

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Monthly Newsletter

Diocese of Toledo-Orthodox Church in America
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Services: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

Saturday – 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions

Holydays: Vespers & Liturgy 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 20

SEPTEMBER 2020

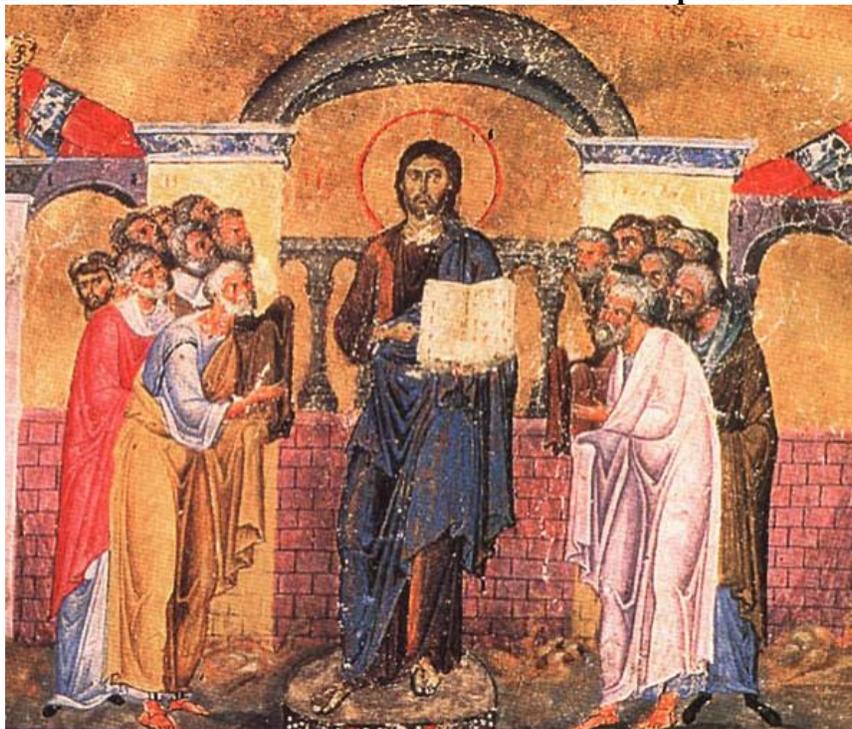
SEPTEMBER 1 – BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH YEAR

The first day of the Church New Year is also called the beginning of the Indiction. The term Indiction comes from a Latin word meaning, “to impose.” It was originally applied to the imposition of taxes in Egypt. The first worldwide Indiction was in 312 when the Emperor Constantine (May 21) saw a miraculous vision of the Cross in the sky. Before the introduction of the Julian calendar, Rome began the New Year on September 1.

According to Holy Tradition, Christ entered the synagogue on September 1 to announce His mission to mankind (Luke 4:16-22). Quoting Isaiah 61:1-2), the Savior proclaimed, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord...” This scene is depicted in a Vatican manuscript (Vatican, Biblioteca. Cod. Gr. 1613, p.1).

Tradition says that the Hebrews entered the Promised Land in September.

from oca.org



The Birth of Mary the Holy Mother of God, and Very Glorious Mother of Jesus Christ (September 8). - 1. In the records of the twelve tribes of Israel was Joachim, a man exceedingly rich; and he brought his double offerings, saying: "There shall be of my superabundance to all the people, and there shall be the offering for my forgiveness to the Lord for a propitiation for me." For the great day of the Lord was at hand, and the sons of Israel were bringing their offerings. And there stood over against him Rubim, saying: "It is not meet for you first to bring your offerings, because you have not had a child in Israel." And Joachim was exceedingly grieved, and went away to the registers of the twelve tribes of the people, saying: "I shall see the registers of the twelve tribes of Israel, as to whether I alone have not had a child in Israel." And he searched, and found that all the righteous had raised up children in Israel. And he called to mind the patriarch Abraham, that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac. And Joachim was exceedingly grieved, and did not come into the presence of his wife; but he retired to the desert, and there pitched his tent, and fasted forty days and forty nights, saying in himself: "I will not go down either for food or for drink until the Lord my God shall look upon me, and prayer shall be my food and drink."

2. And his wife Anna mourned in two mournings, and lamented in two lamentations, saying: "I shall bewail my widowhood; I shall bewail my childlessness." And the great day of the Lord was at hand; and Judith her maid-servant said: "How long do you humiliate your soul? Behold, the great day of the Lord is at hand, and it is unlawful for you to mourn. But take this head-band, which the woman that made it gave to me; for it is not proper that I should wear it, because I am a maid-servant, and it has a royal appearance." And Anna said: "Depart from me; for I have not done such things, and the Lord has brought me very low. I fear that some wicked person has given it to you, and you have come to make me a sharer in your sin." And Judith said: "Why should I curse you, seeing that the Lord has shut your womb, so as not to give you fruit in Israel?" And Anna was grieved exceedingly, and put off her garments of mourning, and cleaned her head, and put on her wedding garments, and about the ninth hour went down to the garden to walk. And she saw a laurel, and sat under it, and prayed to the Lord, saying: "O God of our fathers, bless me and hear my prayer, as You blessed the womb of Sarah, and gave her a son Isaac."

3. And gazing towards the heaven, she saw a sparrow's nest in the laurel, (Tobit 2:10) and made a lamentation in herself, saying: "Alas! Who begot me? And what womb produced me? Because I have become a curse in the presence of the sons of Israel, and I have been reproached, and they have driven me in derision out of the temple of the Lord. Alas! To what have I been likened? I am not like the fowls of the heaven, because even the fowls of the heaven are productive before You, O Lord. Alas! To what have I been likened? I am not like the beasts of the earth, because even the beasts of the earth are productive before You, O Lord. Alas! To what have I been likened? I am not like these waters, because even these waters are productive before You, O Lord. Alas! To what have I been likened? I am not like this earth, because even the earth brings forth its fruits in season, and blesses You, O Lord."

4. And, behold, an angel of the Lord stood by, saying: "Anna, Anna, the Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your child shall be spoken of in all the world." And Anna said: "As the Lord my God lives, if I beget either male or female, I will bring it as a gift to the Lord my God; and it shall minister to Him in holy things all the days of its life." (1 Samuel 1:11) And, behold, two angels came, saying to her: "Behold, Joachim your husband is coming with his flocks." For an angel of the Lord went down to him, saying: "Joachim, Joachim, the Lord God has heard your prayer. Go down hence; for, behold, your wife Anna shall conceive." And Joachim went down and called his shepherds, saying: "Bring me hither ten she-lambs without spot or blemish, and they shall be for the Lord my God; and bring me twelve tender calves, and they shall be for the priests and the elders; and a hundred goats for all the people." And, behold, Joachim came with his flocks; and Anna stood by the gate, and saw Joachim coming, and she ran and hung upon his neck, saying: "Now I know that the Lord God has blessed me exceedingly; for, behold the widow no longer a widow, and I the childless shall conceive." And Joachim rested the first day in his house.

5. And on the following day he brought his offerings, saying in himself: "If the Lord God has been rendered gracious to me, the plate on the priest's forehead will make it manifest to me." And Joachim brought his offerings, and observed attentively the priest's plate when he went up to the altar of the Lord, and he saw no sin in himself. And Joachim said: "Now I know that the Lord has been gracious unto me, and has remitted all my sins." And he went down from the temple of the Lord justified, and departed to his own house. And her months were fulfilled, and in the ninth month Anna brought forth. And she said to the midwife: "What have I brought forth?" And she said: "A girl." And said Anna: "My soul has been magnified this day." And she laid her down. And the days having been fulfilled, Anna was purified, and gave the breast to the child, and called her name Mary. `From the [*Protoevangelion of James.*](#)

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER on August 18, 2020 has given his blessing for the parishes of the Diocese to move to 100% physical distancing capacity where permitted by the civil authorities. [The governor's executive order No. 2020-160](#) provides "14. Consistent with prior guidance, neither a place of religious worship nor its owner is subject to penalty under section 17 of this order for allowing religious worship at such place. No individual is subject to penalty under section 17 of this order for engaging in religious worship at a place of religious worship." Therefore we are permitted to have 16 households in church and 16 households in the fellowship hall for divine services mindful that, if circumstances change, we may have to go back to fewer households for services.

FROM OUR DIOCESAN CHANCELLOR – to the Clergy of the Diocese

His Eminence, Archbishop Alexander has instructed me to share with you the following update regarding our diocesan COVID-19 directives.

As mentioned in a previous email, where civil jurisdictions and healthcare institutions allow, you now have the blessing to visit the sick and shut-ins with Holy Communion. Use face coverings throughout the visit, and proper social distancing when not administering the Holy Gifts. Furthermore, please note these further updates to our diocesan guidelines:

- All directives regarding personal protective equipment, social distancing, and the distribution of Communion remain in place. When there is a marked and consistent downward trend in the infection rates in the regions in which our diocesan parishes are located, we will return to the normal distribution of the Eucharist.
- Outdoor services are now blessed, as weather permits. Rectors are directed to keep their frequency limited to Sundays and holy days when you typically get a larger turnout of faithful. When indoors, keep in mind that airflow is important: open doors and/or windows where applicable and practical.
- In order to make the Holy Mysteries accessible to as many of our faithful as possible, parish rectors may schedule a second service on Sundays to minister Holy Communion (for example a Typica service with Communion). This might be necessary for some of you in the upcoming weeks as numbers increase from our usual "summer attendance" trends. Before scheduling a second service, rectors must consult with Vladyka Alexander for his input and blessing on their specific plans.
- Consensus among healthcare experts is that the transmission of COVID-19 is primarily airborne rather than via surface contact; therefore, clergy and faithful may resume the kissing of icons, the cross, etc. However, anyone not yet comfortable with this physical contact may continue to offer a bow with the sign of the cross.
- Church School and Youth Group activities will be online only, at least until December. Parishes that have online religious educational programming for their children and youth are asked to share links with the diocese so that they can be made available to diocesan parishes that do not have their own online resources.
- With the exception of coffee hours, as outlined in Stage 5 of our diocesan guidelines, all other events sponsored by parishes and parish-based ministries and organizations involving preparing and/or serving food to large groups of people will be canceled until further notice. This includes bake sales and cookie walks, fundraising dinners, and dinners after Pontifical Divine Liturgies.

With the ongoing presence of the Corona virus in our communities, we must continue to heed the call of our Archbishop and Father, Vladyka Alexander, and embrace a spirit of ὑπομονή: patience, perseverance, and endurance. The Apostle Paul admonishes us with much the same word: "But in all approving [yourselves] as the ministers of God, in much patience [ὑπομονή] in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses..." (2 Corinthians 6:4). May the Lord give us all such patience, knowing that, weary in well-doing as we are, we are doing good work.

A blessed feast of our Lady's Dormition to you and yours.

In Christ,

Archpriest Andrew Jarmus, Chancellor - Bulgarian Diocese, Orthodox Church in America

ROTATING SCHEDULE

You will receive a phone call and e-mail from the parish office notifying you the Sunday Liturgy you are scheduled to attend. The groups have been consolidated into two rather than three groups.

WHEN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WISHES TO BE ADDED TO THE ROTATION, PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL THE PARISH OFFICE: 810-744-0070 or stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton to receive notifications of livestreaming services.

ARCHBISHOP ALEXADER will attend the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 13. He will hang Fr. Raphael's jeweled cross on Fr. Matthew for 25 years as a priest.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 8th at 6:30 pm. The Lord God bless you all for your continuing stewardship through your pledges and donations.

CANDLES

Ushers will hand out the beeswax tapers to those who wish to light them. Any other candles to be lit in church (the small 4 hour candles or 7 day candles) will be lit by an usher who will take down the candle intention. Those in the hall may provide their candle intention to the usher who will take down the intentions and ensure the candles are lit.

CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS can be emailed to the office at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or called in.

MEMORY ETERNAL- CHRIST IS RISEN!

Dimitrios "Jimmy" Nedanis, husband to Stella, fell asleep in the Lord Thursday, July 30. He is the father of Donna, Toula, and the late Konstantinos; grandfather of Kosta, Kaylee Zoi and the late Kaylee Nicole; great-grandfather of Tytan. He is also survived by his brother Alex and wife Menka, sisters Anastasia and husband Alex Branoff, Tammy and husband Peter Papas of Australia, and Maria Papalazarou Green and many nieces and nephews. Swartz Funeral Home is handling arrangements. The private funeral service was held at church with burial at Evergreen Cemetery. You may view his obituary [here](#). Let us pray that Dimitrios gaze upon the face of Christ with the righteous and the Holy Spirit bring comfort to his family. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

Michael Aleksovski, nephew of Lydia Nicoloff, fell asleep in the Lord on July 31. He is the son of the late Todor and Mary (Nicoloff) Alesksovski. Graveside service was held at Gracelawn Cemetery. [Rossell Funeral Home](#) took care of the arrangements. May he rest in the light of Christ's face. Bog da prosti. Memory eternal. Christ is risen!

Fred D. Oginsky, father of Anthony & Lucinda, brother of Frank, Robert, James, Joseph, Nicholas & Joanne fell asleep in the Lord August 14. He was preceded in death by parents Joseph & Mary, brothers Paul, Douglas, Peter Helen & Norma. Swartz Funeral Home handled the arrangements with the funeral at church on August 18 with burial at Sunset Hills Cemetery. You may view his obituary [here](#). May he rest in the light of Christ's face. Bog da prosti. Memory eternal. Christ is risen!

Carl S. Brayan, father of Jill & Gregory (Jennifer), fell asleep in the Lord August 15. He was preceded in death by wife Vera lee, his parents, brothers Peter & Boris and sister Anna Popoff. Swartz Funeral Home handled the arrangements with the funeral at church on August 19 with burial at Evergreen Cemtery. You may view his obituary [here](#). May he rest in the light of Christ's face. Bog da prosti. Memory eternal. Christ is risen!

Anna (Anastasia) Branoff fell asleep in the Lord August 19. Brown Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Visitation was at church only on Saturday, August 29 at 10 am followed by the funeral at 11 am and burial at Sunset Hills Cemetery. You may view her obituary [here](#). May she rest in the light of Christ's face. Bog da prosti. Memory eternal. Christ is risen!

NEW ALTAR CLOTHS Blue (for August and September) and purple (for Lent) have been donated with memorial funds from Gerry Batcos and John Nastos.

GRAVESTONE FOR CHERYL ELLIS was installed at St. Nicholas Cemetery. Thank you for your donations so we could do this to honor her precious life.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties is looking for volunteers to help with an upcoming fundraiser, *The Ginormous Tent Sale*. The sale will be held at ELGA Credit Union (Burton Branch) 2305 S. Center Road, Burton. Set up will be Aug 30 – Sept 2nd, the sale is September 3-7th, and tear down Sept. 8-9th. If you can lend a hand please call Theresa Hurley on 810-853-0097. Thank You!

CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN September 3rd, 9 am-1 pm.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting bar & hand soap for the month of September. 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.

		HOPE IN A BOX
September		Bar & Hand Soap
October		Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
November		Dish Soap

PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

click on the service for the livestream link

NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, September 7 [6 pm Great Vespers with Litya at our church](#)

Tuesday, September 8 9 am Orthros, [10 am Divine Liturgy at Assumption parish](#)

ELEVATION OF THE CROSS OF OUR LORD – Archbishop Alexander will be at these services

Sunday, September 13 [6:30 pm Great Vespers with the Elevation of the Cross at our church](#)

Monday, September 14 [10 am Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene parish](#)

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THE ELEVATION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS OF THE LORD (September 14)

Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, when she was already advanced in years, undertook, in her great piety, the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the cross, about the year 325. A temple to Aphrodite had been raised up by the Emperor Hadrian upon Golgotha, to defile and cover with oblivion the place where the saving Passion had been suffered. The venerable Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed, and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses. Of these, it was believed that one must be that of our Lord, the other two of the thieves crucified with Him; but Saint Helen was at a loss which one might be the Wood of our salvation. At the inspiration of Saint Macarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a lady of Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses, and as soon as she came near to the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole. Consequently, the precious Cross was lifted on high by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem; as he stood on the ambo, and when the people beheld it, they cried out, "Lord have mercy." It should be noted that after its discovery, a portion of the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople as a blessing. The rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country (see Jan. 22, Saint Anastasius the Persian). Late, in the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign, retrieved the Cross, and after bringing it to Constantinople, himself escorted it back to Jerusalem, where he restored it to its place. Rest from labour. A Fast is observed today, whatever day of the week it may be with wine and oil permitted. from goarch.org

Why basil at the feast of the Cross? The herb, basil has long been associated with the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The word "basil" is derived from "Vasileios," the Greek word for a king or person of royal lineage. According to tradition, the Holy Empress Helen, Mother of the Saint and King Constantine, found the location of the True Cross by digging for it under a large growth of basil. Basil plants were reputed to have sprung up at the foot of the Cross where the Precious Blood of Christ fell, along with the tears of the Mother of God. On the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross it is customary in the East to rest the image of the Holy Cross on a bed of basil before carrying it out for the veneration of the faithful. Also, in some areas, branches of basil are used throughout the temple as a festive decoration as well as to provide a heavenly scent in honor of the Feast. Blessed basil leaves may also be arranged in a bouquet at the foot of the "Golgotha" cross. Dried leaves taken from the feast can also be used by the faithful as a sweet incense to burn at home as a blessing. from stnicholassaratoga

VISITATION TO THE SICK Presently, Fr. Matthew may bring Communion to those who are at home. When permitted, Fr. Matthew will resume bringing Holy Communion to those in nursing homes, assisting living homes, and other care facilities shut-ins on Tuesdays. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact the office. Presently, those receiving weekly visits at home are: Milica Beslach, Angelo Popoff, Eleni Servinis, and Peter Sredich.

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	Gladys Edwards	Mary Karayanis	Ron Salhany
Deacon John Bocek	Paul Ellis	Nick Karayanis	Bill Tadrick
Linda Branoff	Bill Haw	Macy Lemmen	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	3254 E. Midland Rd	Bay City, MI 48706
Gladys Edwards	2 Harbor Dr.	St. Clair, MO 63077
Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr.	Flint, MI 48532
Vasilka Karatza	Regency 1330 Grand Pointe Ct	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Jo Sredich	Magnolia House 4134 N. State Rd.	Davison, MI 48423

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Gregory Oginsky
- 6 Anastasia Butrie
Roseanne Bagale
- 10 Cathy Steiner
- 12 Brandon Conover
Ciera Conover
Joseph Neely
- 14 Amani Helal
Matthew Batzos
- 18 Peggy Russell
- 20 Nick Sfetkidis
Noah Gonser
Peter Economou
Taras-Michael Butrie
- 25 Jo Sredich
- 27 James Shann
- 28 Kathy Swanigan
- 29 Angela Panoff
Georgiana Adkisson
- 30 Luke Shann



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

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 George & Sherry Brown (1978)
- 4 Scott & Georgiana Adkisson (2009)
- 11 Thomas & Nancy Krigner (1988)
- 19 Dennis & Sharon Jernigan (1964)
- 20 Jerry & Christine Brucksch (1986)
- 27 Jeremy & Jami Fisher (2008)
- 29 Bob & Cathy Edwards (2000)

NAMESDAYS

- 1 Athena Adkisson
Joshua Brucksch
Joshua Vuckovich
- 5 Betty Nicevski
Caitlyn Elizabeth Nicole Rittman
Lisa Pray
Ressa Ann Borkovich
Quin Elizabeth Gerzevske
- 9 Anna Zubovich
Cortney Anne Batzos
Kelly Anne Panoff
Megan Ann Krigner
Nancy Ann Krigner
Nancy Borkovich
Peggy Ann Russell
- 13 Amy Sfetkidis (St. Amatus)
Corey Treloar (St. Cornelius)
- 16 Lucy (Ludmilla) Hogg
- 17 Luba Todorovskiy
Luba Yosheff
Madi Lu Fisher
Sophia Batzos
Sophia Treloar
- 18 Ariana Loomis
Arinn Alexandra Pray
Ashley Goodman
- 20 Oleg Dashevskiy
Oleg Zubovich

“A brother comes along and says one word to annoy or offend you. You say nothing and defer to him – you have laid a brick [of virtue]. Then you go off and speak to another person and say, ‘That blighter so-and-so said this and that to me and I did not say a word. I just bowed to him in deference.’ There you are – you have laid one brick and taken up two. Again a person may bow in submission to someone because he desires to be praised; he is humble, with a touch of vainglory – this is to lay one brick and take up another. He who humbles himself ‘with knowledge’ convinces himself that he has failed, and acknowledges that he has been at fault. This is what it means to humble oneself ‘with knowledge.’ Again a person may over-estimate himself because he thinks he is doing a great thing and is humble, and he does not know that he possesses nothing, because he does not act with knowledge. To esteem himself correctly, with knowledge, is to be convinced that he is nothing and unworthy to be counted among men, as Abba Moses said of himself, ‘Dirty ash heap, not a man, why do you come among men?’ Another one serves the sick so to win a reward; in this he does not act with knowledge...A person who ministers with knowledge ministers because he is moved by sympathy for the suffering one, because his heart is moved with pity. If anything happens externally that troubles him, or if the sick person is cantankerous with him, a man who aims at expressing this pity will bear it without being put out, because he sticks to his own intention and knows that the sick person is doing him more good than he is to the sick person...Again, if a person practices great mortification [e.g. fasting, prostrations, kneeling, etc.] from vainglory or in the opinion that he is practicing great virtue, he is not acting with knowledge. Because of this he begins to despise his neighbor and to think that he himself is really something; he is not only laying one brick and taking up two, but also shaking the building and putting the whole wall in danger by judging his neighbor. The one who practices bodily mortification with knowledge does not think he is being marvelously virtuous nor does he desire to be praised as an ascetic but he maintains that through his mortification he acquires moral vigor, and through this he comes to humility.” St. Dorotheos of Gaza – On Building up Virtues

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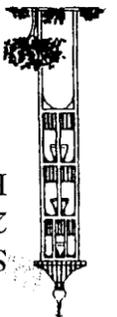
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>New Church Year</i> <i>Fr. in Toledo</i>	2 9 am Divine Liturgy	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4 †	5 5 pm Vespers <i>confessions</i>
6 9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy	7 6 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers 	8 <i>Nativity of the Theotokos</i> 9 am Pan-Orthodox Orthros@ Assumption 10 am Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm parish council	9 † 9 am Divine Liturgy	10 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	11 †	12 5 pm Vespers <i>confessions</i>
13 Abp. Alexander visits 9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy 6:30 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers	14 <i>fast day</i>  <i>Elevation of the Cross</i> 10 am Pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy @St. Mary Magdalene	15 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i>	16 † 9 am Divine Liturgy	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18 †	19 5 pm Vespers <i>confessions</i>
20 9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy	21 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i>	22	23  <i>Conception of St John the Baptist</i> 9 am Divine Liturgy	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25   <i>Repose of St Sergius of Radonezh</i>	26 5 pm Vespers <i>confessions</i>
27 9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy	28 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i>	29	30 † 9 am Divine Liturgy 6 pm Vespers with Litya for the Protection of the Mother of God	Oct. 1 <i>Protection of the Mother of God</i> 10 am Divine Liturgy	† <i>Fast</i>  <i>Dairy Permitted (no meat)</i>  <i>Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat)</i>  <i>Fish Permitted (no other meat)</i>	