

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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- adult education 11:15 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 2023

SAINT ISAAC THE SYRIAN, Bishop of Nineveh

O name of Jesus, key to all gifts, open up for me the great door to your treasure-house so that I may enter and offer you heartfelt praise in return for your mercies which I have experienced in latter days; for you came and renewed me with an awareness of the new world.

I give praise to your holy nature, O Lord, for you have made my nature a sanctuary for your hiddenness and a tabernacle for your mysteries, a place where you can dwell, and a holy temple for your divinity, namely for him who holds the scepter of your kingdom, who governs all you have brought into being, the glorious tabernacle of your eternal being, the source of renewal for the ranks of fire which minister to you, the way to knowledge of you, the door to vision of you, the summation of your power and great wisdom – Jesus Christ the only-begotten from your bosom, and the remnant gathered in from your creation, both visible and spiritual

O mystery exalted beyond every word and beyond silence, who became human in order to renew us by means of your voluntary union with the flesh, reveal to me the path by which I may be raised up to your mysteries, traveling along a course that is clear and tranquil, free from the illusions of this world. Gather my mind into the silence of prayer, so that wandering thoughts may be silenced within me during that luminous converse of supplication and mystery-filled wonder.

~From *The Prayers of Saint Isaac the Syrian* (Prayers 5, 6 & 7).

Translated by Sebastian Brock. Adapted by the Brotherhood of the Monastery of St. John.

LETTER VIII. To Demophilus, Therapeutes. About minding one's own business, and kindness. (Section VI)

When I once went to Crete, I stayed with the priest Karpos, who was very virtuous. He also had a very clear mind and so, by God's grace was most worthy of seeing visions. This priest never began the Divine Liturgy unless during the preparation, when he was reading the relevant prayers, some sacred and propitious vision appeared to him. Now this priest told me that he had once felt bitter because an unbeliever had enticed a Christian away from the Church and made him an atheist. While he felt this bitterness, he didn't pray, as he ought to have done, for both men and he didn't ask for God's help so that the one who had been enticed into disbelief would return to the bosom of the Church and that the unbeliever would be attracted to faith in Christ. Nor did he take the decision to admonish them continually throughout their lives, so as to bring them to divine knowledge. But he added that he'd never experienced such a thing before, that is going to bed and falling asleep frustrated and with bitterness in his soul. And, of course, I don't know how such disapprobation and bitterness had infused his soul.

Karpos went on to say that he went to sleep as soon as night fell. At about midnight, he awoke to sing sacred hymns at that time, as was his wont. But at the hour of prayer, he was worried, though he shouldn't have been, and fretted at the thought of people living as atheists, perverting the holy and straight paths of the Lord. With this thought in mind, he prayed that God would loose a thunderbolt and burn the two of them up, without mercy. While he thinking about this, it seemed to him, suddenly that the whole house where he was shook. It was then split into two parts, from the roof to the foundations, while a blazing flame of fire, which started in the heavens, reached right down in front of the house. (And, of course, the location gave the impression that it was in the country). The heavens seemed to be open and Jesus Christ was seated there, surrounded by countless angels in human form. This is what he saw when he gazed up in wonder.

But when Karpos looked down, he told me, he saw the ground split with a gap that was limitless and pitch dark. At one edge of the mouth of the chasm he saw the two men he had cursed shortly before, standing utterly miserable and in great terror, since they were in immediate danger of falling into the pit because their legs could hardly support them. From the depths of the chasm emerged snakes, which wrapped themselves round the men's legs and dragged them forward or bedevilled them with their fangs and struck them lightly with their tails. Then again, they would conjure up other ways such as whistles, pushes from below and blows in order to cast them into the dark pit.

And it seemed as if the two men really were close to falling into the pit, either through their own despair or through the ministrations of the snakes. Karpos said that he was glad when he was looking down, while he took no notice at all of what was in heaven and was increasingly distressed that the two men hadn't fallen into the pit and that he often attempted to accomplish the fact, and that, when he did not succeed, he was both irritated and cursed. At some point, however, Karpos lifted up his eyes to heaven again and saw Jesus as He had been before. Christ rose from His heavenly throne and descended to these unfortunate men to show them mercy and give them a helping hand. He took the angels with Him and they assisted the men, some taking one and some the other, so they wouldn't fall into the chaos. And while Karpos' hand was yet extended to strike the two men, Jesus said to Karpos : 'Go on then, Karpos. Strike me. I'm still willing to suffer again and many times more for people's salvation. But before you do, look and see if you judge it wise to go into the chaos with the snakes, rather than be in heaven with God and His good and loving angels'".

FROM FATHER'S DESK Beloved, this excerpt from a letter of St. Dionysios the Areopagite never ceases to fill me with wonder at the mercy of Christ and at the extent to which we should never judge anyone. Some points that stand out to me: •Karpos takes his mind off of himself and looks outward, seeing people living without God. He no longer sees the Scripture as written for himself, as each of us should read it, but he sees it as for others and how they ignore it. And he takes God's place as judge. •This leads him to being embittered towards the two persons so that his prayer becomes one of judgment, praying that God would strike them down dead. •He takes pleasure in their torment and, in doing so, he takes his mind off the things of heaven. If our heart is not on the things of heaven, it will roam in the wastelands instead of in heaven. •He is disappointed that the two persons do not fall into the pit so he strikes them. When he goes to strike them again, most outstanding of all, Christ Himself descends from His throne and places Himself between Karpos and the two unfortunates telling him, 'Go on then, Karpos. Strike me. I'm still willing to suffer again and many times more for people's salvation. But before you do, look and see if you judge it wise to go into the chaos with the snakes, rather than be in heaven with God and His good and loving angels'". To seek to bring anyone to judgment is to open the abyss for ourselves rather than for that person. And, on top of it all, Christ Himself will come to their aid. As St. Dionysius writes elsewhere, "Is it not true that Christ draws near with love to those who turn away from him? That he struggles with them, begs them not to scorn his love, and if they show only aversion and remain deaf to his appeals, becomes himself their advocate?" Love, Fr. Matthew

Hours Schedule

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
1 Lucy	5 Angelo	5 Angelo
8 Angelo	12 Calvin	12 Calvin
15 Calvin	19 Alexander	19 Alexander
22 Alexander	26 Lucy	26 Lucy
29 Lucy		

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

Reader Schedule

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
1 Alexander	5 Kathy	5 Kathy
8 Kathy	12 Ruth	12 Ruth
15 Ruth	19 Angelo	19 Angelo
22 Angelo	26 Alexander	26 Alexander
29 Alexander		

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

Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
1 Susie Ford	5 Ian & Stephanie P.	5 Christine Panoff
8 Dennis Jernigan	12 Susie Ford	12 Dennis Goodman
15 Dave Houser	19 Dennis Jernigan	19 Ian & Stephanie P.
22 Christine Panoff	26 Dave Houser	26 Susie Ford
29 Dennis Goodman		

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

PRAYER SERVICE for the sick & suffering will be held at St. Mary Magdalene the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30. Email names to smmocafernton@gmail.com

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on January 5 from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

THEOPHANY BANQUET AND OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATER will be held on Sunday, January 8th following the Divine Liturgy. Bring your empty bottles to fill with Holy Water. Dress for the weather. The menu will consist of Lamb, Chicken, Rice, Vegetables, Bread & Butter, Salad, Dessert & Drinks. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall for volunteers for set-up, clean-up, your meal and also if you would like to make a dessert. Adult tickets are \$15, children's meals are free.

WINTER DINNER supporting Dormition Monastery is scheduled in-person at Assumption Church on Thursday, January 19. Fr. Michael Bassett will be coordinating the planning meetings. Susie Ford is our coordinator to attend meetings, oversee the selling of tickets, and overseeing the parish's responsibility for the meal (desserts). Make checks out to DORMITION MONASTERY.

HOUSE BLESSINGS Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the office if you would like your home to be blessed with the new holy water by Father Matthew.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FOR LIFE are gathering on Friday, January 20, 2023 at the National Mall in Washington, DC. For more information & the full schedule visit oclife.org/march.

LITURGY ON WEDNESDAYS Fr. Michael Bassett will serve Liturgy on Wednesday, January 11, 18, and 25. Fr. Matthew will lead this singing. Thanks be to God for Fr. Michael's generosity come and serve the Liturgy those days.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE *Finances* -Utilities are up 40% over last year. Gleason Accounting Services has been engaged to do the church financials using Quickbooks (on a month by month basis at present). \$13,000 was transferred into church checking from Grand Blanc property account at ELGA. The Grand Blanc property account contains the funds from the sale of the late Lubov Stevens' home which was willed to the church. The endowment fund was at \$392,597.53 as of November 30, representing a gain of \$27,325.33 since October. *Rector's Report* -With the blessing of Metropolitan Nicholas of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit Fr. Matthew served the funeral for Voula Pagonis at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Grand Blanc, on Monday, December 12. *Charity* - Angel Tree went very well this year and thanks to Eileen Branoff for chairing and all those who sponsored children. The North End Soup kitchen will be January 5 from 9-12:30 pm. Holy Archangel Michael and All Angels Skete which had a fire, the OCA Diocese of Alaska & the OCA Diocese of Mexico received \$800 each. *Church School* - good turnout with children and adults for St Nicholas' visit on December 4. The online curriculum is working well for lessons and planning. Stephanie Price has prepared all lessons and crafts are planned through February. *Fundraising* - *Cookie Walk* brought in a grand total of \$4,236, there may be some expenses that need to be paid. Thanks to Lucy Hogg who chaired the event and all those who helped bake, set-up, and clean-up. *Maintenance* - Dennis Jernigan does maintenance work here voluntarily, without fee. A new television set was purchased using funds from fall fundraisers. The coat racks in the school hallway were rehung by Dennis Jernigan. The furnace system was put in twelve years ago but the rest of the system dates to 1967 so the parts are now 55 years old. Dennis has been, in essence, putting band-aids on it to carry us through. We will need updates to the rest of the system in 2023. The circulating pump needed to be replaced the time clock on air handler was over 50 years old, no longer make the parts for it. Over \$2,500 was spent to update some of these. The thermostats need to be updated and will be costly. A new pressure switch was put on the air compressor. Everything for maintenance will be focused on updating the system piecemeal so the costs will be spread out over time. *New business* - The *annual meeting* will be Sunday, January 29 with a luncheon. Reports can be sent to Ellyn Serra, parish council secretary at eserra@vellohealth.com

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Church will be held on Sunday, January 29, 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. Please email reports to Ellyn Serra, parish council secretary at eserra@vellohealth.com
From the parish bylaws: "A quorum for membership meetings shall consist of 25 per cent of the total number of members in good standing on record...If at a time fixed for the meeting; the present parish members should fail to constitute the required quorum, another membership meeting shall be convened one hour later on the same day which meeting shall be considered valid in the presence of any number of attending members. This provision should be included in the text of the notice convening the general membership meeting."

THANK YOU and GOD BLESS everyone who

- helped decorate the church, hall, and put up the indoor and outdoor nativity scenes
- helped make our annual Cookie Walk a success, especially to Lucy Hogg who chaired the event
- sponsored the children from our Angel Tree and to Eileen Branoff who chaired this charitable ministry
- Joe Tome and Alexander Gonser for leading the choir or responses for the celebration of our Lord's birth
- our choir members and chanters for raising up voices of prayer to the Lord for His birth
- Protodeacon Luke for all his help in the altar for the divine services of Christmas
- Calvin Conrad and Barry Cavett for their serving in the altar
- those who bake prosfora for the Divine Liturgy
- all those who offered their sincere gifts to the Lord at Christmas
- anyone who did unseen good works, the Lord will repay you!

Thanks be to God for every person and everything!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS On January 11 we will resume [Fools for Christ](#) by Elder Aimilianos. Then we will turn to the last of these homilies available in English - Our Daily Report to God.

In February and through Lent the plan is to read Fr Silviu Bunta's talks on the Liturgy of St Basil and the Presanctified Liturgy in [Your Life Will Be Hung Before Your Eyes': Meanings of Our Life in Orthodox Liturgy](#). 11 copies of the book are available for purchase through the parish office. The cost is \$24 per book.

2023 PLEDGE CARDS If you haven't already done so, please return your pledge card so the parish council can budget accordingly. Remember in order to be considered a member here at St. Nicholas you must return a signed pledge card even if you don't enter a pledge amount.

MAKE YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING EASY AND CONVENIENT WITH GIVELIFY

Go to the [website](#) and on the home page click on the box [Give now with Givelify](#) which will walk you through the donation process; this is a secure site. (2.9% + \$0.30 of your donation goes to Givelify as a fee). 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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES can be picked up in the parish hall. If there are boxes for family members who have not been attending whom you will be seeing this month, please deliver them to help save on postage costs (\$5 per box of envelopes). If you did not receive envelopes with your name on them and you want to receive numbered & dated envelopes, please let Marcia know. Using envelopes is very helpful to those who count the money & for the auditors.

ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE-KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS Remember to sign up for & use the Community Rewards at Kroger. You can do so 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.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES Anyone who wishes to support International Orthodox Christian Charity's (IOCC) humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis is asked to pray for all those affected and the people serving them, to share what IOCC is doing in order to spread the word, and to give as they are able financially. Please visit iocc.org/ukraine22 or call 877.803.4622 to make a donation.

2023 CALENDARS have arrived and will be handed out at the candle stand. Please, one of each per family.

CONFESSIONS the sacrament of Confession is offered on Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment. Call the parish office 810-744-0070 or e-mail stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com to make an appointment.

 <h2 style="margin: 0;">HOPE IN A BOX</h2>	
Jan	Toilet Paper & Lotion
Feb	Shampoo & Conditioner
March	Feminine Care & Dental Products

January Coffee Social Volunteers & Sponsors	
1	
8	Theophany Banquet
15	
22	
29	

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lloyd Kilbourne Jr.
- 2 Barbara Vuckovich
- 6 Stella Nedanis
- 7 Anastasia Branoff
- 10 Jennifer Brucksch
- 15 Cathy Edwards
Luba Yosheff
- 16 Stacey & Michael Grousopoulos
- 20 Alex Nedanis
- 21 Nancy Borkovich
- 26 Deborah Gonser-Adams
- 27 Ressa Borkovich
- 29 Protodeacon Kerry Luke Gonser

ANNIVERSARIES

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

NAMESDAYS

- 1 Bill Cvetkovski
Bill Economou
Bill Kosman
Bosiljka Kantar (St. Basil)
Vasilios Georgopoulos
William Zelenko

The Sunday after the Nativity is when we remember these namesdays:

- Charles Joseph Jernigan
David Batzos
David Condon
David George
David Goodman
David Houser
David Jernigan
David Mitevski
David Vuckovich
Jesse Popoff
Jessica Biggs
Jessica Chevalier
Joseph Brock
Joseph Oginsky
Joseph Oginsky, Jr.
Kraig David Houser
- 2 Asher (Seraphim) Whittaker
Julia Peck
Juliana Loomis
Julie Marie Conover

NAMESDAYS continued

- 3 Genevieve Whittaker
Jenna Carole Paul
Jennifer Broadfoot
Jennifer Lynn Borkovich
Jennifer Nicole Brucksch
Jennifer Nicevski
- 6 Donna (Ordana) Slaughter
Fannia Young
Fanny Cvetkovski
Fanny Popoff
Jordan Abu-Aita
- 7 Jeanette Bryan
John Borkovich
John Cvetkovski
John Joseph Tome
John Popoff
John Sfetkidis
John Zelenko Jr.
Johnny Kantor
Jonathan Sfetkidis
Jonathon Shann
- 12 Tiffany Oliver (Tatiana)
Tonya Cvetkovski
- 14 Benjamin Goodman
Nina Sfetkidis
- 17 Anthony Mitevski
- 18 Atanas Zelevarovski
- 21 Janja Beslach
- 22 Hayley Louise (Lynn) Paul
- 25 Gregory Oginsky
- 26 Chris Taylor
- 28 Les (Ephraim) Ford

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



OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN we serve on Thursday, January 5 from 9 to 12:30 pm.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Toilet Paper & Lotion for the month of January. 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATION DONATIONS

Flowers

Ruth & Calvin Conrad

In Honor of Jerry, Janelle, Cambrey, Jorian, Kendan, Jaidrick, Zachiah, Avalai, Jeremy, Christa, Landon, Joshua, Rachael, Elias, Theophan, Basil, Genevieve & Elizabeth

Bill Economou

In Memory of my sister JoAnn Economou, my father Milton Economou & godfather Bill Gogas

Bosa Kantar

In Honor of Bosiljka, Milan, Jeff, Radmila, Mira, Jim, Miroslav, Alexis, Tatiana, Jelena & family

Connie Maxim

In Memory of my loving husband Nicholas Maxim & our parents

Kira Rabkina

In Memory of Luba & Don Stevens

Todorovsky family

In Memory of Jimmy Todorovsky

Donna & Marv Zischke

In Memory of Daisy & Sam Marvosh

Wreaths & Garland

Ruth & Calvin Conrad

In Memory of Erastus, Ruby, Alma, Meme, Albert, Morsten, Iva, Harley, Viona, Harold, Lorraine, Kenneth, Winnie, Preston & Jurgen

Bill Economou

In Memory of my sister JoAnn Economou, my father Milton Economou & godfather Bill Gogas

Dorothy Goodman

In Memory of Joseph Goodman

Sandra Grossi

In Memory of Mike & Lenne Kosman & Jennie Grossi

Lucy Hogg

In Memory of Evdokia & Ivan Ponomarenko

Dedo (Angelo) & Baba (Christine)

In Honor of our kids & their families and for good health

In Memory of our grandsons Andrew & Matthew and deceased family members

Diane & Randy Broadfoot

In Memory of Lawrence & Mildred Bladecki

Linda Branoff

In Memory of Tom & Stella Branoff



DOVES FOR THEOPHANY are sponsored by Angelo & Christine Panoff in memory of their grandsons Andrew & Matthew Panoff ~ Memory Eternal and by Calvin & Ruth Conrad.

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

VISITATION TO THE SICK If you would like Fr. Matthew to make a visit to home, hospital, or nursing home, please contact the office 810-744-0070.

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.

Deacon John Bocek	Paul Ellis	Nick Karayanis	Bill Tadrick
Linda Branoff	Bill Haw	Macy Lemmen	Wendy Tadrick
Mary Abu-Aita	Mary Karayanis	Ron Salhany	Dave Vuckovich

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

Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr	Flint, MI 48532
Dorothy Goodman	1481 E Hill Rd, Suite 18	Grand Blanc, MI 48439 (Bella Vita)
Dave Vuckovich	9352 Morrish Rd	Swartz Creek, MI 48473

ST PAISIOS AND THE ALCOHOLIC MONK Once on Mount Athos there was a monk who lived in Karyes. He drank and got drunk every day and was the cause of scandal to the pilgrims. Eventually he died and this relieved some of the faithful who went on to tell Elder Paisios that they were delighted that this huge problem was finally solved.

Father Paisios answered them that he knew about the death of the monk, after seeing the entire battalion of angels who came to collect his soul. The pilgrims were amazed and some protested and tried to explain to the Elder of whom they were talking about, thinking that the Elder did not understand.

Elder Paisios explained to them: "This particular monk was born in Asia Minor, shortly before the destruction by the Turks (1922) when they gathered all the boys. So as not to take him from their parents, they would take him with them to the reaping, and so he wouldn't cry, they just put raki* into his milk in order for him to sleep. Therefore he grew up as an alcoholic. There he found an elder and said to him that he was an alcoholic. The elder told him to do prostrations and prayers every night and beg the Panagia (Mother of God) to help him to reduce by one the glasses he drank.

After a year he managed with struggle and repentance to make the 20 glasses he drank into 19 glasses. The struggle continued over the years and he reached 2-3 glasses, with which he would still get drunk."

The world for years saw an alcoholic monk who scandalized the pilgrims, but God saw a fighter who fought a long struggle to reduce his passion.

Without knowing what each one is trying to do what he wants to do, what right do we have to judge his effort?

* Raki is a Turkish unsweetened, anise-flavored hard alcoholic drink that is popular in Turkey, Greece, Albania, Serbia, and other Balkan countries as an apéritif. **Source:** Translated by John Sanidopoulos. <https://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/2012/03/elder-paisios-and-alcoholic-monk.html>



FEBRUARY 2023	February 18 - Memorial Saturday
S M T W T F S	February 19 - Meatfare Sunday
1 2 3 4	February 26 - Cheesefare Sunday
5 6 7 8 9 10 11	February 27 - Lent begins
12 13 14 15 16 17 18	
19 20 21 22 23 24 25	
26 27 28	

Theophany Banquet

Sunday, January 8

Following the Outdoor Blessing of water
and the Divine Liturgy

MENU

Lamb/Chicken
Rice
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Dessert
Coffee and Soft Drinks

Adults \$15
Children 12 and under free



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.



11th Annual Winter Dinner benefiting Holy Dormition Monastery

Thursday, January 19th

Hosted by The Pan-Orthodox Churches of Genesee County

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
2245 Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Join us to experience a beautiful and otherworldly vespers service offered by the Mothers and Sisters of the Monastery.

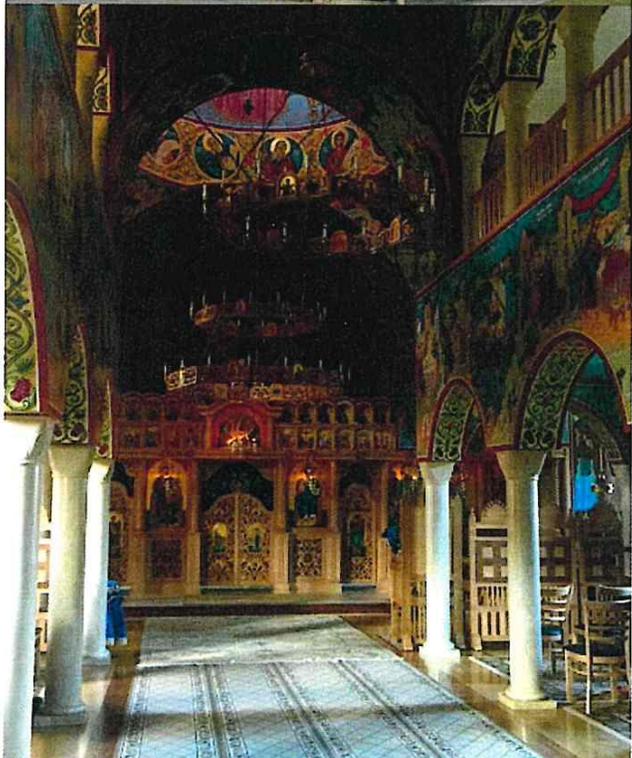
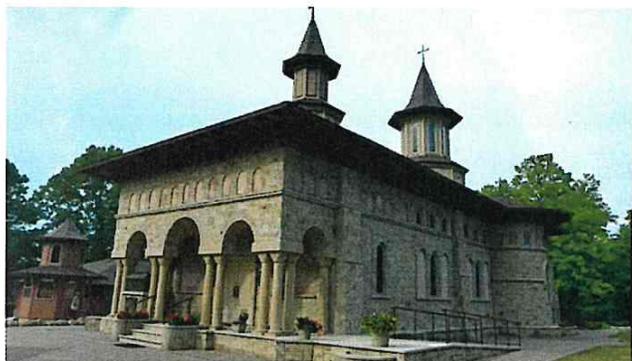
Please register by Sunday, January 15th. The suggested Donation of \$35/ person or \$25/ student can be paid via check (written to St. George Orthodox Church). Please do not let the cost keep you away from this wonderful event! The registration form is available at your parish.

Please reach out to your parish coordinator with any questions:

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church - Joanne Schultz
St. George Church - Fr. Michael Basset
St. Mary Magdalene Church - Dn. Mike Schlaack
St. Nicholas - Susie Ford

Evening Agenda

- 5:00pm Vespers led by the Monastic Community
- 6:15pm Social Time, Appetizers & Monastery Gift Shop
- 7:00pm Dinner & Program
- 8:30pm Closing Prayers & Goodnight



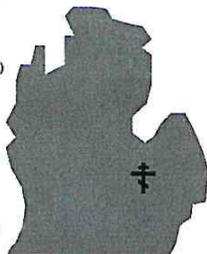
*The Pan-Orthodox Churches
of Genesee County*

Holy Assumption Greek
Orthodox Church
(2245 E. Baldwin Rd Grand Blanc, MI)

St. George Orthodox Church
(5191 Lennon Rd Flint, MI)

St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox
Church
(2439 S. Long Lake Rd Fenton, MI)

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
(2143 S Center Rd Burton, MI)



For more information on the monastery, please visit their website. www.dormitionmonastery.org

~ Thursday, January 19, 2023, 5 – 9 PM ~
 ~ At Assumption Greek Orthodox Church ~
 ~ 2245 Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI ~

11th Anniversary Winter Dinner for the Holy Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery

Evening Schedule

- ✓ 5:00 Vespers led by the Monastic Community
- ✓ 6:15 Social Time, Appetizers & Monastery Gift Shop
- ✓ 7:00 Dinner and Program
- ✓ 8:30 Closing Prayer & Good Night!

REGISTER / VOLUNTEER / DONATE by Sunday 1/15

- Online at stgeorgeflint.org
- By paper: Fill out the form below, detach and give to your parish rep
- By phone: Call St. George Church (810-732-0720)

Minimum Suggested Dinner Donation

- \$35 / Adult
- \$25 / Child or Student

***Make Checks Out To:
DORMITION MONASTERY***

PARISH REP'S

- ✓ Assumption Greek Orthodox Church..... Joanne Schultz
- ✓ St. George Church Fr. Michael Bassett
- ✓ St. Mary Magdalene Church..... Dn. Michael Schlaack
- ✓ St. Nicholas Church..... Susie Ford

A Pan-Orthodox Event Sponsored by the Orthodox Churches of Genesee County

Detach below this line and give to your parish rep

PAPER REGISTRATION FORM

V = Volunteer / \$\$ = Amount Given / M = Meal / D = Donation Only

Name (please give cell # if Volunteering)	V	\$\$	M / D

Fr. Michael Bassett – 12/13/2022

JANUARY 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No fast <i>Circumcision of the Lord</i> <i>St Basil the Great</i> 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy	2 No fast	3 No fast 6:30 pm Prayer service for the sick & suffering at St. Mary Magdalene	4 No fast 10 am pan-Orthodox priests' meeting No Divine Liturgy No adult ed.	5 ✠ EVE OF THEOPHANY 9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen 6 pm Compline at St Mary Magdalene Office Closed	6 No fast THEOPHANY 10 am Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene	7 11:30 am Ivanka Želevarovska 6 month memorial at Evergreen Cemetery 5 pm Vespers confessions
8 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Water blessing & banquet 3 pm Stojan Prusac 6 month memorial at Evergreen Cemetery	9 Fr. in Toledo	10 6:30 pm Parish Council	11 ✠ 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.	12 Office Closed	13 ✠	14 5 pm Vespers confessions
15 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School	16 Fr. in Toledo	17	18 ✠ 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.	19 11 th Annual Dormition Fundraiser at Assumption Church Office Closed	20 ✠	21 ✠ 5 pm Vespers confessions
22 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School	23 Fr. in Toledo	24	25 ✠ 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.	26 Office Closed	27 ✠	28 5 pm Vespers confessions
29 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School Annual Meeting	30 Three Holy Bishops Fr. in Toledo	31		Times and events are subject to change	✠ fast  dairy & fish permitted (no meat)  wine & oil permitted (no meat)  fish permitted (no other meat)	