ven. Sophrony, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves – 13th c.). St. Joseph, Metropolitan of Astrakhan (1671). St. Nikodemos, Archbishop of Serbia (1325).**

**FIRST ANTIPHON**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His name, give glory to His praise! (*Psalm 65:1*)  
**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!  
(*Psalm 65:1*) **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!**

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your name, O Most High! (*Psalm 65:3*)  
**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**

God be bountiful to us and bless us! Show the light of Your countenance upon us and have mercy on us!  
(*Psalm 66:1*) **O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations! (*Psalm 66:2*)  
**O Son of God who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Let the people give thanks to You, O God! Let all the people give thanks to You! (*Psalm 66:3*)  
**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**

**Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.** (*Psalm 67:1*)  
**Troparion:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

**As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.** (*Psalm 67:2a*) Christ is risen...

**So the sinners will perish before the face of God; but let the righteous be glad.** (*Psalm 67:2b-3*) Christ is risen...

**This is the day which the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!** (*Psalm 117:24*) Christ is risen...

### **TROPARIA**

**Tone 3** Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world // great mercy.

**Tone 4** Divinely-wise Cyril and Methodius, equals-to-the-apostles and teachers of the Slavs, entreat the Master of all to strengthen all nations in Orthodoxy and unity of mind, to grant peace to the world and to save our souls.

**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 8** You descended into the tomb, O Immortal; You destroyed the power of Death. In victory You arose, O Christ God, proclaiming "Rejoice!" to the myrrh-bearing women, granting peace to Your apostles, and bestowing resurrection on the fallen.

**The prokeimenon in the eighth tone: Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, / and their words to the ends of the universe.** (*Psalm 18:4*)

**v. The heavens describe the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the making of his hands.** (*Ps. 18:1*)

### **THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE HEBREWS (13:7-16)**

Brethren, remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and to the ages. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

*Alleluia, Tone 5*

**v. Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing to the age, to generation and generation I will declare your truth in my mouth .** (*Psalm 88:1*)

**v. For you said, To the age mercy will be built, in the heavens your truth will be prepared.** (*Psalm 88:2*)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (5:1-15)** At that time there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk?'" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

**THE HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS** The Angel cried to the Lady full of grace: Rejoice, O Pure Virgin! Again I say: Rejoice! Your Son is risen from His three days in the tomb! With Himself He has raised all the dead! Rejoice, all ye people! Shine! Shine! O New Jerusalem! The Glory of the Lord has shone on you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! Be radiant, O Pure Theotokos, in the Resurrection of your Son!

**COMMUNION HYMN** Receive the Body of Christ; taste the Fountain of Immortality. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**IN PLACE OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..."** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

**Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!**

**Christos voskrese! Voistinnu voskrese! (Slavonic)**

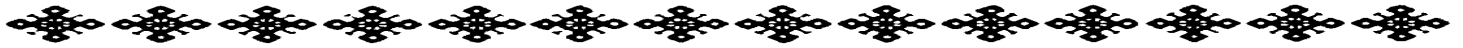
**Christos anesti! Alithos anesti! (Greek)**

**Al Maseeya kam! Hakkan kam! (Arabic)**

**Hristos vaskrese! Voistinnu vaskrese! (Serbian)**

**Hristos a înviat! Adeverat a înviat! (Romanian)**

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**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Oleg, Galina, Nikolai, Nikolai, Andrei, Vlada, Kirill, Lev & Irina	Irina Sivergina
Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Milica, Calvin, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Irene, Allen, Deborah, Luba, Les, Bosa, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David, Ted, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Elizabeth, Sviatlana, Nicholas, Artyom & Aleksander	Elizabeth Khait
Christopher Hogg for healing & blessing	Lucy Hogg

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF**

Adelaïda & Feodosiy	Irina Sivergina
Stella Branoff (16 yr.) Blessed Repose	Linda, Peter & Marilyn
Mary Lou Brayon	Jeanette, Paul & Bob Brayon



**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](#).

May 11 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford	HOURS: Madison Green	READER: Barry Cavett
May 18 CANDLESTAND: Ian & Stephanie	HOURS: Phil Wiles	READER: Staci Shank

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS** led by Father Matthew 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** on Wednesdays, at 11:15 am - *Wounded by Love*, a transcription of conversations with Saint Porphyrios (1906-1991). **No class May 14. Class resumes May 21.**

**CHURCH SCHOOL** - Church School - gift bags [Ss Cyril and Methodius and the Baptism of Rus'](#)

**COFFEE SOCIAL** is provided today by the Pirković family in memory of Nikola Pirković - 40 days. Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome. There is a signup sheet next to the service window for those who would like to donate and/or serve.

**ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER** will be a guest speaker at the Orthodox-Catholic celebration of the 1700th anniversary of the first Nicaean council. This will take place at 1 pm on Saturday, May 31 at St Matthew Catholic Church 706 Beach St, Flint where Father Anthony Strouse is pastor. Our archbishop and father will deliver the Orthodox reflection on this council and His Excellency, Bishop Earl Boyea of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing will present the Catholic reflection. The event will include two musical selections connected to Nicaea I. There will also be light refreshments afterwards. **Please RSVP by 21 May to St. Matthew Parish (810-232-0880). See the flier [HERE](#).**

**Archbishop Alexander** will visit our church for Vespers on that day and the next day, **Sunday, June 1**, for Liturgy for the Sunday of the Fathers of the first council of Nicaea.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

- A chair person(s) for the picnic and dance on Sunday, August 17.
- A choir director trainee.
- 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.**
- **2 catechists (Deacon Luke & Barry Cavett) will begin studies with Fr Silviu Bunta and Fr Bogdan Bucur in June and concluding in 2027.** Catechists instruct inquirers and catechumens in the faith. The total cost of classes for two catechists is \$3,200. Theological/Seminarian funds will be used for this purpose and any Memorial Fund donations where the families directed the funds be used at Father Matthew's discretion for what the church needs. We need catechists!
- Cookie Walk - Cathy Edwards will be one of the co-chairs for our annual cookie walk on December 13, 2025. Another co-chair is needed. Please let Cathy know if you would like to co-chair with her.



**SPRING DINNER** June 1 after Liturgy, in honor of Archbishop Alexander. The menu will be ribs, chicken, potato salad, baked beans & macaroni salad. Please bring a dessert to share. Tickets are \$18 adult, \$9 child, 6 & under-free. All proceeds will go towards the cost of the band for the parish picnic. See Sharon Jernigan for reservations/tickets or call her at 810-877-1766.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN** St. Nicholas is looking to start a community garden. Anyone interested in participating please contact Christopher Taylor (810-252-2255) or Staci Shank (269-352-4309). We will need a variety of help & donations for this venture such as: seeds, soil, garden tools, fencing, monetary donations, etc.

**MACEDONIAN OPEN**

Spring is here and that can only mean one thing, the Macedonian Open is right around the corner. This year's outing will be held on Monday, June 16th at the Flint Elks Golf Club. As has been our tradition, that is the Monday after Father's Day.

**HOW CAN I HELP? I DON'T GOLF.**

- Purchase a sponsorship sign wishing "good luck" or in memory of a loved one.
- Donate money for prizes - any amount you can give would be very much appreciated.
- Donate a gift card - specifically gift cards in the amount of \$25
- Donate a prize - donate a prize, whether it is golf related or not
- Volunteer to help at the outing.
- Join us for dinner.

Look for a flyer in our fellowship hall or contact one of our committee members if you have any questions: Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, Chris Nedanis, Philip Bakousidis, Peter Branoff, or George Branoff. The Macedonian Open is our biggest fundraiser and we encourage everyone to participate in some way.

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING** after Holy Communion begin during the distribution of the antidoron. During these prayers, please keep silence so that those staying for the prayers and those consuming the Holy Gifts may hear the prayers. Please join fellowshiping in our fellowship hall. Candle stand attendants will close the doors to the narthex during the prayers.

**NEW ADDRESS** for PAUL ELLIS Flatrock Manor of Lapeer 300 N Elba Rd, Lapeer, MI 48446.

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

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Today** Trisagion for Julia Peck

**Mon., May 12** *Father with Archbishop Alexander*

**Tues., May 13**

6 pm Prayer service for the sick & suffering at St. Mary Magdalene  
6:30 pm meeting of the parish council

**Wed., May 14**

9:30 am **MIDFEAST OF PENTECOST** *No adult education class*  
Divine Liturgy singing led by Father Cosmas of St Romanos Hermitage  
Parastas for Feodosiy & Adelaïda Sivergin  
light refreshments for Fr Matthew's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priestly ordination (May 14, 1995)

**Sat., May 17**

10 am Liturgy at St. Nicholas Macedonian Orthodox Church in Windsor, ON  
**No Vespers or confessions at our church**

**Sunday, May 18**

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**  
[9:30 am Hours-live-streamed](#)  
[10 am Divine Liturgy-live-streamed](#)  
Church School - End of year recognition and dinner  
Trisagion for Bob Edwards

**REMEMBERING FR ROMAN (BRAGA)** Last weekend honored the 10th anniversary of the repose of Father Roman (Braga) a modern confessor of the faith. You may listen or watch the reminiscences on the Holy Dormition Monastery YouTube channel: [Friday, May 2](#), [Saturday, May 3](#)

**Offerings for the week May 4, 2025**

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 3,948.77
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ - 431.23

71 persons in attendance on May 4