

October 12, 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, OCTOBER 12, 2025 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1. Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council. Martyrs Probus, Tarachus, and Andronicus, at Tarsus in Cilicia (304). St. Cosmas the Hymnographer, Bishop of Maiuma (ca. 787). Ven. Amphilóky, Abbot of Glushétsk (1452). Martyr Domnica of Anazarbus (286). St. Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours (ca. 400). "Jerusalem" Icon of the Mother of God (48 A.D.).**

**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** You are most glorious, O Christ our God! / You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth. / Through them You have guided us to the true Faith. // O greatly compassionate One, glory to You!

**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 fourth tone: Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers / and praised and glorified is Your name forever!** (*Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3*)

**v: For You are just in all that You have done for us!** (*Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 4*)

**THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO TITUS (3:8-15)** *Titus, my child:* the word is true, I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

*Alleluia, Tone 1*

*v. The God of gods, the Lord, spoke and called the earth, from the risings of the sun to its settings.* (*Psalm 49:1*)

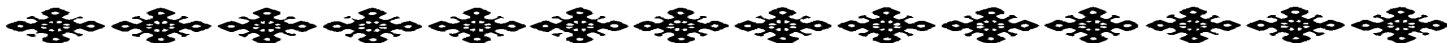
*v. Gather his venerable ones to him, the ones who distribute his testament upon sacrifices.* (*Psalm 49:5*)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (8:5-15)** At that time Jesus told the crowd this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience."

**COMMUNION HYMN** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (*Psalm 147:1*)

**Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council.** Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasios (February 25). The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicaea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine VI. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18). [oca.org](http://oca.org)

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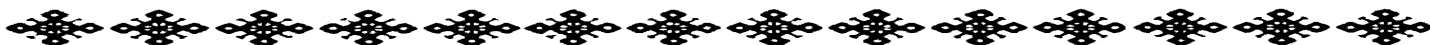


**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Oleg, Galina, Nikolay, Nikolay, Andrey, 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, Jeanette, Ted, Kathryn, David, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my family and friends	Joe Tome
Special Intention	Joe Tome
Peter Branoff, for health	Linda Branoff

**CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE BLESSED REPOSE OF**

Adelaïda & Feodosiy	Irina Sivergina
Stefan Kendereš (85 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of repose) and Mária Högerová Bujnovská Kutná (73 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary of repose)	their family



**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](#).

Oct 12 CANDLESTAND: Christine Panoff	HOURS: Lucy Hogg	READER: Angelo Panoff
Oct 19 CANDLESTAND: Susie Ford	HOURS: Madison Green	READER: Katherine Gonsler

**ASSISTANCE TO THE SUFFERING** Faithful have asked about a way to assist those suffering as a result of the shooting and fire in Grand Blanc last Sunday. ELGA Credit Union has established a compassion fund the proceeds of which go to the families and you can donate [here](#). The charity plate today will go towards this fund.

**COFFEE SOCIAL** Please join us after Liturgy in the fellowship hall for coffee and donuts. The coffee social is donated in memory of **Stefan Kendereš** (85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of repose) and **Mária Högerová Bujnovská Kutná** (73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of repose).

**CHURCH SCHOOL** will continue next Sunday, October 19!! The lesson focus is on the Tower of Babel for [elementary](#) and [high school](#) students. Stephanie Price and Michelle Gerzevske are teachers.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** on Saturday, October 25. Decorate your trunks at 12:30 pm, trunk or treat from 1 to 3 pm. **Please, we need donations of candy! There is a box in the fellowship hall for you to place your donation inside. This is a very popular event in the community so the more candy donated, the better!**

**62<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONFERENCE** Friday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm will be a reception for delegates at the hotel Best Western Plus Flint Airport Inn & Suites 6075 Hill 23 Dr, Flint, MI 48507. Saturday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> there will be 9:30 am greeting of Archbishop Alexander & Pontifical Divine Liturgy with memorial service followed by a luncheon. There will be a 1:30 pm business session and Vespers at 5 pm.

**SERVICE DURING INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH** on Sunday, October 19 at 12 pm will be a service for parents who have lost an infant at any stage of development - miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS, disease, abortion, accident, or other causes - and for their infants who have gone into their rest before us. **Please use the forms at the candle stand to print the names of the infants and parents you would like remembered.**

**CHRISMATION** of catechumen **Jonothan Miller** will take place on Sunday, October 19 before the Divine Liturgy. Protodeacon Luke is Jonothan's godfather.

**LUNCHEON** on Sunday, October 26 from 12 to 2 pm for **Alexandra Stith & Barry Cavett** (crowning on January 18, 2026) and **Madison Kassiani Green & Jonathon Miller** (crowning on November 8, 2025) Proceeds from this luncheon will be split between the couples. All are welcome! Please see Katherine Gonsler for more information.

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

**PAYPAL** You can use PayPal for your financial stewardship! [Give now with PayPal](#); this is a secure site. (1.99% + \$0.49 of your donation goes to PayPal as a fee). \*Please consider clicking the donation box 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

**NEW PARISH SECRETARY** We welcome Julie Bissett as our new parish secretary. Stop by to say hello!  
**NEW ADDRESS** Marcia Hammerberg, our former parish secretary, has asked to share her temporary mailing address: 20173 Si Rd, Cornell, MI 49818-9467.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm.

**PARISH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITOR & LAY DELEGATE** takes place on Sunday, November 2. To vote you must have submitted a pledge card & received Confession and Communion within the past year. Only one vote per person: if you fill out an absentee vote please do not fill out a ballot on November 2. The nominees are:

**Parish Council (3 year term)**  
**(4 will be elected)**

**Auditors**  
**(2 will be elected)**

**Lay Delegate to the 2026 Conference**  
**(1 will be elected)**

Alec Bailey

Laurie Brock

Christopher Taylor

Paul Brayan (*term expiring*)

Cathy Edwards (*term expiring*)

Joe Tome

Dennis Jernigan (*term expiring*)

Shari Nicoloff

(*top vote-getter is the delegate, next in votes is the alternate delegate*)

Rebecca Lazar

Staci Shank

Christopher Taylor (*term expiring*)

With the resignation from parish council by Tammy Bolinger, four parish council members will be elected. The lowest vote-getter of the four elected will serve the term that expires at the end of 2026. Archbishop Alexander must bless all those elected for them to be sworn in and serve.

- Absentee ballots are available in the office
- Absentee ballots must be returned by November 1

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday, October 12**

**9:30 am**      **Hours**

**10 am**        **Divine Liturgy-live-streamed on YouTube**

**Archbishop Alexander meets with catechumens and inquirers**

**Wednesday, October 15**

**9:30 am**      **Divine Liturgy**

**11:15 am**    **adult education – continuing St Porphyrios's Wounded by Love**

**Thursday, October 16** *Thursdays are Father Matthew's "day off" when he goes completely "offline" – not checking emails or texts. If there is an emergency, please call him. Your email or text will be returned the next day.*

**Saturday, October 18**

[5 pm](#) [Vespers](#) followed by Confessions

**Sunday, October 19**

9:30 am **chrismation of Jonothan Miller (no Hours)**

[10 am](#) [Divine Liturgy-live-streamed on YouTube](#)

Church School lesson: Tower of Babel for [elementary](#) and [high school](#) students.

12 noon service for parents who have lost an infant at any stage of development and for their infants who have gone into their rest before us.

*No catechumens/inquirers class*

***Offerings for the week October 5, 2025***

Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$ 4,454.00
Estimated Average Weekly Expenses	\$ 4,380.00
	\$ 74.00

65 persons in attendance on October 5

**Wisdom of the Saints** "...This is the way we should see Christ. He is our friend, our brother; He is whatever is good and beautiful. He is everything. Yet, He is still a friend and He shouts it out, "You're my friends, don't you understand that? We're brothers. I'm not... I don't hold hell in my hands. I am not threatening you. I love you. I want you to enjoy life together with me." **St Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia**, *Testimonies and Experiences*, p 44