

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Monthly Parish Bulletin

Orthodox Church in America

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Services:

Wednesday- 9 am Adult Education-11 am

Saturday – 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Third Hour 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Holydays, Vigil and Vespers as announced

“But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

St. Jude 1:20

March 1-31, 2017



Annunciation – March 19

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Dear faithful and friends of St. Nicholas,

We are now in the blessed season of Lent, the Lenten springtime when we prune away our sins and further orient ourselves to the Lord Jesus. How can we keep Lent well? Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the three basic Christian and Lenten necessities. But, knowing that we will not make a maximum effort, some of us may feel frustrated, lost, and without guidance when facing the Lenten season. Other may simply ignore it.

DO WHAT YOU CAN

Great Lent should never be ignored. The only realistic Lenten guideline is this: do the best you can. The essentials of Great Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Intensify your prayer. Fast as fully as possible. Give to others, asking nothing in return. Know as well that all of your fasting, praying, and almsgiving must be exercised in secret. The only real goal and purpose of Great Lent is to enter into a deeper love for God and for those around us.

CERTAIN WEEKS

Another concrete yet traditional step towards a fuller Lenten participation is to keep certain Lenten weeks in a more careful and strict way than others. For example, the first and third weeks of Great Lent, in addition to Holy Week, can be set aside for a greater and more concentrated Lenten effort. Very practically speaking, everyone can keep certain weeks, or at least one week, in a very special way. If this is done, there is no doubt that the result will be very positive and the time spent may prove to be the most inspiring and fruitful time of our entire life. We can only try it and see!

WHAT TO DO

Here are some concrete guidelines for taking Great Lent more seriously:

- + Turn off the TV, radio, and stereo for the entire Lenten season, except for news and serious or educational programs. Make the commitment of time to come to our Lenten retreat on March 25 at Assumption Church. Fr. Silviu Bunta will speak to us about being still in a world full of madness.
- + Keep useless talking to a minimum. Do only necessary business, good works, and acts of charity.
- + In the name of Jesus Christ, forgive all who have offended you and seek forgiveness from those whom you have offended. If it will not be embarrassing or misinterpreted as an act of self-righteousness, express yourself as concretely as possible. Visit, make a phone call, etc.
- + Set aside and give a sizable portion of your resources for others: the parish, the poor, a social or educational agency. Tell no one what you have done. Do not advertise what you are doing.
- + Fast. Eat no meat, as the basic minimum. Suit your fast to your work, but avoid luxury. Tell no one. Do not advertise or discuss your fasting and avoid judging the fasting of others.
- + Pray at home at least at 1 fixed time each day; use even a brief rule of prayer & keep it faithfully.
- + Read the scriptures in the same way: follow the church's calendar or read a chapter a day.
- + Be faithful to Christ's Gospel in every word, action, and thought - even the smallest.
- + Participate in all the weekly Lenten services especially the Presanctified Liturgy, Vespers, and the Divine Liturgy, confessing seriously and receiving Holy Communion often.

PEACE AND JOY

If we do these things, not in a spirit of gloomy self-denial or irritated self-pity, we will gain an awareness of genuine peace and joy in communion with God and those around us.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Matthew

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNER We will have our Lenten Prayer Partners again this year. If you are out of town for Lent or are homebound and would like to participate, please call the office: 810-744-0070. Here's how the Lenten Prayer Partner works: prayer cards are printed with a blank space for your name. It is then folded in half and returned to the office. On Cheesefare Sunday (Feb. 26), everyone participating will draw a card. Then everyone will pray daily for the person on the card they 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.

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT You will find in your box of offering envelopes one marked "Diocesan Assessment." Each parish in the Diocese is assessed \$35 per pledging adult. We have been paying this directly out of our Sunday offerings, presently \$5,320 per year. If every adult will make the \$35 assessment above and beyond their regular pledge, our parish will save \$5,320 per year.

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS-UPDATE The following parish council members have agreed to serve on the executive board: Sharon Jernigan, President; Cathy Steiner, Vice-President; Lucy Hogg, Treasurer and Diakonessa Kathy Gonser, Secretary. Thank you for your willingness to serve our parish family.

PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT will be held on March 25th at Assumption. Fr. Silviu N.Bunta will be leading the retreat. Please see the enclosed flyer for details.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Our next scheduled date of service is Thursday, March 2nd. PLEASE make an effort to be there or to invite a friend to help out with us.

SCHEDULE OF PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES FOR LENT is found in this month's newsletter. Please post it in your home and make an effort to attend as many services as possible.

The parish council will not meet in March (Great Lent).

The next meeting will be on April 18th at 6:45 pm.

Please call the parish office if you are unable to attend this meeting.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Petro Ahejew
- 7 Johnny Kantor
Amir Abu-Aita
- 9 Linda Kilbourne
- 14 Megan Krigner
- 15 Ryan Broadfoot
John Popoff
Theodore Wilhelm
- 18 Allison Borkovich
Jim Grossi
Lena Vassiliou
- 19 Joseph Oginsky
- 20 Sandra Ahejew
- 24 Marie Todorovsky



NAMESDAYS

- 2 Chad Conover
- 7 Eugene Akkerman
- 9 Vivian Binelli
- 10 Leonid Rabkina
- 17 Alexis Nedanis
- 20 Svetlana Shchukina
- 23 Lydia Dorohov
Lydia Nicoloff
- 25 Angela Bakousidis
Angelo (Vangel) Panoff
Angelo Popoff
Angelo Young
Austin Angelo Selmi
Evangelos Stavridis
- 26 Gabriel Paul
- 27 Robert Naumoff
Robert Russell
Robert Steiner

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 John & Fannie Popoff
- 10 Stojan & Mira Prusac
- 26 Gregory & Danni Burns

ST. AMPHILOCHIOS ON AVOIDING DESPAIR

A certain brother, overcome by the passion of immorality, sinned every day. However, each time, with tears and prayers, he would fall before the Master and Lord and receive forgiveness from Him. And as soon as he had repented, the next day, being misled again by shameful habit, he would fall to sin.

Afterwards, having sinned, he would go to the Church, where he would prostrate himself before the honorable and revered Icon of our Lord Jesus Christ and tearfully confess to Jesus: "Lord, have mercy upon me and take away from me this fearful temptation, for it troubles me fiercely and wounds me with the bitter taste of the pleasures. O my Master, cleanse my person once more, that I may gaze upon Thine Icon and see Thy holy form and the sight of Thy face, brighter than the sun, that my heart might be sweetened and thankful."

And though his lips had just whispered these words, no sooner would he leave the Church than he would fall once again to sin.

Despite this, however, he did not despair of his salvation, but, returning from his sinful deed, would cry out in the Church the same words to God, to the Lord, Who loves mankind, adding the following: "My Lord, I swear to Thee on my word that I shall no longer commit this sin. Only forgive me, Good and Most Merciful Lord, whatever sins I have committed from the beginning to this moment."

No sooner would he utter these awe-inspiring words than he would find himself the captive of this evil sin. Let no one cease to marvel at the sweet love of God towards mankind and at His boundless goodness, with which He each day tolerated the uncorrected and evil transgression and ingratitude of the brother. Indeed, God, because of the greatness of His mercy, persistently accepted the repentance of that sinful brother and his inevitable return. For this happened not for one or two or three years, but for more than ten years.

Do you see, my brother, the measureless forbearance and boundless love of the Master? How He continually endures, showing to us kindness, tolerating our terrible transgressions and sins? And what evokes astonishment and wonderment with regard to the rich mercies of God is that He did not become wrathful with the brother in question, though the brother, agreeing not to fall to sin again, continually broke his word.

At any rate, one day when all that we have described again occurred, the brother, having fallen to sin, rushed to the Church, lamenting, groaning, and crying with anguish, to invoke the mercy of God, that He might have compassion on him and take him from the sin of immorality.

No sooner had he called on God, the Lover of Man, than the Devil, that evil of old, destroyer of our souls, seeing that he could gain nothing, since whatever he accomplished by sin, the brother expunged by his repentance, became infuriated and appeared visibly before the brother. Facing the Icon of Christ, the Devil said to our compassionate Savior: "What will become of the two of us, Jesus Christ? Your sympathy for this sinner defeats me and takes the ground I have gained, since you keep accepting this dissolute man and prodigal who daily mocks you and scorns your authority. Indeed, why is it that you do not burn him up, but, rather, tolerate and put up with him? ... It is because one day you intend to condemn all of the adulterers and the dissolute and you will destroy all sinners."

"Actually, you are not a just Judge. But by whim your power is sometimes applied leniently and overlooks things. So, while I was cast from the heavens down to the abyss for a little breach of pride, to this fellow here, even though an immoral man and a prodigal, you calmly show your sympathy, just because he throws himself down in front of your Icon."

"In what way can you be called a just Judge, then? For, as I see it, you receive individual people with great kindness, but ignore justice in general."

The Devil said all of this, poisoned with great bitterness, whilst there poured forth from his nostrils a black flame.

Having said these things, he fell silent. A voice was heard in response, coming forth from the divine sanctuary, saying the following: "O, all-cunning and ruinous Dragon, are you yet not satisfied with your evil and destructive desire to gobble up the world? Now you have even the nerve to try to do away with this man here, who has come with contrition to entreat the mercy of My compassion to devour him, too? Can you offer up enough sins that, by them, you can tilt the balance of justice against the Precious Blood which I shed on the Cross for this man? Behold My murder and death, which I endured for the forgiveness of his sins."

"You, Dragon, when he turns again to sin, do not turn him away, but receive him with joy, neither chastising him nor preventing him from committing sin, out of the hope that you might win him over; but I, who am merciful and love mankind, who counselled My laudable Apostle, Peter, to forgive sins seven times seventy (St. Matthew 18:22), do I not show him mercy and compassion? Indeed, simply because he flees to Me, I will not turn him away until I have won him over. Furthermore, I was crucified for sinners and for their salvation; My immaculate hands were nailed to the Cross, that those who so wish might take refuge in me and be saved. For this reason, then, I neither turn away nor reject anyone, even if he should fall many times a day and many times return to Me; such a person will not leave my Temple saddened, for I came not to call the righteous, but to call sinners to repent."

During the time that this voice was heard, the Devil was fixed in his place, trembling and unable to run away. The voice then again began to say: "We have heard from all that you say, O Seducer, that I am not just; to the contrary, I am just beyond all. In whatever moral state I find a person, in that state I judge him. Look at this man who a few moments ago repented, having returned from sin and having fallen at my feet with a sincere resolution to abandon sin, and thereby having conquered you."

“Therefore, I will accept him immediately and save his soul, since he did not lose hope in his hard toil for salvation.”

“Look how much he merits by his repentance before Me, for which he is honored. As for you, let your hate be shred to pieces and you disgraced.”

While this was being said, the repentant brother had thrown himself before the Icon of the Savior. With his face to the ground and lamenting, he surrendered his spirit to the Lord. At the same time that the repentant brother departed to the Lord, a great tempest fell upon Satan, like a fire from Heaven, and devoured him. From this incident, my brothers, let us learn of the limitless compassion of God and of His love of man—a good Master we have—, that we might never again be disheartened by our sins, but rather look after our salvation with zeal.

Third Hour Schedule					
March		April		May	
5	Reggie	2	Angelo	7	Reggie
12	Angelo	9	Lucy	14	Angelo
19	Lucy	16	Reggie	21	Lucy
26	Reggie	23	Angelo	28	Reggie
		30	Lucy		
If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, you must find a replacement.					

Reader Schedule					
March		April		May	
5	Johnny	2	Johnny	7	Johnny
12	Kathy	9	Kathy	14	Kathy
19	Taras	16	Taras	21	Taras
26	Angelo	23	Amir	28	Amir
		30	Angelo		
If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, you must find a replacement.					

KIOSK Please visit our kiosk areas and consider a new book for your Lenten Spiritual Reading for yourself or for a loved one. There are also be a number of new devotional and gift items.



- March 5: Sunday of Orthodoxy
- March 8: Combined Presanctified at St. Nicholas
- March 25: Lenten Retreat at Assumption

COFFEE HOUR volunteers are needed. There is a sign-up list outside of the kitchen. Please commit to helping out so that we can continue having this social time together

COIN BOXES Each Lent, we collect coins to help support the OCA Missions here in the US and around the world. Boxes are found on the tables in the church hall. Please be generous.

 HOPE IN A BOX	
March	Feminine Care Products
April	Deodorant
May	Bar & Hand Soap

MEMORY ETERNAL + Alexandros (Alex) Georgopoulos, father of Mark and Nicco, brother of Mary Batzos and Bill Georgopoulos fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, February 7. Viewing and Parastas were held on Monday, February 13 at Swartz Funeral Home. Funeral Services were held at church on Tuesday, February 14th, followed by interment at Evergreen Cemetery. May God grant his servant +Alexandros blessed repose and rest among the saints.

+Vlado Kocovski, husband of Nancy (Evanka) Kocovski. fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, February 8. May God grant his servant +Vlado blessed repose and rest among the saints.

+ Thompka (Thomai) Brayanis, widow of +Tony Brayanis, sister-in-law of Alex and Anastasia Branoff, asleep in the Lord on Sunday, February 12. Viewing and Parastas were held on Tuesday, February 14 at Swartz Funeral Home. Funeral Services were held at church on Wednesday, February 15, followed by interment at Evergreen Cemetery. May God grant his handmaiden +Thompka blessed repose and rest among the saints.

Special Donations for Lent, Holy Week & Pascha

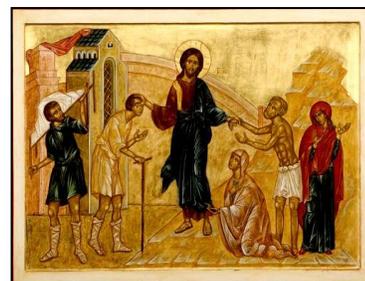
1. Flowers for the Cross-Third Sunday of Lent -\$110.00
2. Palms-Palm Strips-\$70.00
3. Palms-Fan Palms-\$60.00
4. Flowers for the Cross-Good Friday-\$100.00
5. Flowers for the Priest's Cross-Pascha-\$30.00
6. Priest Ornamented Paschal Candle-\$90.00
7. 2 large ornamented Paschal Candles for the Altar-\$90.00 each
8. 10 large candles for the Holy Grave-\$30.00 each
9. Flowers for the Holy Tomb (Epitaphios)-Market Value
10. Incense- ½ lb \$30
½ lb \$30
11. Rose Water-\$25.00
12. Eggs for Pasch (14 dozen)-Market Value
13. Red Dye for Eggs-30 packets-\$50.00

Please contact the parish office at 744-0070 as soon as possible if you would like to donate one of the items listed above for Holy week and Pascha

VISITATION TO THE SICK Fr. Matthew brings Holy Communion to the shut-ins on Mondays. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact the office. Presently, those receiving weekly visits are: Aspasia Stathopoulos, Helen Ashmun, Fred Oginsky, Gloria Zelenko. Monthly Fr. Matthew visits Larry Bladecki (Bay City) and Peter and Olga Samaras (Caro).

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.



Josephine Baker
Larry Bladecki
John Bocek
Anna Branoff
Linda Branoff
Gladys Edwards
Susan Goodman

Jo Ann Havens
Bill Haw
Helen Iwanoff
Goldie Johnson
Mary Karayanis
Nick Karayanis
Macy Lemmen

Pauline Nenoff
Fred Oginsky
Ron Salhany
Olga Samaras
Peter Samaras
Olga Samaras
Aspasia Stathopoulos

Bill Tadrick
Wendy Tadrick
Ron Waskerwitz
Gloria Zelenko

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

Larry Bladecki
Gladys Edwards
Goldie Johnson
Pete & Olga Samaras
Aspasia Stathopoulos
Gloria Zelenko

409 15th Street
2 Harbor Dr.
310 E. Willard Ave
1285 Cleaver Rd
4064 Sheraton Dr.

5370 E. Baldwin Rd. #520

Bay City, MI 48708
St. Clair, MO 63077
Lansing, MI 48910
Caro, MI 48723-9241 989-673-0821
Flint, MI 48532

Grand Blanc, MI



Flowers for Great Friday & Pascha

Hyacinths will be available this year (3 bulbs per pot). The offering for the Hyacinths will be \$20.00. Extra Large green ferns will also be available for an offering of \$30.00. Lilies (3 plants per pot) will be available for \$30.00 and Daffodils (4 bulbs per pot) for \$15.00.

Please fill out the form below as soon as possible. There are a limited number of plants available. We will be ordering 12 Lilies, 4 Daffodils, 4 Hyacinths and 4 ferns. Donations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Please 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.

Dear Father Matthew,

I wish to donate:

- _____ Triple Lilies (\$30.00) 12 available
(How many)
- _____ Large Hyacinth arrangement (\$20.00) 4 available
(How many)
- _____ Large Daffodils (\$15.00) 4 available
(How many)
- _____ Extra large green ferns (\$30.00) 4 available
(How many)

In honor of (for the living)

Or, in memory of (departed)

Your Name: _____

\$ Amount: _____



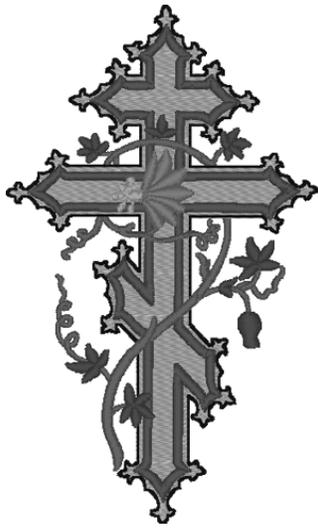
<h1>Your Business Here</h1>	<h1>Space for Rent</h1>
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<p>\$36.00 Single Space for 6 months</p> <p>\$50.00 Double Space for 6 months</p> <p>\$65.00 Triple Space for 6 months</p>	<p>?</p>	
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<p>✠ <i>Fast</i></p> <p> <i>Dairy Permitted (no meat)</i></p> <p> <i>Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat)</i></p> <p> <i>Fish Permitted (no other meat)</i></p>			<p>1 ✠</p> <p>9am Lenten Hours</p> <p>6:30 Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</p>	<p>2 ✠</p> <p>North End Soup Kitchen 9 am – 1 pm</p> <p>6:30 Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>3 ✠</p> <p>6 pm Presanctified & Lenten potluck</p>	<p>4 ✠ </p> <p><i>St. Theodore</i></p> <p>9:30 am Confessions 10 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>5 pm Vespers</p>
<p>5 </p> <p><i>Sunday of Orthodoxy</i></p> <p>9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>6 ✠</p> <p>6:30 pm Compline @ St. George</p>	<p>7 ✠</p> <p>Father NOT in Office</p> <p>No Book Club</p>	<p>8 ✠</p> <p>9 am Lenten Hours 11am Adult Ed 6 pm Combined Presanctified @ St. Nicholas</p>	<p>9 ✠</p> <p>Father in Toledo</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>10 ✠</p>	<p>11 </p> <p><i>Memorial Saturday</i></p> <p>4:45 pm Trisagion 5 pm Vespers</p>
<p>12 </p> <p><i>St. Gregory Palamas</i></p> <p>9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>13 ✠</p> <p>6:30 pm Compline @ St. George</p>	<p>14 ✠</p> <p>Father in Toledo</p> <p>No Book Club</p>	<p>15 ✠</p> <p>9 am Lenten Hours 11 am Adult Ed 6 pm Presanctified & Lenten Potluck</p>	<p>16 ✠</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>17 ✠</p>	<p>18 </p> <p><i>Memorial Saturday</i></p> <p>4:45 pm Trisagion 5 pm Vespers</p>
<p>19 </p> <p><i>Veneration of the Cross</i></p> <p>9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>20 ✠</p> <p>6:30 pm Compline @ St. George</p>	<p>21 ✠</p> <p>Father in Toledo</p> <p>No Book Club</p>	<p>22 ✠</p> <p>9 am Lenten Hours 11 am Adult Ed 6 pm Combined Presanctified @ St. George</p>	<p>23 ✠</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>24 </p>	<p>25 </p> <p><i>Annunciation</i></p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy @ Assumption</p> <p>Lenten Retreat 4 pm Vespers</p>
<p>26 </p> <p><i>St. John Climacus</i></p> <p>9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>27 ✠</p> <p>6:30 pm Compline @ St. George</p>	<p>28 ✠</p> <p>Father in Toledo</p> <p>No Book Club</p>	<p>29 ✠</p> <p>9 am Lenten Hours 11 am Adult Ed 6 pm Presanctified & Lenten Potluck</p>	<p>30 </p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>31 </p>	

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2 ST. MARY OF EGYPT 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy	3 † 6:30 pm Compline @ St. George	4 † Father in Toledo	5 9 am Lenten Hours 11 am Adult Ed 6 pm Combined Presanctified @ St. Mary Magdalene	6 Office Closed	7	8 LAZARUS SATURDAY 9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Pancake Breakfast 5 pm Vespers
9 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy	10 † HOLY MONDAY 9 am Presanctified @ St. George 7 pm Bridegroom Matins	11 † HOLY TUESDAY 9 am Presanctified @ St. George 7 pm Bridegroom Matins	12 † HOLY WEDNESDAY 9 am Presanctified @ St. George 7 pm Bridegroom Matins	13 HOLY THURSDAY 9 am Vespereal Liturgy 7 pm Passion Matins Office Closed	14 Strict Fast † GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY 9 am Royal Hours 3 pm Vespers 7 pm Jerusalem Matins Office Closed	15 <i>Wine Only</i> HOLY SATURDAY 10 am Vespereal Liturgy 12 pm Simple Blessing 10:30 pm Nocturnes 11 pm Procession/ Matins/Divine Liturgy
16 <i>Fast Free</i> PASCHA 10:30 am Paschal Hours 11 am Paschal Vespers	17 <i>Fast Free</i> BRIGHT MONDAY 9 am Divine Liturgy Paschal Brunch	18 <i>Fast Free</i> BRIGHT TUESDAY 9 am Divine Liturgy 6:45 pm Parish Council Meeting	19 <i>Fast Free</i> BRIGHT WEDNESDAY Father in Toledo	20 <i>Fast Free</i> BRIGHT THURSDAY Office Closed	21 <i>Fast Free</i> BRIGHT FRIDAY	22 <i>Fast Free</i> BRIGHT SATURDAY 5 pm Vespers
23 ST. THOMAS SUNDAY 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy 2 pm St. Nicholas Cemetery	24	25 Father in Toledo	26 9 am Lenten Hours 11 am Adult Ed	27	28	29 5 pm Vespers
30 MYRRHBEARING WOMEN 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy						

The Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint

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**Come, Join Us
for our Annual Lenten Retreat!**

In a World Full of Madness, Be Still

**Saturday,
March 25, 2017**

**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
2245 Baldwin Road
Grand Blanc, MI 48439
(810) 771-4611**

10:00 am Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation

11:30 am Lunch (free will offering)

12:30 - 1:15 Part 1 - Speaker Presentation

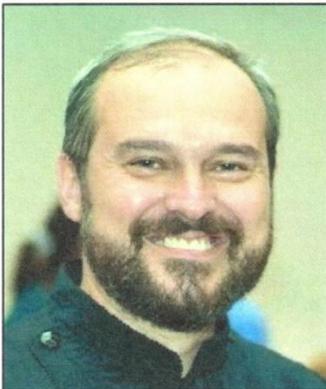
1:15 - 2:00 Breakout Session for Discussion

2:00 - 2:45 Part 2 - Speaker Presentation

2:45 - 3:30 Breakout Session for Discussion

4 pm Vespers

RSVP at (810) 771-4611 by Monday March 13th.



Guest Speaker

Fr. Silviu N. Bunta, PhD.

Fr. Silviu specializes in Scriptural studies and has his Ph.D. in Second Temple Judaism from Marquette University. He has his M.A. in New Testament from the University of Oradea (Oradea, Romania). He is a priest of the Diocese of Toledo (OCA) and is an Associate Professor at the University of Dayton teaching Bible, ancient Judaism, Hebrew, and Greek.

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~ 2017 Great Fast ~ Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Potluck Dinners

Great Compline (*Mondays, 6:30pm*) We will be celebrating the Great Compline service together every Monday night at St. George. This beautiful service allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available from 6pm–6:30pm and after the service.

Lenten Hours (*Wednesdays, 9am*) St. Nicholas will celebrate the Lenten Hours every Wednesday.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy (*Wednesdays, 6pm*) We will celebrate the Presanctified Liturgy together according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at the Presanctified Liturgy. To partake of Holy Communion, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (not eating or drinking anything after 12 Noon). Confessions will only be available prior to the Liturgy from 5:30pm–6pm.

Potluck Dinners: A Lenten Dinner follows each Wednesday liturgy. Please bring a covered **Lenten Dish** (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products*) to the hall prior to the beginning of liturgy. If you have questions, call the church office where the combined service will be celebrated.

March 1st ***Presanctified Liturgy*** or ***Compline*** at each church

March 8th ***Presanctified Liturgy*** Combined at St. Nicholas

March 22nd ***Presanctified Liturgy*** Combined at St. George

March 25th ***Annunciation Divine Liturgy*** Combined at Assumption 10am

➤ A **Lenten Retreat** lead by Fr. Silviu Bunta follows (*see flier*)

April 5th ***Presanctified Liturgy*** Combined at St. Mary Magdalene

April 8th ***Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Divine Liturgy, and
Lenten Breakfast*** Combined at St. Nicholas 9:30am

Assumption is located 1 ½ miles west of Holly Road on Baldwin Road.
St. George is located between Linden and Dye Roads on Lennon Road.
St. Mary Magdalene is located ¼ mile east of Torrey Road on South Long Lake.
St. Nicholas is located ½ mile south of Lippincott on Center Road.

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