

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Monthly Newsletter

Diocese of Toledo-Orthodox Church in America

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Services: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Wednesday- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Adult Class 11:30 am

Saturday – 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions

Holydays: Vespers & Liturgy as announced

“May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.” St. Jude 1:1

JANUARY 2020

ON THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST (HYMN FIVE) BY ST. EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

Descend, my brethren, put on from the waters of baptism the Holy Spirit— be joined with the spirits that minister to the Godhead!

For lo! He is the fire that secretly, seals also His flock — by the Three spiritual Names, wherein the Evil One is put to flight.

John when he cried and said “This is the Lamb of God,”— thereby showed concerning the Gentiles that they are Abraham’s children.

This is he that testified of our Saviour, that with fire and the Spirit He should baptize.— Lo! The fire and the Spirit, my brethren, in the baptism of Truth.

For greater is Baptism than Jordan that little river — for that in streams of water and oil, the misdeeds of all men are washed out.

Elisha by seven times washing, cleansed Naaman’s leprosy:— in Baptism are cleansed the secret misdeeds in the soul.

Moses baptized the People in the midst of the sea, yet availed not — to wash their heart within, that was full of the defilements of misdeeds.

Lo! The priest in the likeness of Moses purges the defilements of the soul— and with oil of anointing, lo! He seals new lambs for the Kingdom.

Samuel anointed David to be king among the People:— but lo! The priest anoints you to be heirs in the Kingdom.

For with the armour that David put on, after the anointing he fought — and laid low the giant who sought to subdue Israel.

Lo! Again in the chrism of Christ, and in the armour that is from the water — the haughtiness of the Evil One is humbled, who sought to subdue the Gentiles.

By the water that flowed from the rock, the thirst of the People was quenched. Lo! In the fountain of Christ, the thirst of the peoples is quenched.

The rod of Moses opened the rock, and the streams flowed forth; and they were refreshed by its draught, who had grown faint with thirst.

Lo! From the side of Christ flowed the stream that bestowed life.— The Gentiles drank that were weary, and in it forgot their pains.

With Your dew besprinkle my vileness, and my crimes in Your blood shall be atoned!— And I shall be, O my Lord, at Your right hand, and with Your Saints I shall be joined!

FROM FATHER'S DESK

On February 2 we will celebrate the great feast of the entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into the temple as a forty-day old child and His meeting with Symeon and Anna the Prophetess. From the holy gospel according to Luke (2:22-28) we read:

And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Symeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God...

Then Symeon says the words that have become a prayer at the conclusion of every Vespers and every Prayers of Thanksgiving after Communion (pg. 190 in our pew books): "Now set free your servant, Master, according to your word in peace, for my eyes have seen your Salvation, whom you have prepared before the face of all peoples—Light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the Glory of your people Israel.

'Salvation,' 'Light' and 'Glory' in this sentence are a person; they are titles of Christ. Symeon says these words as he looks at Christ. Christ is Salvation before all nations, specifically He is Light of the Gentiles and the Glory of Israel, the one dwelling in the Holy of holies. This is how these verses in Scripture are read in the tradition. For example during the feast commemorating of the Meeting of our Lord, one hears the following hymns:

O Symeon, receive as a babe in thine embrace the Lord of glory and the Salvation of the world.
(small vespers, aposticha)

[Symeon:] Now let me depart, O Master, as Thou hast before promised to me: for I have seen Thee the pre-eternal Light, the Lord and Saviour of the people that bear the name of Christ. (Vespers, aposticha)

Of course the imageries are perfectly biblical. Christ is call 'Light' of the Gentiles in Matthew 4:16: "the people sitting in darkness have seen the great Light and to those sitting in the outer land and shadow of death Light has dawned." Luke uses 'Salvation' in clear reference to Christ again in 3:6 "and all flesh shall see the Salvation of God" and 19:9 And Jesus said to him (Zacchaeus), "Today Salvation has come to this house." (from *Vol. IV of the Simonopetra Ieratikon – Notes*)

Our life is a gift from God yet, upon seeing Christ, Symeon asks the Lord to free him from this life that Symeon may enjoy the fullness of life in Christ in the heavenly kingdom. And these same words and thought we place on our lips and heart when we have received Christ Jesus in Communion. When we say "Now set free your servant, Master, according to your word in peace, for my eyes have seen your Salvation, whom you have prepared before the face of all peoples—Light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the Glory of your people Israel" we say this as we hold in us Salvation, Light, and Glory, the One we long for, and having received Him we ask Him to bring us to Him.

This spiritual attitude shows us how we Christians view death, not as something to be feared because Christ has conquered it by His own death, He has defeated it in His resurrection. Physical death is not the end of life but rather a change in how life is lived. Christ Himself tells us if we live in an evil way then the resurrection will be on one of judgement. Our being near to God in this way will be as burning fire. Christ tells us if we live in Him now then the resurrection will be one of life. Our being near to God in this way will be light and joy. The way we live in Christ here on earth continues after this earthly life. We give care to live in Christ in this life, receiving Him who is Life in Holy Communion so that when we die physically it is not destruction but the passing from one way of living life in Christ (here on earth) to the way of life in Christ that the saints now have. And this prayer of Symeon is put on our lips again and again as we look to Christ and behold Him in us, especially at Holy Communion, so that our passing from this life is not destruction but rather the fulfillment of the life in Christ we began at our baptism.



Hours Schedule

| January | February | March |
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| 5 Lucy | 2 Calvin | 1 Angelo |
| 12 Calvin | 9 Angelo | 8 Lucy |
| 19 Angelo | 16 Lucy | 15 Calvin |
| 26 Lucy | 23 Calvin | 22 Angelo |
| | | 29 Lucy |

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

Reader Schedule

| January | February | March |
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| 5 Angelo | 2 Angelo | 1 Amir |
| 12 Amir | 9 Amir | 8 Angelo |
| 19 Alexander | 16 Alexander | 15 Alexander |
| 26 Johnny | 23 Johnny | 22 Johnny |
| | | 29 Amir |

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NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters January 2nd from 9 am-1 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom

HOUSE BLESSINGS will begin on January 6th. See the enclosed flyer to set up your appointment.

THEOPHANY BANQUET AND OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATER will be held on Sunday, January 12th 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, Coleslaw, 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.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet on January 14th @ 6:30 pm. Please call or email the parish office if you are unable to attend this meeting.

8th ANNUAL PAN ORTHODOX WINTER DINNER to support the Dormition Monastery, Rives Junction will be held on Thursday, January 23rd at Assumption. **Our parish will be doing appetizers.** Lena Bakousidis is the coordinator for our parish. She will need your help. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hall to volunteer to provide appetizers for the meal. Cost is \$35 for adults & \$25 per student. Invite a friend to hear the mothers and sisters sing Vespers and join us in the fellowship of this dinner.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available to be picked up in the parish hall. If you do not see envelopes with your name on them and you want to receive numbered & dated envelopes, please let Marcia know.

PROSFORA SEALS Two prosfora seals were ordered. If you are interested, please email the office stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or call 810-744-0070 or see Matushka Lisa.

2020 CALENDARS have arrived and are located in the parish hall. Please, one per family.

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Parish will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020 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.** Archbishop Alexander has blessed moving the meeting to February so that our parish secretary has time to prepare the reports following her convalescence.

PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES – FEBRUARY 2020

February 1st - 5 pm Vespers @ Assumption for the great feast of the Encounter of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple with Symeon and Anna.

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

| January Coffee Hour Volunteers | |
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| 5 | |
| 12 | Theophany Banquet |
| 19 | |
| 26 | |
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|  HOPE IN A BOX | |
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| January | Mouthwash & Toilet Paper |
| February | Shampoo, Conditioner & Lotion |
| March | Dish Soap |



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Remember to sign up for Community Rewards online at Kroger.com or go to the customer service desk in the store. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN St. Nicholas, 1st Thursday of every month, 9 am to 1 pm. St. George, 4th Tuesday, 9 am to 12:30 pm. Assumption – *Center for Hope, 517 E Fifth Ave*, 3rd Wednesday, 11 am to 1 pm.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

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.

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

CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

Jan 12th - Theophany – Outdoor Water Blessing – Banquet
No Class

SAVE THE DATE:
Mar. 20th-22nd – Diocesan Teen Retreat at Dormition Monastery

MEMORY ETERNAL Peter Samaras fell asleep in the Lord on November 27th, 2019. He is the husband of Olga Samaras and was preceded in death by his sister, Helen Ethington. The funeral service was held December 5, 2019 with burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery. Bog da prosti! Memory eternal! Christ is risen!

*A heartfelt thank you for all the care & kindness given in the service & burial, especially in the cold.
Julie Peck, Sandy & Chris*

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS WILL BE IN THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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, Anna Branoff, Lydia Dorohov, Paul Ellis, Fred Oginsky, and Pete & Jo Sredich. Monthly Fr. Matthew visits Larry Bladecki (Bay City), 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.

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

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

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| Helen Ashmun | 4436 Beecher Rd. | Flint, MI 48532 | |
| Larry Bladecki | 409 15 th Street | Bay City, MI 48708 | |
| Anna Branoff | Grand Blanc Fields 12628 Pagels Dr | Grand Blanc, MI 48439 | |
| Nick & Marge Butrie | 30 E. Bertsch St. #12 | Lansford, PA 18232 | |
| Lydia Dorohov | 4436 Beecher Rd. | Flint, MI 48532 | |
| Gladys Edwards | 2 Harbor Dr. | St. Clair, MO 63077 | |
| Paul Ellis | 2360 Stonebridge Dr. | Flint, MI 48532 | |
| Olga Samaras | 1285 Cleaver Rd. | Caro, MI 48723 | (989) 673-0821 |
| Jo Sredich | Magnolia House 4134 N. State Rd. | Davison, MI 48423 | |

THEOPHANY On the sixth day of January we will celebrate the baptism of our Lord Jesus by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan River. Only a few short days ago we welcomed the newborn King; now we will welcome Him revealed together with the Father and the Holy Spirit at His baptism.

John was preaching repentance of sins and baptizing the people. So he is struck when he sees the sinless One, Jesus, coming to him to be baptized. But Jesus tells him that it must be so to fulfill all righteousness. If the One who is innocent of any sin comes to be baptized, how can we sinner refuse to repent? The baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ sanctified the act of baptizing so that the waters would become for us the cleansing of sins and newness of life. He Himself does first what He instructs us to do.

It is at baptism that we enter into life in Jesus Christ. Through the waters of baptism we are initiated as Christians. Through baptism in the blessed water we receive “cleansing of flesh and spirit, loosing of bonds, a remission of sins, illumination of soul, bath of regeneration, renewal of the Spirit, gift of sonship, a garment of incorruption, a fountain of life.” We are washed in water “to the putting away of the old man...and to the putting on of the new...that being planted in the likeness of (Christ’s) death through Baptism, (we) may become partaker(s) of resurrection....being numbered with the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.” Baptism is our being born again of water and the Spirit, as Jesus speaks (John 3:5). (If anyone ever asks “have you been born again” the answer is “yes”, each one of us has been born into new life at baptism and through the receiving of the Holy Spirit.)

At baptism we set aside our life in the old Adam, the origin of this mortal, earthly life and we put on the new Adam, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the beginning of life everlasting for all of us. We put on Salvation who is Christ through “the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit...poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior.” (Titus 3:5-6) We plunge down into the water in likeness to Christ’s descent into death and we are raised up in likeness to Christ’s resurrection. This unites us to Christ and is the image of the new life that comes through Him in Whose life we have become sharers.

All of this is true. Yet we know that though we rejected Satan and we turned to Christ yet we still fall into sin. This should not bring us to give up. Rather we can renew our baptism through repentance. Though we fall, yet we can arise. We can receive forgiveness of our sins through the sacrament of Confession.

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Baptism happened for each of us one time only. Yet is it not a sacrament that is “one and done” so to speak. It is a sacrament that eternally marks us as belonging to Jesus Christ in which He clothes us with Himself. It opens to us a life-giving path which we must keep always in our sights so that when we sin, we know where we should turn, which path to return to. We need to be renewed in our life in Christ daily. When we repent, when we pray, when we do good we provide fertile ground for the Holy Spirit in our lives, the Holy Spirit Whom we received at our baptism and chrismation.

May we, who have been baptized into Christ and have put on Christ, live our lives as children of God through faith (cf. Galatians 3:26), walking in the newness of life we have received that we may enter into the blessedness of the kingdom which is to come.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Barbara Vuckovich
- 6 Stella Nedanis
- 10 Jennifer Brucksch
Nikolai Evanenko
- 15 Luba Yosheff
Cathy Edwards
- 20 Alex Nedanis
- 21 Nancy Borkovich
- 26 Deborah Gonser-Adams
- 27 Ressa Borkovich
- 29 Protodeacon Kerry Luke Gonser

NAMESDAYS

- 1 Bill Cvetkovski
Bill Economou
Bill Kosman
Bosiljka Kantar (St. Basil)
Vasilios Georgopoulos
Vasilka Karatza
William Zelenko
- 2 Asher (Seraphim) Whittaker
Julia Peck
Juliana Loomis
Julie Marie Conover
- 3 Genevieve Whittaker
Jenna Carole Paul
Jennifer Broadfoot
Jennifer Lynn Borkovich
Jennifer Nicevski
Jennifer Nicole Brucksch

NAMESDAYS cont.

- 6 Donna (Ordana) Slaughter
Fannia Young
Fanny Cvetkovski
Fanny Popoff
Jordan Abu-Aita
- 7 Evanka Zelevarovski
Jeanette Brayon
John Borkovich
John Cvetkovski
John Joseph Tome
John Popoff
John Sfetkidis
John Zelenko Jr.
Johnny Kantor
Jonathan Sfetkidis
Jonathon Shann
- 12 Tatyana Safford
Tonya Cvetkovski
- 14 Benjamin Goodman
Nina Sfetkidis
- 17 Anthony Mitevski
- 18 Atanas Zelevarovski
- 21 Janja Beslach
- 22 Hayley Louise (Lynn) Paul
- 24 Ksenya Tveritina
- 25 Gregory Oginsky
- 28 Les (Ephraim) Ford
- 31 Atanas Sozovski

ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Randall & Diana Broadfoot (1978)
- 31 John & Marie Todorovsky (2004)



If your name is missing or has the incorrect information in the birthday, anniversary or namesday list please call the office: (810) 744-0070

ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT, OF EGYPT (JANUARY 17)

From very early on in the life of the Church there were those who lived the gospel with an intense devotion and focus. In the Acts of the Apostles we read of the early Christians who lived in common, sharing all their things, focusing on living the new life in Christ Jesus. There were also those whose strong faith and commitment to Christ led them to become martyrs, witnesses to our Lord who laid down their lives for His sake. In Mesopotamia there were Christians who pledged a life of celibacy who lived under the direction of the bishop. And in Egypt there came a great flowering of those living a life of prayer in seclusion, hermits and eventually groups of monks gathered to live near each other. St. Anthony is one of those who went off to live life as a solitary in the desert.

St. Anthony was born in 251 and died at the ripe old age of 105 in 356. St. Athanasius wrote of St. Anthony that in his prayer cell he “was there daily being martyred by his conscience, and doing battle in the contests of the faith.” (p. 66, *Athanasius: the Life of Antony and the Letter to Marcellinus*, Paulist Press, New York, 1980) Anthony grew up in Egypt where his parents were rich yet he went to church regularly with them. When he was about eighteen his parents died so he and his younger sister were left alone. As he was going to church one day he was reflecting on how the Apostles left behind everything, family and possessions, to follow after Christ. He remembered how in the Acts of the Apostles the early Christians lived in common, selling their possessions and presenting the proceeds at the feet of the Apostles for distribution to those in need. And when he got into the church he heard the gospel passage read (Matthew 19:21) when our Lord Jesus said “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven.” Anthony listened to this, understanding that Jesus was speaking directly to his heart. So immediately he went out and gave away and sold his possessions giving to the poor but leaving aside enough to care for his sister. But when he went to church again he heard Jesus’ words “Do not be anxious about tomorrow.” (Matthew 6:34) So off he went and gave the rest of his possession to the needy. He placed his sister in the care of pious women giving her over to their convent to raise her. Then he himself went as a bee goes from flower to flower to the various holy men who lived solitary lives near the town to learn from them the wisdom for following after Christ. From there he went into isolation in a tomb. He then did arduous battle with the demons who tempted him with pride and all other manner of temptations to draw him away from Jesus. He remained steadfast by prayer and fasting and so their attacks were futile. Even in his isolation, though, disciples gathered around him to engage in the solitary life devoted to prayer, fasting and manual work to support themselves and give to the poor. He next went further into the desert to an abandoned fortress where he continued doing battle against the demons and offering wise spiritual counsel to those who gathered around him living as hermits. He provided advice to the people who came to him and supported St. Athanasius who suffered persecution for the faith. Twice he left the desert to minister to those being persecuted for the faith in Alexandria. And each time he returned to the desert to continue the intense focused life of prayer and fasting. In his struggles against temptations and his victories over those temptations Anthony remembered the words of St. Paul that it is “not I, but the grace of God which is in me.” (1 Corinthians 15:10) One of his great feats was how he considered each day a new beginning in living as a follower of Christ. It was as though each new day he was beginning his monastic life anew. He lived in the “today” of life, not caught up in the past nor anxious about the future but about the good he could do that day. He lived each day as though he would appear before God on that day: with a pure heart and prepared to obey God’s will and no other. He knew that he must know himself, his own life and know Christ in him.

Anthony held the demons in contempt telling them if they had real power only one would be sufficient to defeat him but as it was they came at him as a mob and failed. They came as apparitions trying to lead him astray. The Lord provided assistance to Anthony and told him that He saw his struggle and promised to be his helper.

In addition to St. Anthony’s life written by St. Athanasius we find his wisdom and that of the other desert fathers and mothers in *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*. One example from this book that shows God’s wisdom concerning being anxious about many things comes from the sayings of St. Anthony.

“When...Abba Anthony thought about the depth of the judgments of God, he asked, ‘Lord, how is it that some die when they are young, while others drag on to extreme old age? Why are there those who are poor and those who are rich? Why do wicked men prosper and why are the just in need?’ He heard a voice answering him, ‘Anthony, keep your attention on yourself; these things are according to the judgment of God, and it is not to your advantage to know anything about them.’” (p. 2, *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers*)

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN

Mother Abbess Gabriella & The Community of
The Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery on
Thursday, January 23, 2020, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church for our

~ 8th Annual Winter Dinner To Support ~

**The Dormition of the Mother of God
Orthodox Monastery**

Donation Requested
\$35 Adult / \$25 Student

*The Mothers will be
bringing the Monastery
Gift Shop to Flint!*

Evening Schedule

- ✓ 5:30 - *Vespers sung by the Mothers of Dormition Monastery*
- ✓ 6:15 - *Social Time & Bookstore Open*
- ✓ 6:45 - *Dinner & Speakers*
- ✓ 8:30 - *Benediction*

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See Your Parish Rep to make a reservation, volunteer your time or be a sponsor
OR: Contact Assumption Church at (810) 771-4611

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- ✓ Assumption Church Lori Photiou
- ✓ St. George Church..... Dn. Michael Bassett
- ✓ St. Mary Magdalene Church..... Dn. Michael Schlaack
- ✓ St. Nicholas Church..... Lena Bakousidis

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ALL ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT ASSUMPTION CHURCH
2245 E Baldwin Rd., Grand Blanc Township

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 & fish 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 <i>No Fast</i></p> <p></p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> | <p>2 <i>No Fast</i></p> <p><i>North End Soup Kitchen 9 am- 1 pm</i></p> | <p>3 <i>No Fast</i></p> | <p>4 <i>No Fast</i></p> <p><i>5 pm Vespers</i></p> |
| <p>5 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School 6:30 pm Vespers for Theophany</p> | <p>6 Theophany 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Communion Calls to Bay City & Caro</p> | <p>7 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i></p> | <p>8 † No Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Adult Ed</p> | <p>9 <i>Office Closed</i></p> | <p>10 †</p> | <p>11 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions</p> |
| <p>12 Sunday after Theophany 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School Blessing of water & Banquet</p> | <p>13 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i></p> | <p>14 6:30 pm Parish Council</p> | <p>15 † 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Adult Ed 11 am to 1 pm Assumption at Center for Hope</p> | <p>16 <i>Office Closed</i></p> | <p>17  St. Anthony the Great 7 pm Flint OCF meeting at St. George with Fr. Matthew</p> | <p>18 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions</p> |
| <p>19 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School Noisy Offering</p> | <p>20 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i></p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22 † 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Adult Ed</p> | <p>23 Dormition Dinner @ Assumption <i>Office Closed</i></p> | <p>24 †</p> | <p>25 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions</p> |
| <p>26 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i> 9:am to 12:30 pm St. George Church at North End Soup Kitchen</p> | <p>29 † 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Adult Ed</p> | <p>30 <i>Office Closed</i></p> | <p>31 †</p> | |

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|  <i>fast</i>  <i>dairy & fish permitted (no meat)</i>  <i>wine & oil permitted (no meat)</i>  <i>fish permitted (no other meat)</i> | | | Charitable Ministries by the Orthodox Churches of Flint: St. George – N. End Soup Kitchen, 4 th Tuesday, 9 am to 12:30 pm Assumption – Center for Hope 517 E Fifth Ave, 3 rd Wednesday, 11 am to 1 pm | | | 1 5 pm <i>Pan-Orthodox Vespers at Assumption for the Entry of our Lord in the Temple</i> |
| 2 Entry of our Lord into the Temple 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School | 3 10 am take down Christmas decorations | 4 | 5 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Adult Ed |  6 North End Soup Kitchen 9 am- 1 pm Office Closed | 7 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i>  | 8 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions |
| 9 Publican & Pharisee beginning of the Triodion 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School Annual Meeting | 10 <i>No Fast</i> Communion Calls to Bay City & Caro | 11 <i>No Fast</i> 6:30 pm Parish Council | 12 <i>No Fast</i> 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Adult Ed 11 am to 1 pm Assumption at Center for Hope | 13 <i>No Fast</i> Office Closed | 14 <i>No Fast</i> | 15 <i>No Fast</i> 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions |
| 16 Prodigal Son 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School Noisy Offering | 17 | 18 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i> |  19 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Adult Ed | 20 Office Closed | 21  | 22 5 pm Vespers |
| 23 Meatfare 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Meatfare Luncheon Church School | 24 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i>  | 25  9:am to 12:30 pm St. George Church at North End Soup Kitchen |  26 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Adult Ed | 27  Office Closed | 28  7 pm Flint OCF meeting at St. George with Fr. Jarrod | 29  5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions |