

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Monthly Newsletter

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Services:

Wednesday- 9:30 am Adult Education-11:15 am
Saturday – 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions
Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Third Hour 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Holydays, Vigil and Vespers as announced

“But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” St. Jude 1:20

OCTOBER 2018

“If we are not willing to sacrifice this temporal life, or perhaps even the life to come, for the sake of our neighbor, as were Moses and St Paul, how can we say that we love him? For Moses said to God concerning his people, ‘If Thou wilt forgive their sins, forgive; but if not, blot me as well out of the book of life which Thou hast written’ (Exod 32:32. LXX); while St Paul said, ‘For I could wish that I myself were severed from Christ for the sake of my brethren’ (Rom 9:3). He prayed, that is to say, that he should perish in order that others might be saved – and these others were the Israelites who were seeking to kill him. Such are the souls of the saints: they love their enemies more than themselves, and in this age and in the age to come they put their neighbor first in all things, even though because of his ill-will he may be their enemy. They do not seek recompense from those whom they love, but because they have themselves received they rejoice in giving to others all that they have, so that they may conform to their Benefactor and imitate His compassion to the best of their ability; ‘for He is bountiful to the thankless and to sinners’ (cf. Luke 6:35).”

St. Peter of Damaskos
A Treasury of Divine Knowledge 1, Philokalia, 3:175-176

FROM FATHER'S DESK

As the Divine Liturgy is about to begin, the priest and the deacon say together three prayers: “Heavenly King...”, “Glory to God in the highest...” (Luke 2:14), and “Lord, you will open my lips...” (Psalm 50:15). Last month we looked at “Heavenly King” and the connection between the tabernacle of Exodus with us becoming the living tabernacle of the Holy Spirit. This month we’ll look at the second element, the words of the angels to the shepherds on the night of Christ’s birth.

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!” (Luke 2:8-14) [Revised Standard Version]

Some translations opt for the underlined portion above as a way of translating the verse. In the translation of the Simonopetra *Ieratikon* the translation will read rather: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, Good Will among men.” There is a subtle but significant difference. “Good Will” is capitalized. “Good Will” is capitalized here because it is taken to be a title of Christ. The late Fr. Ephrem Lash, Orthodox priest and translator from Great Britain, pointed out that in the liturgical texts of Nativity the word “good will” is taken to be a title of Christ. In his translation, here are two of the hymns:

Suddenly, at the word of the Angel, the armies of heaven cried: “Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, among men *Good Will, Christ*, has shone out. God of our Fathers, blessed are you!”

Virgin Mother of God, who have given birth to the Saviour, you have overthrown the former curse of Eve, for you have become *the Mother of the Father’s Good Will*, carrying in your bosom God the Word made flesh. None can fathom the mystery; by faith alone we all glorify it as we cry with you and say: Lord beyond interpretation, glory to you!

St. John Chrysostom interprets this verse from St. Luke’s gospel in this way this way. The fourth century Christian writing, The Apostolic Constitutions, (8.13.11-13) includes Luke 2:14 among other hymns to Christ in the response to “The holy things are for the holy.” Thus, the hymn reads along the following lines: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, as Christ is among men.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Matthew

Third Hour Schedule

October	November	December
7 Calvin	4 Angelo	2 Lucy
14 Angelo	11 Lucy	9 Calvin
21 Lucy	18 Calvin	16 Angelo
28 Calvin	25 Angelo	23 Lucy
		30 Calvin

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

Reader Schedule

October	November	December
7 Angelo	4 Amir	2 Amir
14 Amir	11 Angelo	9 Angelo
21 Johnny	18 Johnny	16 Johnny
28 Taras	25 Taras	23 Taras
		30 Amir

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

MEMORY ETERNAL! CHRIST IS RISEN!

Andrew Thomas Panoff, son of Tom & Christy Panoff & grandson of Angelo & Christine Panoff, fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, August 18th.

MEMORY ETERNAL Louie Prusac, son of Stojan & Mira Prusac, fell asleep in the Lord September 14. His funeral was celebrated at Swartz Funeral Home. God grant him rest among the saints and memory eternal. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

BOOK CLUB In lieu of the Book Club there will be a new monthly series, "EXPLORING OUR FAITH", that will meet at St. George Church every 4th Tuesday of the month from 6pm-8pm.

The intent of the series is to discover (or rediscover) various aspects of our Orthodox Christian Faith and practice so that they might be of practical benefit to us on our life's journey to Christ.

The format will be a Small Compline in the Church followed by a time of fellowship and snacks, teaching and discussion in the lounge.

PARKING LOT RE-PAVING The proceeds from last year and this year's Macedonian Open will go towards the re-paving of the entire parking lot which will cost over \$100,000. With capital improvement funds and other funds on hand, that leaves a shortfall of \$35,000. If anyone would like to donate or dedicate a memorial fund or make an anonymous donation, please contact the office.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 The sole item on the agenda for this meeting is to vote on whether the parish shall take a loan to cover the remaining cost of the parking lot repaving or whether the parish shall release funds from the Endowment Fund to cover those costs.

2019 PLEDGE CARDS will be mailed out shortly. Please fill out and sign your pledge card. We would like them to be returned by December 1. DO NOT send your 2019 pledge back with the card because it will be credited to 2018.

PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES – NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER 2018

November 20 – for the Entry of the Theotokos – 6 pm Vespers & Liturgy at St. George

December 5 – for St Nicholas – 6 pm Vespers & Liturgy at our church

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS AND LAY DELEGATES

As of September 16, 2018 the nominees are:

Parish Council Nominees (3 will be elected)

Gerry Bakousidis
Lena Bakousidis
Tom Batzos
Phil Brown
Val Evanencko

Michelle Gerzevske
Kathy Gonser (term ending 2018)
Dennis Goodman
Kristin Hart
Sharon Jernigan (term ending 2018)

Connie Maxim
Deborah Neely
Peggy Russell
Cathy Steiner (term ending 2018)
Fannia Young Connie Maxim

Auditor Nominees (1 will be elected)

Linda Branoff
Nancy Krigner

2019 Diocesan Conference Lay Delegate Nominees (1 will be elected)

Deborah Gonser-Adams
J. Joseph Tome

If your name is listed above and you do not wish to run for the parish council or auditor OR if you would like to nominate someone, please call the parish office at 810-744-0070.

The annual elections will take place on Sunday, November 4.

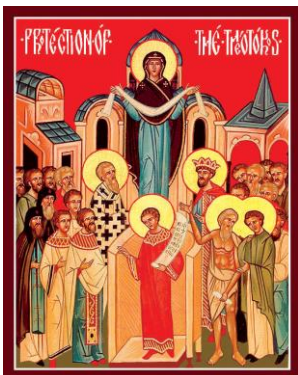
*****Absentee Ballots will be made available in the parish office beginning October 21*****

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS still come to St. Nicholas if you give them our NPO #85687. They will send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores.

<p><u>WORK READY ROOM</u> Catholic Charities Work Ready Room wants your new & gently used career clothes to help individuals in need! i.e. Khakis, Scrubs, Shoes, Work Boots, Dress Pants & Collared Shirts. For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri at 812 Root St, Flint.</p> <p><u>COMMUNITY CLOSET</u> Catholic Charities is in need of new or gently used towels, sheets, comforters & toiletries. For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri at 812 Root St, Flint.</p>
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 HOPE IN A BOX	
October	Socks
November	Blankets & Coats
December	Towels, Toiletries & New Toys

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, Fred Oginsky. Monthly Fr. Matthew visits Larry Bladecki (Bay City) and Peter and Olga Samaras (Caro).



The icon of the feast, Protection of the Mother of God, shows the Theotokos standing above the faithful with her arms outstretched in prayer and draped with a veil. On both sides of her are angels. On the lower right of most icons of this feast, are saints Andrew and his disciple Epiphanius who saw this vision of the Mother of God, with the twelve apostles, bishops, holy women, monks and martyrs, spreading her veil in protection over the congregation. St. Epiphanius is wearing a tunic under his cloak and gestures in astonishment at the miraculous appearance, while St. Andrew, Fool-for-Christ, is dressed only in a cloak.

Below the Theotokos, in the center of the icon, stands a young man with a halo, he is clothed in a deacon's sticharion. In his left hand, he is holding an open scroll with the text of the Kontakion for Nativity in honor of the Mother of God. This is St. Romanus the Melodist, the famous hymnographer whose feast is also celebrated on the same day, October 1. He is with his choir attended by the Emperor Leo the Wise together with the Empress and the Patriarch of Constantinople.

**ASSUMPTION'S ANNUAL
HARVEST FEST &**



Saturday, October 20!

6:00 to 8:00pm

2245 E. Baldwin Rd Grand Blanc, MI

Join us for this **SPOOKTACULAR** event of costumes,
treats, and community fun!

Get those trunks decorated and ready for the kids
to visit for treats.

Activities to include:

Kid Friendly Dinner

Bounce Houses

Basketball/Football Games

Crafts

Music by DJ Patsos

Trunk or Treating



OCTOBER NAMESDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Vasilka Karatza
- 3 Alyson Wilhelm
- 7 Jacob Abu-Aita
- 9 Sarah Neely
- 13 Allen Adams
- 14 Cameron Stevens
Téa Jonascu
- 15 Eugene Akkerman
Stephanie Stikovich
Zora Glusica
- 25 Phil Brown
- 27 David George
Taras Evanenko
- 29 Bruce Borkovich
- 31 Jack Todorovsky
Irene Batcos
Vladimir Pyatenko



NAMESDAYS

- 3 Dennis Goodman
Dennis Jernigan
- 4 Bernita Brown
- 6 Thomas Panoff
Thomas Stavridis
Tom Batzos
Tom Branoff
Tom Krigner
Tom Sfetkidis
- 8 Taisa Akkerman
- 18 Protodeacon Luke Gonser
Luke John Borkovich
- 20 Diana Mitevski
Diane Broadfoot
Diane Todorovsky
- 26 Dimitrios Nedanis
Jack (Dmitri) Todorovsky
John (Dimitrios) Todorovsky
- 29 Anastasia Pirkovic
Anastasia Tecla Butrie
Anastasia Whittaker
Anna Branoff
Stacy Jean Binelli
Stacy Loomis
Stacy Grosopoulos
- 30 Milan Stikovich
Reggie Milan Jehnsen

ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Irina Sivergina & Oleg Dashevsky
- 17 Peter & Marilyn Branoff (2004)
- 18 David & Barbara Vuckovich (1986)
- 20 David & Cortney Batzos (2007)

Please call or email the office if your name is missing or has the incorrect information. (810)744-0070. stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com

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
Deacon John Bocek
Anna Branoff
Linda Branoff

Gladys Edwards
Paul Ellis
JoAnn Havens
Bill Haw

Mary Karayanis
Nick Karayanis
Macy Lemmen
Fred Ginsky

Ron Salhany
Peter Samaras
Olga Samaras
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	
Janice Jackson	2315 Costa Verde Blvd.	Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250	
Pete & Olga Samaras	1285 Cleaver Rd.	Caro, MI 48723	(989) 672-7550

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for 6 months

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for 6 months
















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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Protection of the Mother of God 9:30 am Divine Liturgy	2	3  9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am Adult Ed	4 9:am to 12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen Office Closed	5 	6 5 pm Vespers
7 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School Special Parish Meeting	8 Father in Toledo	9 6:30 pm Parish Council	10  9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am Adult Ed	11 Office Closed	12 	13 5 pm Vespers
14 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School	15 Communion Calls to Bay City, Caro & Lapeer	16 Father in Toledo	17  9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am Adult Ed 11 am to 1 pm Assumption at Center for Hope	18 Office Closed	19 	20 5 pm Vespers Harvest Festival
21 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School	22	23 9:am to 12:30 pm St. George Church at North End Soup Kitchen	24  9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am Adult Ed	25 Office Closed	26 St. Demetrios 	27 5 pm Vespers
28 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School	29	30 Father in Toledo	31  9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am Adult Ed	 Fast  Dairy Permitted (no meat)  Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat)  Fish Permitted (no other meat)		

NOVEMBER 2018

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† Fast 🥛 Dairy Permitted (no meat) 🍷 Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat) 🐟 Fish Permitted (no other meat)		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 9:am to 12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen Office Closed	2 †	3 5 pm Vespers
4 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Elections after Divine Liturgy Church School	5 Communion Calls to Bay City, Caro & Lapeer	6 Father in Toledo	7 † 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am Adult Ed	8 Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & All the Angels Office Closed	9 †	10 5 pm Vespers
11 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School	12 Father in Toledo	13 6:30 pm Parish Council	14 🍷 St. Philip 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am Adult Ed	15 🍷 CHRISTMAS FAST BEGINS Office Closed	16 🐟 🍷 St. Matthew	17 🐟 🍷 5 pm Vespers
18 🐟 🍷 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School	19 † Father in Toledo	20 † 6 pm Vesperal Liturgy At St. George	21 🐟 🍷 Entry of the Theotokos No Divine Liturgy No Adult Ed 11 am to 1 pm Assumption at Center for Hope	22 🍷 Thanksgiving Office Closed	24 † Repose of St. Alexander Nevsky Office Closed	25 🐟 🍷 5 pm Vespers
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