

# St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

## Newsletter

Diocese of Toledo-Orthodox Church in America

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Website: [www.saintnicholasburton.org](http://www.saintnicholasburton.org) Church Office: 810-744-0070

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

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## NOVEMBER 2023

### SAINT ISAAC THE SYRIAN, Bishop of Nineveh

May those who suffer from dire sicknesses and grievous illnesses of the body also be remembered before you; send to them an angel of compassion and assuage their souls which are so tormented by their bodies' terrible afflictions. Have pity, also, Lord, on those who are subjected to the hands of evil, wicked, and godless men; speedily send them an angel of compassion, and save them from their plight. O my Lord and my God, send comfort to all those who are constrained by any kind of hardship.

Lord, overshadow your holy Church which has been redeemed by you blood; cause to dwell in it your true peace which you gave to your holy apostles; bind her children in holy bonds of indissoluble love; may the rebel [Satan] not have power over her; and keep far from her persecution, tumult, and wars, both from those within and from those without; and may kings and priests be bound together in great peace and love, their minds always filled with longing for you; and may the holy faith be a wall for your flock. Deem me too, the sinner, worthy through their prayers to be preserved always under the mighty protection of your holy arm – which is your providential care that encompasses all. Amen.

I beg and beseech you, Lord: grant to all who have gone astray a true knowledge of you, so that each and every one may come to know your glory.

In the case of all who have passed from this world lacking a virtuous life and having had no faith, be an advocate for them, Lord, for the sake of the body which you took from them, so that from the single united body of the world we may offer up praise to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the kingdom of heaven, an unending source of eternal delight.

~From *The Prayers of Saint Isaac the Syrian* (Prayers 26, 27, 28, and 29 - conclusion).

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

## FROM SAINT PAISIOS OF MOUNT ATHOS (1924-1994)

A Christian must not be a fanatic, but have love for everyone. Whoever hurls indiscreet words, even when he may be in the right, does harm. I once met an author who was devout, and yet spoke to worldly people in a brutally frank way that was nonetheless profound, and was thus able to shake them out of their complacency. Once he told me, "In a gathering I said this and that to a lady."

But by the manner in which he made his remarks, he had crippled the poor woman. He embarrassed her in front of everybody. "Look," told him, "you are hurling golden crowns with diamonds at people, but the way you're throwing them you are hurting heads, not just sensitive ones, but hard ones, too." Let us not throw stones at people ... Christian-style. Whoever censures publicly someone who has sinned, or whoever speaks with animosity about someone, such a person is not motivated by the Spirit of God; he is moved by another spirit. The way of the Church is love; it differs from the way of the legalists. The Church sees everything with loving forbearance and seeks to help each person, no matter what he has done, or how sinful he may be.

I notice in some devout people a rather strange [new] type of logic. Their devotion and good intentions are all very well, but they also need to be spiritually discerning and broad-minded, so their devotion is not accompanied by narrow-mindedness or hard-headedness, that is a stubborn and closed mind. The premise is to be in a spiritual state, to have spiritual discernment; otherwise one remains at the level of *the letter of the law, and the letter of the law kills* (2 Corinthians 3:5-6 "... our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new testament, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life"). He who has humility never takes on the air of an instructor; he listens and when asked of his opinion, he speaks humbly. He never says "I", but rather "my thought tells me," or "the Fathers tell us." He speaks like a student. Anyone who thinks that he can correct others thinks far too highly of himself. ...Pride has infiltrated his activity but he does not realize it because he does not know himself yet and that's why he goes to extremes.

from *Elder Paisios of Mount Athos – Spiritual Counsels Volume II Spiritual Awakening*, Holy Monastery "Evangelist John the Theologian" Souroti, Thessaloniki, Greece 2008, pp 89-90.

## Hours Schedule

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
5 Lucy	3 Angelo	7 Angelo
12 Calvin	10 Lucy	14 Lucy
19 Phil	17 Calvin	21 Calvin
26 Alexander	24 Phil	28 Phil
	31 Alexander	

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

## Reader Schedule

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
5 Katherine	3 Katherine	7 Alexander
12 Angelo	10 Angelo	14 Angelo
19 Alexander	17 Alexander	21 Phil
26 Phil	24 Katherine	28 Katherine
	31 Phil	

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

## Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
5 Dennis Goodman	3 Dennis Goodman	7 Dennis Goodman
12 Susie Ford	10 Christine Panoff	14 Susie Ford
19 Ian & Stephanie Price	17 Susie Ford	21 Susie Ford
26 Susie Ford	24 Ian & Stephanie Price	28 Ian & Stephanie Price
	31 Susie Ford	

If you are unable to make your assigned date please find a replacement. Let Susie know of any changes or if you cannot find a replacement (810-407-3016).

HOURS, READERS & CANDLE STAND volunteers. Please look at each month's newsletter as the schedule may have changed since the previous publication.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on November 2 from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by our parish catechist, Reader Alexander Gonser, takes place on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

PRAYER SERVICE for the sick & suffering at St. Mary Magdalene on November 14 at 6:30 pm.

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](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) to make an appointment.

SOUL'S SATURDAY Divine Liturgy with Trisagion, November 4 at 10 am. Forms are at the candle stand. If you filled one out earlier in 2023 you don't need to turn one in again

CHEESE & CHEESE/LEEK TRIANGLES sale Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. This is Pre-order ONLY. The sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. The cost is 1-\$3, 4-\$10, 8-\$20. This is a fundraiser for a band for next year's picnic. Contact Lena Bakousidis with any questions.

PARISH COUNCIL The next parish council meeting is Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE October 10, 2023 - Minutes** were approved as submitted. *Financial report* was given. From the diocesan conference: diocesan assessment will remain at 5% for 2023-2024 (not go up to 6%). Diocesan conference fee will go to \$400 for 2024. There is \$10,037 in the checking account and \$21,000 in bills by the end of the month. Funds will be moved from the Grand Blanc property account to make up for this shortfall. Offerings are not on target to match 2022. *Endowment report* has not yet arrived in the mail. *Rector's report* Diocesan Conference approved a budget for the St Paul Fund for grants in the Diocese which can be found [here https://www.bdoca.org/parish-development-fund.html](https://www.bdoca.org/parish-development-fund.html) Matching charity grant from the Diocese is up to \$1,000. *Youth ministry/church school* is going well. The children stay in church for Communion and then go to class. St. Catherine's League donated the funds for a new whiteboard for the classroom. *Outreach/In-Reach* The vecherinka/dance was a joyful event. Over 70 people came. \$500 came in through donations (after expenses). People want to have a dance in February and the funds look to be used to get a DJ instead of CDs or digital files. Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 21 after Vespers. Please decorate your trunks and bring treats for our youth. November 11 is family game night after Vespers, pizza and drinks. November meeting Stephanie Price will have a list of events for 2024. Lockwood next door will receive a list of our community events for the remainder of 2023. Crochet/knitting on Mondays from 10 am-1 pm - contact Pam Pitlanish. *Fundraising* Triangle (cheese & leek) sale on November 19. Pre-order only. A sign-up sheet will be put out. Proceeds to go towards having the Skimos Band for the parish picnic in August 2024. Last sale and donations came to just over \$500. A soup luncheon on Sunday, November 5 (instead of potluck) to raise funds for the band at the picnic - donation amount to be determined. *Charity Ministries* North End Soup kitchen will be November 2 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. *Church Building and Grounds* Alarm went off - audible alarm went off because of the sound of the air compressor. There are cameras in and outside of the church, hall, and classrooms. Terry Lyons says it is too cold to paint the bell tower right now, will wait until spring. *New Business* suggestion was made to purchase a home dishwasher (not commercial) for the kitchen and buying re-usable mugs for coffee on Sundays to save the expense and waste of single-use Styrofoam cups. The machine can be run once on Sunday with the mugs (to be donated) from the coffee social. Someone will look into the cost of dishwasher, soap, electricity use, where to hookup, etc. Ellyn Serra will contact ABC Channel 12 for an appearance for the Cookie Walk (Saturday, December 9).

**PARISH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITOR & LAY DELEGATE** takes place on Sunday, November 5. To vote you must have submitted a pledge card & received Confession and Communion within the past year. Only one vote per person: if you fill out an absentee vote please do not fill out a ballot on November 5. The nominees are:

**Parish Council (3 year term)**

**(3 will be elected)**

Barry Cavett

Connie Maxim

Ian Price

Stephanie Price *(term expiring)*

Ellyn Serra *(term expiring)*

**Auditor (3 year term)**

**(1 will be elected)**

Calvin Conrad *(term ending)*

**Lay Delegate to the**

**2024 Diocesan Conference**

**(1 will be elected)**

Susie Ford

Joe Tome

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

- Absentee ballots are available in the office
- Absentee ballots must be returned by November 3

A soup luncheon will follow the meeting.

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT** November 11 after Vespers. Bring your own or use the ones that are provided. Pizza & drinks will be provided. Contact Stephanie Price with questions at 248-396-3899.



**ANGEL TREE** Our parish will participate in this program for Christmas as part of our Advent fast, helping those in need. The 50 tags with children’s names will be on the Angel Tree in the parish hall by November 12. Gifts do 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 \$25 and \$35. It’s important to keep the amounts spent for kids in the same family the same. **Please return the gifts by December 6.** If there are any questions, contact Eileen Branoff at (810) 232-5132.

**MCOCC CONFERENCE 2023** - All young adults are invited to the second annual Motor City Orthodox Christians Young Adult Conference this November 3-5! Our keynote speaker is Mother Gabriella speaking on our theme: “You are the light of the world and the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13-16). Some other highlights of the weekend-long conference will be our meet and greet at Jolly Pumpkin in Royal Oak, Conference breakout sessions, a Saturday Night Gala with a panoramic view of Detroit at the Highlands, and celebrating vespers & divine liturgy together. ***EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS: 10/21/23. Regular registration: 10/28/23,*** Check us out on social media @motorcityorthodox, learn more and REGISTER at our website [motorcityorthodox.org](http://motorcityorthodox.org), or see a board member for any questions or to sign up!

**WILDLIFE 911** John Borkovich, a longtime member at St. Nicholas will be speaking at the Davison Library on November 7 at 6 pm. He is a former Michigan Conservation Officer and has published a book, *Wildlife 911*, sharing his stories from his career of protecting nature.

**VETERAN’S APPRECIATION LUNCHEON** at St. Michael’s Conference Center on Friday, November 10 at 12 pm. The address is 609 E. Fifth Ave., Flint and is being hosted by Catholic Charities. Free to veterans and guests. RSVP is required by November 6 at [www.ccsge.org/sacredheartvillage.org](http://www.ccsge.org/sacredheartvillage.org).

**PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES & EVENTS – NOVEMBER 2023**

- Nov 14 6:30 pm Prayer service for the sick and suffering at St. Mary Magdalene.
- Nov 20 6 pm Vespers and Liturgy for Entrance of the Theotokos at **Assumption Church**  
*Special guest – Bishop Earl Boyea of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing*

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS** If you would like to have your name(s) included on the annual Christmas greetings list please call or email the office no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>. Donations are appreciated.

**VISIT WITH ST. NICHOLAS & LENTEN POTLUCK** on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**COOKIE WALK** will be held on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm. This year the Cookie Walk will be chaired by Lucy Hogg and requires help from many people. Please call Lucy at 810-695-3110 with any questions. The baked goods need to be delivered by Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> before 3 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale. Donations are also appreciated if you cannot bring cookies so some pre-made goodies can be purchased.



**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS** Remember to use your Community Rewards when checking out at the register. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores. We’ve received \$50.76 so far this year.

**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.

**2024 PLEDGE CARDS & QUARTERLY STATEMENTS** were mailed out the last week in October. If you have not received yours by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> contact the parish office by phone 744-0070 or email [stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com) so that we may get a pledge card to you. Please fill out and sign 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. We would like for them to be returned by December,1. DO NOT send your 2024 pledge back with the card or it will be credited to 2023.

**THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP/SEMINARIAN OFFERING** On the first Sunday of the month an envelope will be placed in the bulletin for this fund to be placed in the plate when it is passed. There is also a category marked "Seminararian" on your stewardship envelopes that you can include with your regular giving. This helps to support parish seminarians, those training to become catechists, and kiosk expense for theological materials for inquirers. Through the years these funds have been used to support our seminarians, most recently Father Esteban Vázquez.

**OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** we serve on Thursday, November 2 from 9 to 12:30 pm.

**SLEEPING BAG GIVEAWAY** November 4, 10 am-1 pm at the North End Soup Kitchen. Donations of new or gently used sleeping bags, blankets, clothing & kids backpacks are greatly appreciated!

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting Dish, Laundry & Bar Soap for the month of November. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items. If you are interested in volunteering call 810-265-7025.

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

 <h2 style="margin: 0;">HOPE IN A BOX</h2>	
Nov	Dish, Laundry & Bar Soap
Dec	Socks, Towels, Toiletries & New Toys
Jan	Toilet Paper & Lotion

November Coffee Social Volunteers & Sponsors	
5	Soup Luncheon
12	
19	
26	

**MEMORY ETERNAL - CHRIST IS RISEN** JESSIE MAE AUTRY GRIFFIN of Myrtle Beach, NC fell asleep in the Lord on October 11, 2023. She is the sister of parishioner Diane (Autry) Todorovsky. Please remember Jessie in your prayers and pray for the comfort of her family in their time of grief. Christ God rest the soul of his handmaiden Jessie in the light of His Face in the abodes of the righteous. Memory eternal! Christ is risen!

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jeanette Brayan
- 3 Deborah Neely  
Viktor Dorohov
- 5 Jonathon Shann  
Mira Prusac
- 7 Gabriel Paul
- 10 Bosa Kantar
- 13 Gregory Burns
- 15 Mary Abu-Aita
- 22 Matthew Economou
- 23 John (Joe) Tome
- 24 Ruth Conrad
- 26 Mitra Pagonis
- 27 Hannah Shann
- 28 Susan Oginsky



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Father Matthew & Matushka Lisa (1999)
- 26 Petro & Sandra Ahejew (1963)

## NAMESDAYS

- 8 Arielle Grace Borkovich  
Colin Michael Karayanis  
Gavin (Michael) Whittaker  
Michael Biggs  
Michael Borkovich  
Michael Branoff  
Michael Grousopoulos  
Michael Karayanis  
Michael Popoff  
Michael Serra  
Michael Steiner  
Michelle Gerzevske  
Michelle Karayanis  
Ralph Neely



## NAMESDAYS cont.

- 10 Krystal Rose George
- 11 Stephanie Houser  
Stephanie Price  
Stephanie Stikovich  
Vickie Ann Borkovich  
Victoria Batzos  
Viktor Dorohov
- 13 Devin Yasmine Binelli
- 14 Philip Bakousidis  
Philip Brown  
Philip Pirkovic  
Philip Wiles
- 16 Everett Matthew Batzos  
Fr. Matthew-Peter Butrie  
Matthew Batzos  
Matthew Economou
- 17 Matushka Lisa Ann Butrie
- 22 Cecile Georgopoulos  
Sheila Biggs (St. Cecilia)
- 24 Catherine Steiner  
Kara George  
Karen Ethington  
Kate Economou  
Katherine Gonser  
Katherine Panoff  
Katherine Whittaker  
Kathleen Biernacki Killian  
Kathryn Stevens  
Kathryn Gurin  
Kathy Condon  
Kathy Sfetkides
- 26 Stella Stergiani Nedanis
- 29 Andy Yosheff
- 30 Barry Andrew Cavett

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

**YOUTUBE CHANNEL** subscribe to our YouTube channel **Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton** to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services.

**FACEBOOK PAGE** Please visit & follow our parish page: [www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton](http://www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton)



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 5.**



**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:

Mary Abui-Aita	6407 Sanctuary Pointe Ct.	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Linda Branoff	5238 Sandalwood Circle	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr	Flint, MI 48532
Mary & Nick Karayanis	2238 Old Hickory	Davison, MI 48423
Dave Vuckovich	9352 Morrish Rd	Swartz Creek, MI 48473



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for a variety of things. Depending on the activity it could be only once a month, every other month or just occasionally. If you're not able to help when needed that's ok. Please fill out the form & turn it into the office if you are interested.

- Inventory (supplies & candles)
- Kitchen organization
- Supply room organization
- Keep refrigerators cleaned out
- Do price comparisons for specific needs/projects( *i.e.* Poinsettias for Christmas)
- Take care of recycling/shredded paper
- Staple & fold special publications
- Special mailings
- Other miscellaneous that are unknown at this time

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



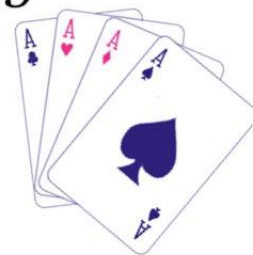


# November 11th

## 6pm after Vespers

*Bring your favorite game to share.*

*Dinner - Free will offering*





## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas flowers can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for the deceased.

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) (3 available) *Any donation welcome*  
(How many)

\_\_\_\_\_ 36 inch wreath (\$85) (1 available) *Any donation welcome*  
(How many)

\_\_\_\_\_ 24 inch wreath (\$60) (1 available) *Any donation welcome*  
(How many)

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 inch wreath (\$25) (2 available) *Any donation welcome*  
(How many)

\_\_\_\_\_ 20 foot garland (\$25) (2 available) *Any donation welcome*  
(How many)

### **In honor of (for the living)**

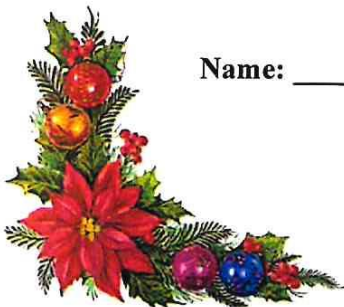
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### **Or, in memory of (deceased)**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_





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# Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 9, 2023  
10 am - 1 pm

*Ethnic Cookies and Many Other Baked Goods*

*Cookies Sold at \$14 per Pound  
cash or check*

*Stock up your freezer for the Holidays*



*Hot Beverages*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><b>Times and events are subject to change</b></p>	<p><b>Services in blue - click for the livestream</b></p>	<p>1 <i>Ss Cosmas &amp; Damian</i> † 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.</p>	<p>2 <i>Fr in Toledo</i> 9am to 12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen  Office Closed</p>	<p>3 †</p>	<p>4 <i>Souls' Saturday</i> <a href="#">10 am Divine Liturgy and Trisagion</a> <a href="#">5 pm Vespers</a> Confessions</p>
<p>5 9:30 Hours <a href="#">10 am Divine Liturgy</a> Election Soup Luncheon Church School: <a href="#">Requiem</a> Daylight Saving Time ends</p>	<p>6 10 am-1 pm Crochet/Knitting Group</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 <i>Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the bodiless powers</i> † No Divine Liturgy No adult ed.</p>	<p>9  Office Closed</p>	<p>10 †</p>	<p>11  <a href="#">5 pm Vespers</a> Confessions <b>Family Game Night</b></p>
<p><b>Holy Synod of Bishops meets in Chicago - Fr Matthew accompanying Archbishop Alexander</b></p>						
<p>12 9:30 am Hours <a href="#">10 am Divine Liturgy</a> Angel Tree tags available Church School: <a href="#">Confession</a></p>	<p>13 <i>St John Chrysostom</i>  <i>Fr. in Toledo</i> 10 am-1 pm Crochet/Knitting Group</p>	<p>14 <i>Saint Philip</i> 6:30 pm Parish Council  6:30 pm Prayer Service for the sick &amp; suffering at St. Mary Magdalene Church  <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>15 † <b>CHRISTMAS FAST BEGINS</b> No Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.  <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>16 <i>Saint Matthew</i> 🐟 🍇  9:30 am Divine Liturgy  <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>17 †  <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>18 🐟 🍇  <a href="#">5 pm Vespers</a> Confessions</p>
<p>19 🐟 🍇 9:30 Hours <a href="#">10 am Divine Liturgy</a> Church School: <a href="#">Romans - members of one body</a></p>	<p>20 † <b>6 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers &amp; Liturgy at Assumption Church</b> 10 am-1 pm Crochet/Knitting Group</p>	<p>21 🐟 🍇 <b>Entrance of the Birthgiver of God into the Temple</b></p>	<p>22 † No Divine Liturgy No adult ed.</p>	<p>23 🍇  Office Closed</p>	<p>24 †  <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>25 🐟 🍇  <a href="#">5 pm Vespers</a> No Confessions</p>
<p>26 🐟 🍇 9:30 Hours <a href="#">10 am Divine Liturgy</a> Church School: <a href="#">Giving Thanks</a></p>	<p>27 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i> †  10 am-1 pm Crochet/Knitting Group</p>	<p>28 🍇</p>	<p>29 † 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.</p>	<p>30 <i>Saint Andrew</i> 🐟 🍇  Office Closed</p>	<p>† 🍷 <b>Fast Dairy Permitted (no meat)</b> 🍷 <b>Wine &amp; Oil Permitted (no meat)</b> 🍷 <b>Fish Permitted (no other meat)</b></p>	