

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

SEPTEMBER 2025

HYMNS FROM THE MATINS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious birth of the Mother of God! From your virgin womb you ineffably gave a body to the Light that was before the sun, even God Who has shone forth upon us, and in the body came to dwell among us. Blessed and all-pure Theotokos, we magnify you!

Be renewed, O Adam, and be magnified, O Eve, you prophets dance with the apostles and the righteous; let there be common joy in the world among angels and mankind. For the Theotokos is born today of righteous Joachim and Anna.

Oh, the marvelous wonder! The source of Life is born of a barren woman, and grace gloriously begins to bear its fruit. Rejoice, Joachim, who have become the father of the Theotokos! There is no other like you among earthborn fathers, O man inspired by God; for the Maiden in whom God would come to dwell, the Tabernacle of God, the all-holy Mountain, has been given to us through you.

Oh, the marvelous wonder! The fruit of a barren woman has shone forth at the behest of the Almighty Maker of all and mightily destroyed the barrenness of this world, which was fruitless in good things. You mothers, dance with the mother of the Theotokos and cry: “Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you, He Who grants the world through you His great mercy!”

A living pillar of chastity and bright vessel shining with grace, glorious Anna has given birth to the true stronghold of virginity, the divine flower, who manifestly bestows the beauty of virginity on all virgins and women who desire that grace, and grants to all the faithful great mercy.

This is the day of the Lord! Rejoice, O peoples, for, behold, the bridal chamber of the Light, the book of the Word of Life, has come forth from the womb! The gate that faces the East is born and awaits the entry of the Great Priest. She alone admits Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls.

The Numbers Approach Last month we looked at Fundraising versus Stewardship. This month we look at the Numbers Approach. An example: It is calculated what the parish will need next year to carry out the work in that parish. For example, let's suppose in a given parish a 10 percent increase will be needed next year. The message is communicated that if everyone would just raise his contribution for next year by 10 percent, we will make it fine. There are several things wrong with this approach.

First, it puts the emphasis in the wrong place. The Numbers Approach will always put the emphasis on the dollars the church needs rather than on the giving. When you start with a budget, the center of attention remains on the numbers, on the balance sheet. You can talk all you like about giving as responsible Christians, but few will hear what you say because the natural tendency will be to sharpen their mental pencils to go over the budget.

Second, the Numbers Approach is unfair. The basis of the message is that everyone is giving evenly, that family A and family B are already giving conscientiously in relation to their means. But the facts belie the assumption. While some families do give conscientiously, many more give far less than they could, or should. To ask for a percentage increase puts an unfair burden on those who are doing their best to be faithful in their giving, and it allows the token giver to remain exactly where he is. Even if he responds to the percentage increase, he will still be a token giver.

Third, this approach represents a minimum rather than a maximum request. Perhaps it is the fear of asking too much and facing failure that tempts us. But with the Numbers Approach, what we ask as an increase is pretty well educated by what we are fairly certain is attainable. Consequently, it doesn't challenge anyone spiritually. We ask our people to give to the Church, or to a given parish, and the effect is to base our appeal on the people's responsibility for the survival of the parish, on parish loyalties, on interest in parish activities, or even on loyalty to a particular parish priest. To base our appeal on these things is to preclude any serious consideration of giving as a matter of a person's spiritual life, as a serious matter between a Christian and God.

Church people operate on at least three levels of loyalty. We live on the level of denominational loyalty; that is, loyalty to the Orthodox Church. In addition to that, we live on the level of parish loyalty. We have an interest in seeing our parish survive, prosper, and grow. Beyond these loyalties, we also live on the level of a loyalty -a commitment -to God in Jesus Christ. At our best, all three loyalties complement and reinforce each other. However, all too often the first two loyalties are used as a substitute for the third. We can so easily be caught up in a kind of "Churchianity."

Indeed, to be faithful to a parish is a far easier commitment than to be faithful to Christ. And when we deal with our stewardship task on the level of parish commitments, we run the real risk of allowing these to be a substitute for any challenge to grow in relationship and commitment to God. While we may say that our stewardship is a matter of the spirit, when the push really comes, it's the other loyalties on which we are really banking. That's the real message church members will hear.

The "Shame-an-You" approach is the second of the three ineffective avenues to church funding. The message comes across something like this: as a nation we spend \$3 billion on cosmetics, \$3 billion on tobacco, \$10 billion on entertainment, \$12 billion on alcohol, \$1.5 billion on churches & charities. The climax of all this is the question, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself?"

Obviously this is all too true. The priorities of most Americans are not what they should be. But this approach, like the one above, puts the emphasis on the wrong place.

As a nation we are comfort-loving and pleasure-seeking. We must learn to recognize this as a sign of spiritual disease, to beg God's forgiveness, and with His help to begin loving Him more than our own selfish desires.

But to play on people's guilt -which very likely caused them to be spending their money on comfort and pleasure in the first place -can only increase their involvement with "how I feel." It may get an increase in offerings, but almost certainly because the parishioners are thinking, "Give him some money and he'll be quiet and I'll feel better." **From What is Proportionate Giving? by Father Joseph Hirsch published by the Department of Stewardship, The Orthodox Church in America**

Hours Schedule

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
7 Staci	7 Barry	2 Phil
14 Madison	14 Lucy	9 Angelo
21 Angelo	21 Madison	16 Barry
28 Phil	28 Angelo	23 Staci
		30 Lucy

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

Reader Schedule

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
7 Katherine	7 Phil	2 Madison
14 Barry	14 Angelo	9 Staci
21 Staci	21 Katherine	16 Katherine
28 Madison	28 Barry	23 Barry
		30 Phil

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Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
7 Dennis Goodman	5 Dennis Goodman	2 Susie Ford
14 Susie Ford	12 Christine Panoff	9 Dennis Goodman
21 Christine Panoff	19 Susie Ford	16 Christine Panoff
28 Ian & Stephanie P.	26 Ian & Stephanie P.	23 Ian & Stephanie P.
		30 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. Please look at each month's newsletter as the schedule may have changed since the previous publication.

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

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.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on September 4th from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

PAYPAL You can use PayPal for your financial stewardship! Go to our website www.saintnicholasburton.org and click on the box **Give now with PayPal**; this is a secure site. (1.99% + \$0.49 of your donation goes to PayPal as a fee). ***Please consider clicking the box to cover the fee we are charged.** 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
PayPal will send an email to the church to let us know a donation was received for St. Nicholas Church, the amount, and the giver.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is September 9th at 6:30 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Meeting opened with prayer at 6:38 pm on Tuesday, August 12. Present: Christopher Taylor, Paul Brayan, Stephanie Price, Eileen Branoff, Bill Economou, Dennis Jernigan, Connie Maxim. Absent: Lena Bakousidis, Tammy Bolinger. *minutes*: Minutes approved as presented. On behalf of the church a gift card, icon of Saint Nicholas, and a certificate of appreciation was given to our outgoing secretary Marcia. *finances*: \$15,000 was transferred from the account with the proceeds from the Lapeer property sale which was done on land contract. There are twelve more years left on the twenty year contract. *endowment*: no report. *rector's report*: The Orthodox Church in America will recognize the autocephaly of the Macedonian Orthodox Church with a primatial Liturgy at Saint Nicholas Cathedral, Washington, DC on September 2. Metropolitan Tikhon will serve with Archbishop Stefan, primate of the Macedonian Church. Archbishop Alexander is unable to attend but will be sending a delegation consisting of chancellor Father Arkady (Migunov), Father Paul G. Monowksi and Father Matthew, members of the diocesan spiritual council. *church school*: begins September 14, Old Testament will be the focus. Stephanie Price will teach high school students and Michelle Gerzevske elementary school. **We need substitute teachers!** Vacation church school was cancelled because only four students registered. *community outreach*: movie night was a success. Bonfire will be a Friday after dinner with s'mores, end of September. *fundraising*: over 100 dinners have been ordered. Six lambs picked up from International Food in Sterling Heights (17 Mile and Dequindre). We need support - persons to help serve, clean-up, etc. Saturday we will need help setting up at 9 am. Comic book convention idea maybe once a quarter in our hall to draw others. Try for Saturday, September 27 for food trucks (charge fee for trucks) and corn hole tournament (charge fee for entry of teams). (Make list and contact people for food trucks). Need job jobs. *charity ministries*: North End Soup Kitchen service is Thursday, September 4 from 9 to 12:30. If you have even an hour to help, it is appreciated! *church building & grounds* Dennis Jernigan is working on the boiler. Filters changed on the rooftop HVAC units. Also cleaned the filters for the AC units in church. Fire inspection was done. Steps on the playground equipment were replaced. Bill Economou installed the power surge unit on electrical unit for the rest of the building. Handrail on the front steps at church was rusted out - it has been taken care of and re-installed. The cost was covered by an anonymous donor. In November 2024 the south drain in the parking lot was not draining after the work on the sewer lines on the road by the city. We are evaluating our options as the city has not been cooperative. The next Burton City Council meeting is Monday, August 18 at 7 pm. Roofing is leaking on the small kitchen is leaking in the pavilion and in the shrine. Stojan Prusac Jr will take a look at it. Closing prayer at 7:59 pm.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED:

- Committee members to prepare for the Diocesan conference October 10, 11 & 12
- Assistant choir director trainee.
- Maintenance ministry - persons to assist.
- **Livestream - persons to assist beginning and ending livestreaming of services**
- Media Ministry person(s)
- An additional church school teacher and substitute because of the increase in number of students in church school - please see Stephanie Price.




God bless those who have given of their time for these ministries:

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN we serve on Thursday, Sept 4th from 9 to 12:30 pm.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting soaps for the month of September. Place the items in a bag and then put 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.

 <h1>HOPE IN A BOX</h1>	
Sept	Soaptember
Oct	Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
Nov	Dish Soap

September Coffee Social Sponsors	
7	
14	(fast day - bagels)
21	
28	

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). **Please consider adding the extra fee we are charged to your donation.* 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.

ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE-KROGER/COSTCO COMMUNITY REWARDS Remember to use your community rewards when checking out. If you haven't signed up for it, you can do so online or at their customer service desk. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores. In June we received \$43.32 from Kroger.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP/SEMINARIAN OFFERING There is a category marked "Seminarian" on your stewardship envelopes that you can include with your regular giving. There are also specially marked envelopes at the candle stand. This helps to support parish seminarians, those training to become catechists, and kiosk expense for theological materials for inquirers.



NOTE FROM THE TREASURER To be transparent in our 5-year vision to a financially secure parish:

2025	June	July
Monthly Offering Income	\$ 13,670	\$ 16,854
Monthly General Operating Expenses	\$ 36,958	\$ 19,400
	\$ -23,288	\$ -1,546



- Sep 8 10 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church
for the Nativity of the Theotokos**
- Sep 13 4 pm pan-Orthodox Vespers at St George Church
for the elevation of the Cross of the Lord**

PRIMATIAL DIVINE LITURGY - SEPTEMBER 2 at ST NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL in Washington, DC
The Orthodox Church in America will recognize the autocephaly of the Macedonian Orthodox Church with a primatial Liturgy at Saint Nicholas Cathedral, Washington, DC on September 2. Metropolitan Tikhon will serve with Archbishop Stefan, primate of the Macedonian Church. Archbishop Alexander is unable to attend but will be sending a delegation consisting of chancellor Father Arkady (Migunov), Father Paul G. Monowski and Father Matthew, members of the diocesan spiritual council. The myrrh-streaming icon of the Hawaiian Icon of our Lady of Iveron and relics of the recently glorified Saint Olga of Kwethluk will be at the cathedral for veneration that day. Liturgical responses will be sung by the Archdiocesan Choir of Washington, DC on Tuesday, September 2nd at 9 am 3500 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC.

THE FEAST DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY will be held at the Nativity of The Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church 39851 Five Mile Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Vespers will be Sunday, September 7th at 7 pm. Feast Day Services will be held Monday, September 8th, Orthros at 9 am, and Divine Liturgy at 10am. There will be a reception sponsored by the Ladies of Philoptochos.

OCW MEETING/PRESENTATION will be on Monday, September 22nd at 7:00pm at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Bloomfield Hills. The presenter will be Rev. Gabriel Bilas of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Fenton. His presentation will be about "Hidden Prayers of the Liturgy". Rev. Fr. Gabriel Bilas is a fascinating and compelling speaker well-known to our group.

The October Presentation will have Rev. John York presenting on a beloved topic that we have all been anticipating! He will be speaking on "A New American Saint: Reflections on the Life of Matushka Olga of Alaska". It will be held at Descent of the Holy Ghost Romanian Orthodox Church, Warren, Monday, October 20th at 7:00pm.

OCW Life Events are kindly asking that you inform them of any life events which are occurring with their OCW members, as well as clergy and laity. For example, let them know if anyone needs prayer requests, if clergy are new to your church, have retired, etc. The OCW would greatly appreciate it because they want to make sure to support our OCW family!

The OCW is excited to have welcomed many of you who are new to the OCW to attend their recent events. The attached 2025 OCW flyer in case you would like to join.

THE PRODIGAL SON RETREAT will be held September 26-28th at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church 36075 Seven Mile Rd, Livonia, MI. The speakers and retreat leaders are Fr Michael Butler, Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, Fr. Hans Jacobse, St Peter Orthodox Church, Founder of the St Paisios Brotherhood, and Paul Robson, Founder of Maniphesto, a European organization for men's accountability and integrity. All information [here](#).

FELLOWSHIP OF ST. MOSES THE BLACK ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025 St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church, out of Grand Rapids, MI. is hosting the Cross Bearers with the theme "Linking Ancient African Orthodoxy and African American Christianity". The conference will be held on October 10-12th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Rapids Airport, 4747 28th Street SE., Grand Rapids, MI 49512. For more information call (616) 916-0100. Registration [here](#).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING on Saturday, September 13 at 2:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Members of the nominating committee are: Cathy Edwards, Sharon Jernigan, Christine Panoff, Ian Price, J. Joseph Tome. Father Matthew is the chair of the committee.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sandra Spankie
- 3 Gregory Oginsky
Cindy Branoff
- 4 Tiffany Oliver
- 6 Anastasia Butrie
Roseanne Bagale
- 9 Lazaros Stavridis
Menka Nedanis
- 10 Cathy Steiner
- 12 Adeleine Prusac
Brandon Conover
Ciera Conover
Joseph Neely
- 14 Amani Helal
Matthew Batzos
- 18 Peggy Russell
- 19 Mark Choate
- 20 Nick Sfetkidis
Noah Gonser
Peter Economou
Taras-Michael Butrie
- 22 Sonnie Louise Bailey
- 27 James Shann
- 28 Kathy Swanigan
- 30 Luke Shann



ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 George & Sherry Brown (1978)
- 4 Scott & Georgiana Adkisson (2009)
- 11 Thomas & Nancy Krigner (1988)
- 19 Dennis & Sharon Jernigan (1964)
- 21 Jerry & Christine Brucksch (1986)
- 25 Bruce & Rebecca Watson (1994)
- 27 Jeremy & Jami Fisher (2008)

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

NAMESDAYS

- 1 Joshua Bruksch
Joshua Vuckovich
Penelope Bailey
- 5 Betty Nicevski
Caitlyn Elizabeth Nicole
Rittman
Lisa Russell
Ressa Ann Borkovich
Quinn Elizabeth Gerzevske
- 7 Madison Green
- 9 Annie Bailey
Cortney Anne Batzos
Kelly Ann Panoff
Megan Ann Krigner
Nancy Ann Krigner
Nancy Borkovich
Peggy Ann Russell
- 16 Lucy (Ludmilla) Hogg
- 17 Luba Todorovsky
Luba Yosheff
Madi Lu Fisher
Sophia Batzos
- 18 Ariana Loomis
Arinn Alexandra Pray
Ashley Goodman
- 20 Oleg Dashevsky
Oleg Zubovich

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.

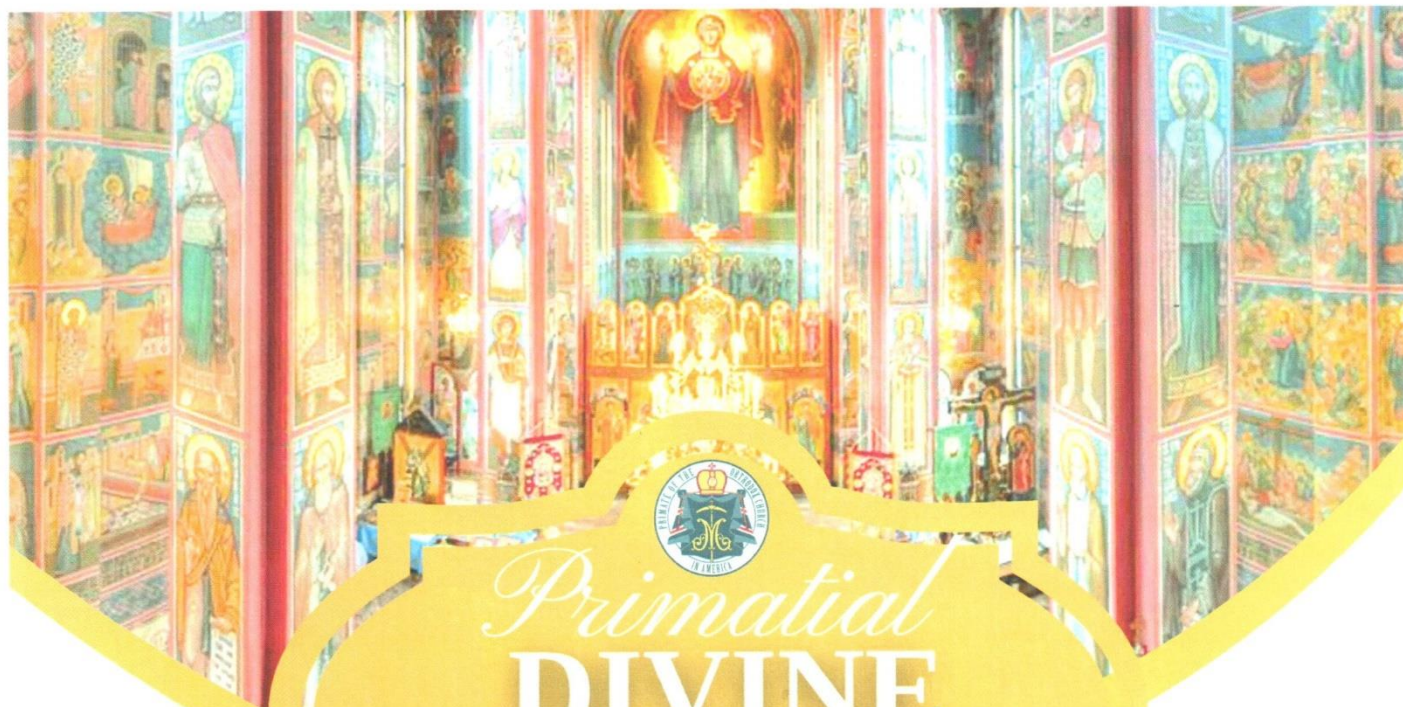
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The following are our brothers and sisters of St. Nicholas who are currently homebound, suffering from chronic illness, in recovery or in need of special prayers. Please remember them in your prayers and reach out to them with a card, a phone call or a visit!

Deacon John Bocek	Bill Haw	Macy Lemmen	Bill Tadrick
Paul Ellis	Mary Karayanis	Helen Popoff	Wendy Tadrick
Joan Gajewski	Nick Karayanis	Ron Salhany	Dave Vuckovich

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

Jeanette Brayon @ Serene Gardens	1481 E Hill Rd room MC-6	Grand Blanc, MI 48439	
Paul Ellis @ Flat Rock Manor of Goodrich	N 7280 S. State Rd.	Goodrich, MI 48438 *New	
Mary & Nick Karayanis	2238 Old Hickory	Davison, MI 48423	810-653-1169
Helen Popoff	2221 Bellemeade Dr.	Davison, MI 48423	810-653-3867
Dave Vuckovich	9352 Morrish Rd	Swartz Creek, MI 48473	810-348-4733 (Barb)
Mike Stikovitch @ Whispering Pines	3941 Lippincott Rd.	Lapeer, MI 48446 *New	810-658-8321 (Stephanie)
Diane Todorovsky	14182 Moffett Dr	Fenton, MI 48430	810-750-7860



Primate **DIVINE LITURGY**



Join us for the historic Divine Liturgy
concelebrated by Metropolitan Tikhon of the Orthodox Church in
America and Archbishop Stefan of the Macedonian Orthodox
Church-Ohrid Archbishopric at St. Nicholas Cathedral

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 9 AM

3500 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC

The Hawaiian Myrrh-Streaming Iveron Icon of the Mother of God and the holy
relics of the newly canonized St. Olga of Kwethluk will be present for
veneration. Liturgical responses will be sung by the
Archdiocesan Choir of Washington, DC.

The Feast Day of THE NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY



GREAT VESPERS

Sunday, September 7 at 7:00 pm

FEAST DAY SERVICES

Monday, September 8

Orthros at 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am



Reception to follow sponsored by
Ladies of Philoptochos



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You are Invited to Attend our Joint Celebration for

the Patronal Feast of

HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL

✦ and All Angels Skete ✦



and the Annual Founders Day of

Protection of the Virgin Mary
ORTHODOX MONASTERY

Location & Directions

HOLY ARCHANGEL MICHAEL SKETE
28650 105TH STREET
WEATHERBY, MO 64497

Directions available online:
<http://goo.gl/maps/FOFNz>

2025 Pilgrimage Schedule

Friday, September 19

4:30 pm – Vespers

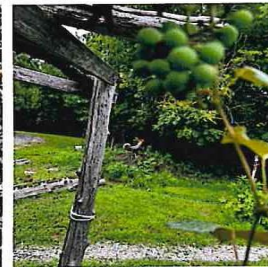
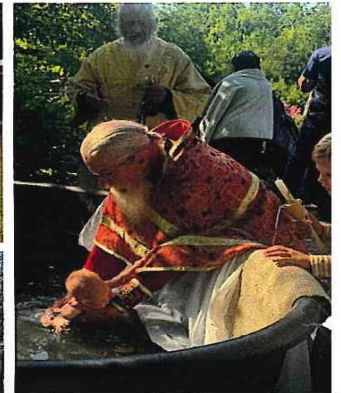
Saturday, September 20


8:30 am – Matins & Divine Liturgy

Lunch following

Tour of the Monastery

RSVP to holyarchmichael@gmail.com





Orthodox Christian Women
of Michigan (OCW)
Presents

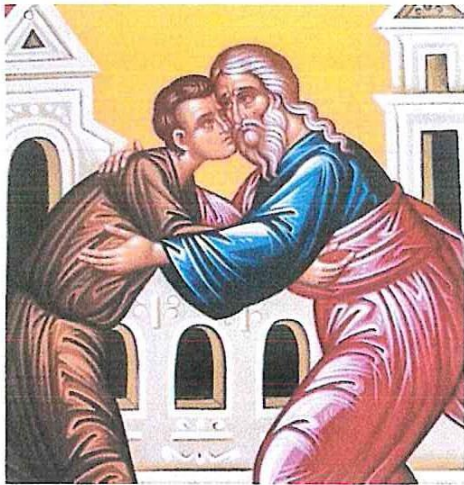
Hidden Prayers of the Liturgy

Rev. Fr. Gabriel Bilas

**Monday, September 22, 2025
7:00 pm**

**St. George Greek Orthodox Church
43816 Woodward Ave
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302**

Any questions? Contact us at OCWMichigan@gmail.com



THE PRODIGAL SON RETREAT

A Transformative Weekend for Orthodox Men

September 26-28, 2025

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church
36075 Seven Mile Rd, Livonia, MI

EVERY MAN'S STORY

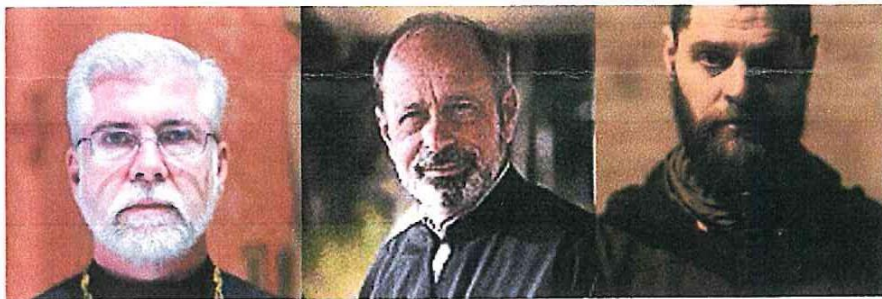
Are you the younger son who ran from home, wasting your inheritance in a far country of ambition, addiction, or apathy?

Or the elder son who stayed home but stands outside the feast, resentful that grace comes to those who don't "deserve" it?

Either way, this retreat is for you.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Powerful talks on spiritual rebellion, religious self-righteousness, and the Father's relentless love
- Small group discussions with men on the same journey
- Outdoor exercises around the firepit under the stars
- Culmination in the Divine Liturgy
- Bonus option: 18th Annual Male Bonding Party



Speakers and Retreat Leaders:

Fr Michael Butler, Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church,
Livonia, MI

Fr Hans Jacobse, St Peter Orthodox Church, Fort Myers,
FL, Founder of the St Paisios Brotherhood

Paul Robson, Founder of Maniphesto, a European
organization for men's accountability and integrity

All information at:
[www.Avg2Alpha.com/
prodigal-son-retreat](http://www.Avg2Alpha.com/prodigal-son-retreat)

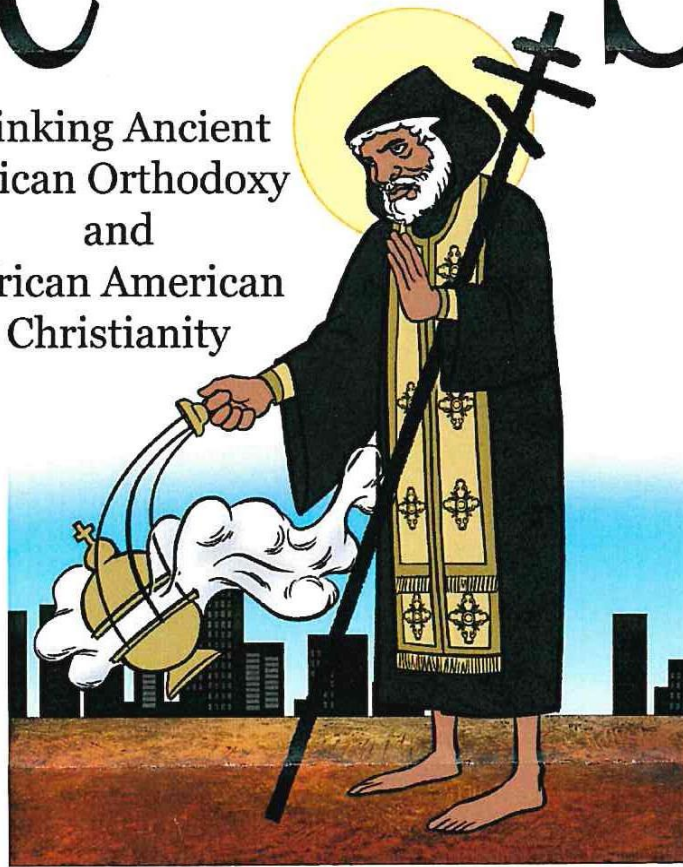


Fellowship of St. Moses the Black Annual Conference 2025

October 10th-12th

Cross Bearer S

Linking Ancient
African Orthodoxy
and
African American
Christianity



"And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus." (St. Luke 23:26)

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2250 E Paris Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546












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Registration coming soon. mosestheblack.org/conferences/

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Office Closed	2 Primate Divine Liturgy in Washington, DC at 9 am	3 ✠ No Liturgy no adult ed.	4 North End Soup Kitchen 9 to 12:30 Office Closed	5 ✠	6 5 pm Vespers Confessions
7 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos	8 Nativity of the Theotokos 10 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church	9 6:30 pm Parish Council	10 ✠ 9:30 am Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.	11 Office Closed	12 	13 2:30 pm nominating committee 4 pm pan-Orthodox Vespers at St George Church <i>No Vespers at St Nicholas</i>
14 Elevation of the Cross 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School - Elevation of the Cross	15	16	17 ✠ 9:30 am Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.	18 Office Closed	19 ✠	20 5 pm Vespers Confessions
21 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School - Pentecost	22 <i>Fr. with Archbishop</i>	23 Conception of St. John the Baptist	24   Ss Juvenaly & Peter 9:30 am Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.	25 Office Closed	26   Repose of St John the Theologian	27 5 pm Vespers Confessions
28 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School - Conversion of Saul	29 <i>Fr. with Archbishop</i>	30 6 pm Vespers	October 1   Protection of the Theotokos 9:30 am Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed	All texts in blue are links to the livestreams for the divine services		 ✠ fast  dairy & fish permitted (no meat)  wine & oil permitted (no meat)  fish permitted (no other meat)