

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Monthly Newsletter

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Services: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Third Hour 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Wednesday- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Adult Class 11:15 am
Saturday – 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions
Holydays: Vespers & Liturgy 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

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Saint Makarios

Saint Makarios, the famous Desert Father, had decided to go to a church festival along with the monk who was subservient to him. The young monk had gone on ahead. He was a beginner and had a beginner's zeal. As he was walking along he met an idolater, a priest of a pagan temple. He spoke harshly to him and said:

"Where are you off to, you deluded soul?"

The priest was enraged and attacked the novice, leaving him virtually unconscious. A short time later the priest met the elder. When Abba Makarios, blessed as he was by divine grace, saw the man in a state of shock and aggravation, he said to him:

"Good man of God, where are you going to?"

As soon as the priest heard these words his heart softened, he stopped in his tracks, and said:

"Your words have calmed me down."

"Yes," said Abba Makarios. "I see you're in a hurry, only you don't know where you're hurrying to."

But he said it in a humble and brotherly tone of love.

"When you speak," said the idolater, "your words open my heart, but a short time ago another monk spoke to me in a very different way and I gave him a good beating."

Abba Makarios spoke to him in such an inspired way that the idolater gradually changed his beliefs, became a monk and was saved. With his good words and manners Abba Makarios communicated the good spirit. He communicated the uncreated energy and entered the soul of the idolater. The novice, on the contrary, communicated a spirit of anger and aggression from the spirit he had within him.

St. Porphyrios - Wounded by Love, pp 125-126

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Continuing from last month's look at the prayers the priest says before the Liturgy begins, now we'll take a look at a prayer we may not hear but we see it in our pew books (pgs 16 & 18): the prayer of the Small Entrance. The priest says this prayer as the Holy Gospel is carried through the church and brought to the Holy Doors of the iconostasis. The new translation from the Simonopetra Ieratikon reads:

Master, Lord our God, who have set upright in the heavens orders and hosts of angels and archangels for the liturgy of your Glory, cause that with our entrance there be an entrance of holy angels, co-liturgizing and glorifying your Goodness with us, for to you is due all glory, honor, and worship, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Let's look at the first three of the underlined phrases:

who have set upright. "The Greek verb implies standing, more specifically to set up standing...The implication of standing is too significant to miss here, since it is the liturgical posture *par excellence*, both in early Christian texts and in ancient Jewish texts. Given the reference of this prayer to the heavenly liturgy, the reference to the standing of the angelic hosts is even more important."

liturgy Most translations have "service," which can easily be taken as ministry in the most general terms. This is rather "liturgy," with the strongest liturgical connotation.

of your Glory First, who is the Glory? The Glory is the presence of God in the midst of Israel. It is introduced for the first time in Exodus 16:7, just after the crossing of the Red Sea, as a promise: "and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD." And indeed it appears in the morning: "and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud" (Exodus 16:10). Then "the glory" talks, and even talks as the LORD himself (Exod 16:11). The glory is mentioned next in Exodus 24:16-17, on Sinai, and this time it is described summarily: "The glory of God descended upon the mountain Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain before the sons of Israel." The glory seems again to either contain the LORD, or be LORD. It is fiery and it is surrounded by "the" cloud. In Exodus 33:18-34:8 Moses asks to see the divine glory (34:18). The LORD's response is extraordinary: "I will pass before you in my glory and I will call on my name, LORD, in front of you" ' Then, even though Moses asked to see the glory, the LORD himself passes before Moses in a cloud and calls the name LORD (34:5).

Later on the glory tabernacles and rests within the tent of testimony, and later on in the Temple. It is still described as light/fire enveloped in an overshadowing cloud. It fills the holy space, from where its presence flows into the whole world. There are two further visions of the glory in the Old Testament, in Isaiah 6, where the glory is seen in the temple, and in Ezekiel 1, in which the glory appears on the divine throne that used to be in the temple (now destroyed). Ezekiel 1 also offers the most detailed description of the divine presence in the temple, the glory, and the glory appears in the form of a human being. In Ezekiel 9:3-4 we have a further identification of the glory with the LORD: "Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherubim on which it rested to the threshold of the house; and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writing case at his side. And the LORD said to him. . ."

Based on these mentions and descriptions of the glory, both ancient Judaism and Christianity concluded that the glory is not an "it", an impersonal phenomenon, but a "he", a personal presence of God. Moreover, the Glory and the LORD are one and the same person! That the Glory, the divine presence in the Holy of holies, is Christ is a fundamental belief of the early Christians. The identification of Christ with the Glory is already in the New Testament. This identification explains why the veil of the Holy of holies is torn at the crucifixion (Matthew 27:50-51). It also explains why the earliest Christians keep going to the Temple after Christ's resurrection (Acts 2:46; 3:1-3; 5:42; 21:26; 22:17; 24:18 etc). Given the heavenly (and earthly) temple setting of this prayer, Christ is taken to be the Glory.

co-liturgizing and glorifying your Goodness with us As the first communal prayer of the entrance into the sanctuary, it is particularly important to retain the strong liturgical connotation of the Greek. The sense is clear: as we enter the church, we join the liturgy already ongoing among the angels; we people and angels co-liturgize. Moreover, within this context it is only reasonable to assume that "goodness" here also does not refer to a divine attribute, but again to Christ.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Matthew

Third Hour Schedule

December	January	February
2 Lucy	6 Angelo	3 Lucy
9 Calvin	13 Lucy	10 Calvin
16 Angelo	20 Calvin	17 Angelo
23 Lucy	27 Angelo	24 Lucy
30 Calvin		

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

Reader Schedule

December	January	February
2 Amir	6 Amir	3 Amir
9 Angelo	13 Johnny	10 Johnny
16 Johnny	20 Taras	17 Taras
23 Taras	27 Angelo	24 Angelo
30 Angelo		

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

MANY YEARS! Alexander, son of Jessica and Michael Chevalier, was born on Monday, November 19 at Hurley Hospital. He joins his brothers James, Dante, and Julius.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM All 52 children have been sponsored. Gifts need to be placed in a gift bag or wrapped but you must include the child's names and code number on the gifts. Gift range is between \$30 and \$40 per child. Please return the gifts by December 2, placing them in the library. If there are any questions, please contact Connie Maxim (810-603-7717).



NOISY OFFERING With your spare change collected by our youth last Sunday the last five children on our Angel Tree were sponsored. God bless all of you for your generosity!

ST. NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION December 2nd after Liturgy. Archbishop Alexander & St. Nicholas will be visiting. There is a signup sheet in the Parish Hall for the potluck. You will find an envelope in your box of offering envelopes for St. Nicholas Day.

ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY will be celebrated with a Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Liturgy on Tuesday, December 5th at 6 pm. Please come to join in worship and fellowship.

COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 8th from 10 am to 1 pm. This requires help from many volunteers. Please call Lucy Hogg at 810-695-3110 or 810-241-0062 to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale. The baked goods need to be delivered by Friday December 7th before 3 pm.

2018 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS If you would like to have your name(s) included on the annual Christmas greetings list please call the office no later than December 10th at (810) 744-0070. If you put your donation in the offering plate please mark it "Christmas Greeting".

DECK THE HALLS AT ST. NICHOLAS! On December 17th at 10am we will arrange the flowers, wreaths & put up and decorate the church Christmas tree. Please join us!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for the deceased. The sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

BAKING WORKSHOPS December 3rd at 10 am Fr. Matthew will be baking cookies & would appreciate 4-5 people to help. December 15th at 10 am there will be a workshop to bake Prosfora. Come and join us so you can bake the bread we use at Liturgy.

KITCHEN USE If you want to use the kitchen for baking please call the office to have it put on the calendar, insuring it's available when you need it.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING at Lockwood on December 30th after coffee hour. Everyone is welcome!

HOLIDAY PASTRY SALE Assumption is having their holiday pastry sale & luncheon on December 6th, 11am – 1:30pm. Lunch is \$10 & the deadline to pre-order pastries is November 25th. There are fliers in the parish hall with more details.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Remember to give the cashier our Non Profit Organization #85687 when checking out. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores.

PARISH ELECTIONS RESULTS which was held on Sunday, November 4, 2018 are as follows:

Parish Council

Kathy Gonser, Michelle Gerzevske, Sharon Jernigan

Auditor

Linda Branoff

2019 Diocesan Conference Lay Delegate Fort Wayne, IN in the fall of 2019

J. Joseph Tome

Nominating Committee

Deborah Gonser-Adams, Christine Panoff, Connie Maxim, J. Joseph Tome, Paul Brayon

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet on December 11 @ 6:30 pm. Please call or email the parish office (810-744-0070) if you are unable to attend this meeting.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS We need volunteers for December & January. Call the parish office as well as signing up, if you'd like to sponsor the donuts and/or coffee.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available to be picked up in the parish hall up December 9th. If you do not see envelopes with your name on them and you want to receive numbered & dated envelopes, please let Marcia know. Need them before December 9th? Call the parish office, giving Marcia one week advance notice.

2019 CALENDARS are expected to arrive by mid December and will be located in the parish hall. Please, one per family.

CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

Dec. 2nd – NO CLASS - Archbishop's Visit/
St. Nicholas visits / Potluck.

Dec. 16th – Noisy Offering
high school class assists bringing out
Manger scene figurines and decorations

Dec. 30th - Caroling at Lockwood –
Everyone is invited to join us

Jan 6th - Theophany – Outdoor Water Blessing – Banquet
No Class

SAVE THE DATE:

Mar. 29th-31st – Diocesan Teen Retreat at
Dormition Monastery



January



THEOPHANY BANQUET AND OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATER will be held on Sunday, January 6th following the Divine Liturgy. Bring your empty bottles to fill with Holy Water. Dress for the weather. The menu will consist of Lamb, Rice, Vegetables, Bread & Butter, Salad, Dessert and Drinks. There will be sign-up sheets in the parish hall for volunteers for set-up and clean-up, also for those that would like to make a dessert. Adults \$12, children 12 and under \$6.


DOVES FOR THEOPHANY we are in need of an individual to donate for 1 white dove (2 have already been sponsored) for the outdoor blessing of the water January 6th. The cost is \$55.

HOUSE BLESSINGS will begin on January 7th. See the enclosed flyer to set up your appointment.

7th ANNUAL PAN ORTHODOX WINTER DINNER to support the Dormition Monastery, Rives Junction will be held on Thursday, January 17 at St. George.

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Parish will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2019 beginning with a short prayer service after the Divine Liturgy. The Meeting will then reconvene in the Parish Hall. **All parish organizations must present a report, oral or written, to be given at this meeting.**

FACEBOOK PAGE Please visit and follow our parish Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton>

 HOPE IN A BOX	
Dec.	Towels, Toiletries & New Toys
Jan.	Toilet Paper
Feb.	Shampoo

NOISY OFFERING On the 3rd Sunday of each month, our grade school and elementary children will come and collect your spare change during the announcements. As you drop your change into the plate it will make noise, so the name “noisy offering.” The children will count the change and dedicate it to a charity project.

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Towels, Toiletries & New Toys for the month of December. 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.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We serve Thursday, December 6, 9 am to 1 pm. Please use the sign-up sheet at the candle stand to volunteer.

WINTER WARM UP Catholic Charities is in need of hats, gloves, scarves, socks, boots, coats & other warm winter gear. For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri 9:30-3:30 at 812 Root St, Flint.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' COMMUNITY CLOSET provides clothing, household items (dishes, linens, toys, books etc.), and personal hygiene items to people in need. We are seeking individuals and groups willing to lend a hand accepting and organizing donations. Please prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you, your friends, your youth group, or organization to serve just a few hours a month.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Nick George
- 4 Donna Nedanis
- 6 Diane Todorovsky
- 11 Lawrence Bladecki
- 12 Hailey Paul
- 13 David Vuckovich
- 17 Kosta Slaughter
- 19 Doug Brown
- 20 Reginald Jehnsen
- 21 Christine Brucksch
- 23 Caitlyn Rittman
John Sfetkides
Susie Ford
- 24 Olivia Panoff
- 26 Chad Conover
Marla Houser
- 27 Alexandra Price
Constance Maxim
- 28 Bogdan Beslach
- 30 Marilyn Branoff

ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 Jim & Kristin Hart
- 21 Kosta & Luba Todorovsky

NAMESDAYS

- 4 Barbara Brown
Barbara Vuckovich
- 5 Alex (Anastasios) Popoff
- 6 Nicholas Biernacki
Nicholas Karayanis
Nicholas Karayanis
Nicholas Kirwan
Nicholas Nicoloff
Nicholas Ponomarenko
Nicholas Popov
Nicholas Sfetkidis
Nick George
Nicola Pirkovic
Nicole Grousopoulos
Nicole Steiner
Nicole Zelenko
Nikolai Evanenko
- 9 Hannah Shann

NAMESDAYS cont.

- 16 Adam Ford
Adam Michael George
Cierra Joy Conover (form of Sarah)
Noah Gonser
Sarah Rose Neely
Rachel Nicevski
Ruth Conrad
Allison Borkovich
Alyson Wilhelm
- 17 Daniel Krigner
- 23 Debbie Neely
Deborah Adams
Deena Marie Karayanis
- 27 Robert Steven Elieff
Stevan Pirkovic
Steve Spankie
Steven Nicoloff
Steven Nikoloff
Steven Panoff
- 30 Charles Joseph Jernigan
David Batzos
David Condon
David George
David Goodman
David Harrison
David Houser
David Jernigan
David Mitevski
David Vuckovich
Jesse Popoff
Jessica Biggs
Jessica Chevalier
Joseph Brock
Joseph Oginsky
Joseph Oginsky
Josephine Sredich
Kraig David Houser

*Please call or email the office if your name is missing or has the incorrect information.
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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: Helen Ashmun, Paul Ellis, Rose Goodman & Fred Oginsky. Monthly Fr. Matthew visits Larry Bladecki (Bay City), Peter and Olga Samaras (Caro) and Betty Dimich (Lapeer).

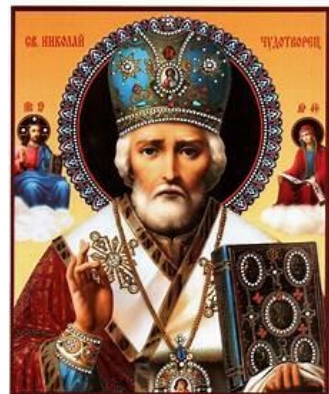
DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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.

Larry Bladecki	Gladys Edwards	Mary Karayanis	Ron Salhany
Deacon John Bocek	Paul Ellis	Nick Karayanis	Olga Samaras
Anna Branoff	Jo Ann Havens	Macy Lemmen	Peter Samaras
Linda Branoff	Bill Haw	Fred Oginsky	Bill Tadrick
			Wendy Tadrick

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

Helen Ashmun	4436 Beecher Rd.	Flint, MI 48532
Larry Bladecki	409 15 th Street	Bay City, MI 48708
Nick & Marge Butrie	30 E. Bertsch St. #12	Lansford, PA 18232
Betty Dimich	2525 Demille Rd. #327	Lapeer, MI 48446 (810) 538-4845
Gladys Edwards	2 Harbor Dr.	St. Clair, MO 63077
Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr.	Flint, MI 48532
Pete & Olga Samaras	1285 Cleaver Rd.	Caro, MI 48723 (989) 673-0821



ST. NICHOLAS - A History of the Holiday Helper

The man the world knows as Santa Claus is actually the embodiment of one of the great spiritual figures of ancient times. His name is Nicholas of Myra, and long before Evangelical TV star Kirk Cameron popularized his story in a 2014 film, Orthodox Christians were celebrating his life every year on December 6th. Nicholas is not simply another Christmas legend among many – for Orthodox Christians, he is honored as a saint and wonderworker.

St. Nicholas of Myra was born during the third century in what is modern-day Turkey. The son of wealthy parents who died during an outbreak of disease, St. Nicholas chose to use his inheritance to serve the poor, especially children. One story tells of a man with three daughters who were to be sold into slavery because their family had no money. Amazingly, three bags of gold appeared in their home, providing the needed money for the family. The bags of gold, tossed by St. Nicholas through an open window, are said to have landed in shoes left before the fire to dry. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings.

At a time when the holidays are defined by Black Friday and family stress, what better way to return to our roots than to pause on December 6th and celebrate a man who reminds us that our lives have meaning when we practice forgiveness and serve others?

Your Business Here

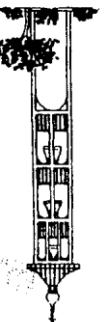
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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Christmas flowers can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for the deceased. Poinsettias will be available only in the large arrangement.

Please fill out the form below as soon as possible. There are a limited number of plants available. Donations will be taken on a first come first served basis. Return the form to the office or put it into the collection basket on Sunday. The names of those honored or memorialized will be published on a later date.

I wish to donate:

_____ Red poinsettia (\$20) (20 available)
(How many)

_____ 36 inch wreath (\$60) (2 available)
(How many)

_____ 24 inch wreath (\$40) (2 available)
(How many)

_____ 10 inch wreath (\$25) (2 available)
(How many)

_____ 20 foot garland (\$25) (2 available)
(How many)

In honor of (for the living)

Or, in memory of (deceased)

Name: _____

Amount \$ _____





Theophany House Blessings

We (I) wish for Fr. Matthew to visit our home with the traditional blessing this year.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Please visit _____ on a weekday
_____ on Saturday only
_____ any day

Please indicate what time of day works best for you.

Father Matthew or the parish office will call the day before your house blessing.

Please have the following prepared:

1. A dignified place covered by a white cloth with a candle placed there along with an Icon or Cross.
2. Please turn off television and radios.

Father will bring the Holy Water.



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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><i>All dates and times are tentative</i></p>				<p>⚔ 1 🐟🍷</p> <p><i>Archbishop Alexander talk before Vespers</i></p> <p><i>5 pm Vespers</i></p>
<p>2 🐟🍷</p> <p>9:30 Hours</p> <p>10 am Pontifical Divine Liturgy</p> <p>St. Nicholas Day Potluck</p>	<p>3 ⚔</p> <p>10 am Cookie workshop</p>	<p>4 🍷</p> <p>Father in Toledo</p>	<p>5 🐟🍷</p> <p>St. Sabbas</p> <p>11:15 am Adult Ed.</p> <p>6 pm Vespers with Divine Liturgy for the feast of St. Nicholas</p>	<p>6 🐟🍷</p> <p>St. Nicholas</p> <p>North End Soup Kitchen</p> <p>9 am – 1 pm</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>7 ⚔</p> <p>7 pm Flint OCF meeting at St George</p>	<p>8 🐟🍷</p> <p>10 am -1 pm Cookie Walk</p> <p>5 pm Vespers</p>
<p>9 🐟🍷</p> <p><i>Conception by Righteous Anna of the Theotokos</i></p> <p>9:30 Hours</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Church School</p>	<p>10 ⚔</p> <p>Father in Toledo</p>	<p>11 🍷</p> <p>Communion Calls in Bay City, Caro & Lapeer</p> <p>6:30 pm Parish Council</p>	<p>12 ⚔</p> <p>9:30 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>11:15 am Adult Ed.</p>	<p>13 🐟🍷</p> <p>Repose of St. Herman of Alaska</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>14 ⚔</p>	<p>15 🐟🍷</p> <p>10 am Prosfors workshop</p> <p>5 pm Vespers</p>
<p>16 🐟🍷</p> <p>9:30 Hours</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Church School</p> <p>Noisy Offering</p>	<p>17 ⚔</p> <p>10 am</p> <p>Decorate Church for Christmas</p>	<p>18 🍷</p> <p>Father in Toledo</p>	<p>19 ⚔</p> <p>9:30 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>11:15 am Adult Ed.</p>	<p>20 🍷</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>21 ⚔</p>	<p>22 🍷</p> <p>5 pm Vespers</p>
<p>23 🍷</p> <p>9:30 Hours</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Church School</p> <p>6:30 pm Royal Hours</p>	<p>24 ⚔</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>6 pm Vespers w/Liturgy</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>25 <i>Fast Free</i></p> <p>Nativity of Christ</p> <p>Christmas</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>26 <i>Fast Free</i></p> <p>Synaxis of the Theotokos</p>	<p>27 <i>Fast Free</i></p> <p>St. Stephen, First Martyr and Archdeacon</p>	<p>28 <i>Fast Free</i></p>	<p>29 <i>Fast Free</i></p> <p>5 pm Vespers</p>
<p>30 9:30 Hours</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Caroling at Lockwood</p>	<p>31 <i>Fast Free</i></p>	<p>Office Closed</p>				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Fast Free</i> Circumcision of the Lord / St. Basil <i>Office Closed</i>	2 <i>Fast Free</i> <i>No Divine Liturgy No Adult Ed.</i>	3 <i>Fast Free</i> <i>North End Soup Kitchen 9 am- 1 pm</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	4 <i>Fast Free</i>	5  <i>5 pm Vespers with Litya</i>
6 Theophany <i>9:30 am Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Blessing of Water Theophany Banquet</i>	7 House Blessings begin	8 <i>Parish Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm</i>	9  <i>9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am Adult Ed.</i>	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11  Ven. Theodosius the Great	12 <i>5 pm Vespers</i>
13 <i>9:30 am Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School</i>	14 Communion calls in Bay City & Caro	15 Father in Toledo	16  <i>9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am Adult Ed.</i>	17 St. Anthony the Great Dormition Winter Dinner Fundraiser @ St. George <i>Office Closed</i>	18  7 pm Flint OCF meeting at St George	19 <i>5 pm Vespers</i>
20 <i>9:30 am Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Annual Meeting Church School Noisy Offering</i>	21	22 Father in Toledo	23  <i>9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am Adult Ed.</i>	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25 	26 <i>5 pm Vespers</i>
27 <i>9:30 am Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School</i>	28	29 Father in Toledo	30  3 Holy Hierarchs <i>9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am Adult Ed.</i>	31 <i>Office Closed</i>	 <i>Fast</i>  <i>Dairy Permitted (no meat)</i>  <i>Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat)</i>  <i>Fish Permitted (no other meat)</i>	