St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
Newsletter

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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

DECEMBER 2025

HYMNS from Compline and Matins FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Make merry, O heaven and earth, as the prophets foretold! Celebrate in the spirit, O angels and people! God is born from a woman and appears in the flesh to those who sit in darkness and shadow. A cave and a manger welcome him. Shepherds announce the wonder. Wise men from the East offer gifts in Bethlehem. Let us from our unworthy lips offer praise like the angels: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!" The Expectation of the Nations has come. He has come and saved us from bondage to the Enemy.

Today heaven and earth are united, for Christ is born. Today God has come to earth, and humanity ascends to heaven. Today God, who by nature cannot be seen, is seen in the flesh for our sake. Let us glorify him, crying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace! Your coming has brought peace to us. Glory to you, O our Savior!"

"Glory to God in the highest," I hear the angels sing today in Bethlehem. Glory to him whose good pleasure it was that peace should come upon earth. The Virgin is now more spacious than the heavens. Light has shone on those in darkness; it has exalted the lowly, who sing like the angels: "Glory to God in the highest!"

Man was created in God's image and likeness, but when Jesus saw him fallen through transgression, he bowed the heavens and came down, dwelling in a Virgin's womb, without forsaking his divinity. Adam, once corrupted, was refashioned. He cried out: "Glory to your appearing, O my Redeemer and my God!"

The wise men, kings from Persia, perceived without any doubt that you were born on earth, O heavenly King. Drawn by the light of a star, they hurried to Bethlehem. They offered you acceptable gifts: gold, myrrh, and frankincense. They fell down before you and worshipped you, seeing you, the Timeless One, lying in the cave as an infant.

All the angels in heaven make merry and dance today. All creation leaps for joy. The Lord and Savior is born in Bethlehem. Every deception of idols is swept away, and Christ reigns unto all ages.

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 Savior, 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!

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Beloved,

God's appearance to us means many things, but I only wish to say a few words about one of these meanings—a meaning which is useful to us to know and which is not too difficult to comprehend.

More often than not, we do not understand that in order for Christ to show Himself as He is, as God, He had to hide in a certain sense. The entire cosmos, let alone a human body, could not take Him as He is. In order to comprehend what happens at his birth, this must be understood first. Therefore He hid much, very much of Himself. In a sense we could say that He abandoned Himself as God so that He could be cradled, could grow, thirst, hunger, and be killed.

And herein lies a great paradox. This self-emptying, as St. Paul calls it (Philippians 2:7), is nothing else but the ultimate revelation of Him. God's self-emptying, God's hiding of which we spoke so far, is then rather His nakedness, God's presentation to us uncovered. When that which belongs in the hiding of selflessness, hides, that hiding is truly a revelation.

At Christmas we understand that to see God is to stare at selflessness. And therefore we also understand that on his nativity God is not less God, but rather the most God He has ever been. Today God enthrones Himself, takes that place which suits Him, the place which is truly His, the location which is most Him: our form (again in the words of the Apostle). God reveals Himself to be of such nature that His glory is on the dirt of a manger. God glorifies Himself in human nothingness. And this reveals the Incarnation as a sort of the fulfillment of God, a sort of divine need. In a way we could say that today God fulfills His need. Love has put Him in need of us from all eternity. Indeed God has made our nothingness His divine need, His divine pain, His hunger, His thirst, His divine death—from all eternity.

Therefore what happens at His birth is a mutual giving: just as God gives Himself to us as our glory, we also gift Him His glory—our nothingness.

Let us simply admit that we cannot understand such love, that we cannot even imagine it. And we will never know what it is, even in the world to come. But then and today we can do something else instead: accept to be loved so by the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit to whom be glory to the ages.

with love in the newborn King, **Father Matthew**

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST For our own spiritual life, let us make the time to participate in the divine services celebrating the birth of Christ. The pre-feast begins on December 20 so the hymns focus us the more on His birth. Royal Hours with Scripture readings from the Old and New Testament concerning the birth of our Savior will be served on Tuesday, December 23 at 6 pm. Vespers with Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great will be served on Wednesday, December 24 at 6 pm. Divine Liturgy for Christmas will be served on Thursday, December 25 at 10 am. We have many opportunities to keep holy the birth of the Lord. Let us sacrifice the time to do so.

Hours Schedule

December		January		February	
7	Angelo	4	Phil	1	Barry
14	Lucy	11	Staci	8	Madison
21	Barry	18	Angelo	15	Phil
28	Madison	25	Lucy	22	Staci

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

Reader Schedule

December		January		February	
7	Katherine	4	Staci	1	Madison
14	Barry	11	Katherine	8	Staci
21	Staci	18	Phil	15	Katherine
28	Phil	25	Barry	22	Phil

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

Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

December		January		February	
7	Christine Panoff	4	Ian & Stephanie P.	1	Dennis Goodman
14	Ian & Stephanie P.	11	Dennis Goodman	8	Susie Ford
21	Dennis Goodman	18	Christine Panoff	15	Christine Panoff
28	Susie Ford	25	Susie Ford	22	Ian & Stephanie P.

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 this month's newsletter as the schedule has changed since the previous publication.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on December 4 from 9 am-12:30 pm. Many months only two parishioners have helped. Last month there were five of us which made the work lighter! "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

CONFESSIONS the sacrament of Confession is offered on Saturday, December 6 after Vespers and on Sundays, December 7, 14, and 21. Also, Confession may be taken at Assumption Church, Saint George Church or Saint Mary Magdalene Church.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES are on Wednesdays at 11:15 am. We are reading - ***Wounded by Love,*** a transcription of conversations with Saint Porphyrios (1906-1991).

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Father Matthew on Sundays from 12:15 to 1 pm. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith. The class meets in the library.

VISIT WITH ST. NICHOLAS on December 7.

DECK THE HALLS AT ST. NICHOLAS! On Tuesday, December 9 at 9 am we will arrange the flowers & put up and decorate the trees and Nativity scenes in the church and the hall.

ANGEL TREE Our parish will participate in this program for Christmas as part of our Advent fast, helping those in need. The tags with children's names are on the Angel Tree in the parish hall. **Gifts must be placed in a gift bag or wrapped and you must include the child's names and code number on the wrapping or bag for each gift.** 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 7.** If there are any questions, contact Eileen Branoff at (810) 232-5132 or Cindy Branoff at (810) 714-1104.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for the deceased. Forms are also in the narthex. The sponsors will be listed in the newsletter.

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 9. Donations are appreciated.

PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES & EVENTS – DECEMBER 2025

December 5 6 pm Vespers for our patron, Saint Nicholas, at our church.

December 6 9:30 am Divine Liturgy for our patron, Saint Nicholas, at our church.

COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 13 from 10 am to 1 pm. The Cookie Walk will be chaired by Cathy Edwards and Staci Shank this year and requires help from many people. Please call with any questions.

- Baked goods need to be delivered by Friday, December 12 before 3 pm.
- 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 baklava & some pre-made goodies can be purchased. There is a donation jar in the parish hall.
- Please help us get the word out about the Cookie Walk! Share our parish Facebook page event and posting on the Cookie Walk, take fliers to share, let your friends and neighbors know!

KITCHEN USE Please call the office to check on availability before planning to use the kitchen. If you would like to have a workshop of the cookie walk in the kitchen, please contact the office (810-744-0070).

ANGEL WING ORNAMENTS are available for purchase from Christine Panoff or can be picked up in the office. Cost is $5 per ornament. These are for families to put in photos of fallen asleep family members. The ornaments will then be placed on a Christmas tree in the church annually. On Sunday, December 7 a Trisagion will be held in memory of all those fallen asleep remembered on tree.

ELECTION RESULTS OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITORS & LAY DELEGATES

Parish Council elected were Dennis Jernigan, Staci Shank, Christopher Taylor (3 year terms) and Bruce Watson (1 year term).

Auditors Cathy Edwards & Laurie Brock.

Lay Delegate - 2025 Diocesan Conference Chris Taylor and alternate is J. Joseph Tome.

Archbishop Alexander has blessed the installation of those elected. The installation of the new members will take place on Sunday, January 4. Newly elected – please receive Confession before that date and receive Communion that Sunday.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Present: Christopher Taylor, Stephanie Price, Lena Bakousidis (via FaceTime), Dennis Jernigan, Eileen Branoff, Father Matthew (via FaceTime because of illness), Absent: Paul Brayan, Bill Economou, Connie Maxim. *minutes:* approved as presented. *financial report:* six out of the ten months of 2025 we have been operating at a deficit. April, June, July, and October we were in the black. Suggestion that pledge cards be sent out at the end of August henceforth so that a budget can be prepared by the December parish council meeting and ready to be presented at the January meeting. *endowment report:* no report. *rector's report:* 4 baptisms, 1 crowning in marriage, please keep in prayer Father Gabriel Bilas who is having kidney surgery on January 29. Also his family. *youth ministry/church school:* Madison Green Miller has been assisting with church school. *community outreach:* trunk or treat was a success and donated candy leftover will be used for St Nicholas Day (December 7) celebration. Parking lot set-up was excellent this year. *vision plan update:* potential catechists will be able to sign up for the class in summer 2026 as Fr Silviu Bunta and Fr Bogdan Bucur opted to begin a second session while the first session is at the halfway mark. A sub-committee can focus on the vision plan open to parishioners. *fundraising:* cookie walk - chairs Cathy Edwards & Staci Shank, cost $15 per pound (cash or check or PayPal with QR code) and can have a separate station for those using PayPal - Stephanie Price will be available to assist with this, ABC 12 interview on Thursday, December 11 at 9 am on Good Morning Mid-Michigan with Father Matthew. *charity ministries:* diocesan matching grant of $1,000 given to our parish for charitable use only. North End Soup Kitchen service is first Thursday of the month from 9 am to 12:30 pm. November there were 5 persons who volunteered where other months there were 2 persons who volunteered from church. *church building and grounds:* sign at north entrance was hit and bent, needs to be set up again. AC done. Eavesdraughts with seeds and buds have been cleaned, with a broom, an hour maybe. Water hoses put away, rain barrels emptied. Bookshelf fastened to wall in library. Salt ready for winter. 3 new shovels need to be bought to replace the old ones. Air compressor and air dryer removed. Air compressor is working and we can sell it. Air dryer may be able to be sold also. *old business:* we will keep the Meijer food gift cards at $10 per card per person. *new business:* Set-up church for Christmas – Tuesday, December 9th at 10 am. Tree with Angel Wing ornaments will be set up in advance of December 7 when the Trisagion for those remembered there. Angel Tree for children - God-willing, the names will be picked up from the North End Soup Kitchen on November 12. Annual meeting date – January 25. Mailchimp – help make it easier to send mass e-mails which includes text messaging (sms) as an option. office equipment: needs for the secretary's office. adjourned at 7:58 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL meeting is Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 pm.

2026 CALENDARS have arrived and are at the candle stand.

FACEBOOK PAGE Please visit, like, and follow our parish page: www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton Please share posts to your page. This increases the number of people who know about our church. Those who have been at coffee fellowship have seen the number of inquirers who have been coming to Sunday Divine Liturgy. 2,900 people have liked our Facebook page and 3,000 people have followed it.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL subscribe to our YouTube channel Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services. Livestreams begin at 9:30 with Hours.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

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

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Socks, Towels, Toiletries & New Toys in December. Place the items in bags 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.

HOPE IN A BOX

Dec	Socks, Towels, Toiletries & New Toys
Jan	Toilet Paper & Lotion
Feb	Shampoo & Conditioner

December Coffee Social Volunteers & Sponsors	
7	St Nicholas Alexandra & Barry
14	(bagels)
21	(bagels) in memory of Nick Maxim
28	Fr. Matthew & Matuska Lisa

KROGER/COSTCO 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 $75.32 so far this year!

PHYLLO DOUGH is available for purchase for $4 per roll. Payment can be made in the church office. You can put the money in an envelope (mark it "phyllo") & put it under the office door.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES can be picked up in the parish hall. If there are boxes for family members who have not been attending whom you will be seeing this month, please deliver them to help save on postage costs ($5 per box of envelopes). If you did not receive envelopes with your name on them and you want to receive numbered & dated envelopes, please let Julie, our parish secretary, know. Using envelopes are extremely helpful to those who count the money & for the auditors.

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 "Seminarian" 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.

2026 PLEDGE CARDS & QUARTERLY STATEMENTS were mailed out the second week in November. If you have not received yours by November 25, contact the parish office by phone 744-0070 or email 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 voting parishioner at St. Nicholas you must return a signed pledge card and receive Confession and Holy Communion. We would like for them to be returned by December 14. **DO NOT send your 2026 pledge donation back with the card or it will be credited to 2025.**

14th ANNUAL WINTER DINNER FOR THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD MONASTERY On Thursday January 22, 2026. We welcome Mother Abbess Gabriella, Father John and the Nuns from Holy Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery as they come to Flint to be with the faithful from our four Orthodox Churches and our guests. Our event will be held at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church (2245 E Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI): Our event is a blessing to our community and a fundraiser for the Monastery so please be generous. You are welcome to join us for any or all of the evening even if you are unable to make a donation; just keep in mind that REGISTRATION is required if you are coming for dinner so that we can plan properly. **The registration link and QR code will be in the January 2026 newsletter.**

Our parish is responsible for the main course this year.

CONTACT PERSON FOR DORMITION DINNER We need a contact person! Please step-up and volunteer! You can speak to Susie Ford who was our contact person for 2025. our contact person.

SERVICES FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Schedule at the four Orthodox churches of Genesee County:

Tues, Dec 23

6 pm Royal Hours at St Nicholas Church

Wed, Dec 24 – Eve of the Nativity of our Lord

10 am Royal Hours at St Mary Magdalene Church
5 pm Liturgy at Assumption Church
5 pm Matins and Liturgy at St George Church
5:45 pm carols and Vespers w/Liturgy at St Nicholas Church
7 pm Vigil at St Mary Magdalene Church

Thurs, Dec 25 - Nativity of our Lord

9:30 am Hours, Carols, & Liturgy at St Nicholas Church
9:40 am Hours & Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church

Fri, Dec 26 – Synaxis of the Theotokos

9:40 am Hours & Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church

CHURCH SCHOOL LESSONS - DECEMBER

Dec 7	**Saint Nicholas visits**	
14	**Moses**	**Moses (high school)**
21	**Confessions**	
28	**Balaam**	**Balaam (high school)**

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!

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 Brayan @ 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 Stikovich @ Whispering Pines	3941 Lippincott Rd.	Lapeer, MI 48446 *New	810-658-8321(Stephanie)
Diane Todorovsky	14182 Moffett Dr	Fenton, MI 48430	810-750-7860
Luba Todorovsky	5077 Wishing Well Dr	Grand Blanc, MI 48439	

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

3 Nick George
4 Donna Nedanis
6 Diane Todorovsky
9 Kassandra Lang
Sandy Taylor
12 Hailey Paul
13 David Vuckovich
17 Kosta Slaughter
19 Doug Brown
21 Christine Brucksch
23 Caitlyn Rittman
John Sfetkides
Laurie Brock
Susie Ford
24 George Branoff
26 Chad Conover
Marla Houser
27 Alexandra Price
Constance Maxim
28 Bogdan Beslach
30 Marilyn Branoff
31 Vladimir Akkerman

ANNIVERSARIES

17 Jim & Kristin Hart (2011)

NAMESDAYS

4 Barbara Brown
Barbara Vuckovich
6 Nicholas Karayanis
Nicholas Karayanis
Nicholas Nicoloff
Nicholas Sfetkidis
Nicole Grousopoulos
Nicole Steiner
Nicole Zelenko
Nick George

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 cont.

8 Adam Ford
Adam Michael George
Cierra Joy Conover (form of Sarah)
Noah Gonser
Sarah Rose Neely
Rachel Nicevski
9 Hannah Shann
16 Alyson Wilhelm
17 Daniel Krigner
22 Anastasia Branoff
Debbie Neely
Deborah Adams
Deena Marie Karayanis
23 Victoria Krych
27 Robert Steven Elieff
Stephanie Price
Stevan Pirkovic
Steve Spankie
Steven Krych
Steven Nicoloff
Steven Nikoloff
Steven Panoff
28 Charles Joseph Jernigan
David Batzos
David Condon
David George
David Goodman
David Houser
David Jernigan
David Mitevski
David Vuckovich
Jesse Popoff
Jessica Biggs
Joseph Brock
Joseph Oginsky
Joseph Oginsky Jr.
Kraig David Houser
30 Joseph Neely

Looking Ahead...

Theophany banquet& Outdoor Blessing of Water & lamb dinner -
***Dormition Fundraiser* – Thursday, January 22**
***Annual Parish Meeting* – January 25**

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. 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 ($25 each) (21 available) *Any donation welcome*
(How many)

_____ 36 inch wreath ($90 each) (2 available) *Any donation welcome*
(How many)

_____ 24 inch wreath ($65 each) (2 available) *Any donation welcome*
(How many)

_____ 12 inch wreath ($30each) (2 available) *Any donation welcome*
(How many)

_____ 25 foot garland ($35 each) (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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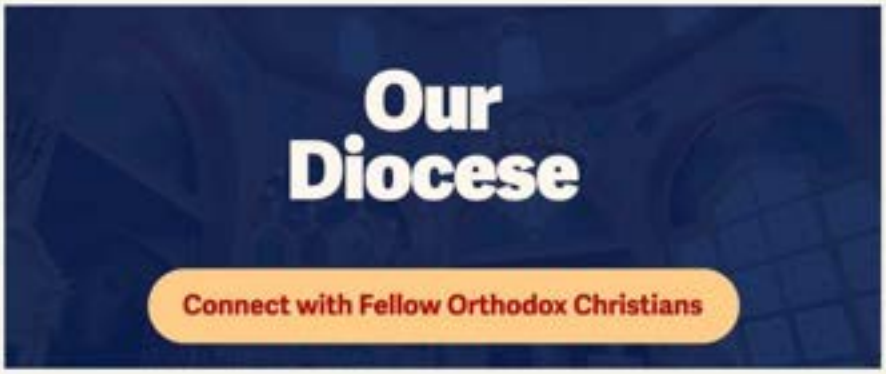

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ‡	2	3 ‡ No Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.	4 **North End Soup Kitchen 9 to 12:30** Office Closed	5 **6 pm pan-Orthodox Vespers for St Nicholas**	6 **Saint Nicholas 9:30 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy 5 pm Vespers Confessions**
7 **St. Nicholas visits & lenten potluck 9:30 am Hours 10 am Liturgy** Trisagion @ Angel Wing Tree Angel Tree gifts due	8 ‡	9 **9 am decorate church and hall** 6:30 pm parish council	10 ‡ 9:30 am workshop for Russian tea cookies *(Fr Matthew)* No adult ed.	11 **9 am ABC 12 interview** Office Closed	12 ‡ **10 am Set-up for Cookie Walk** *Fr Matthew in Toledo*	13 **Cookie Walk 10 am-1 pm 5 pm Vespers Confessions**
14 **9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Confessions**	15 ‡ *Fr Matthew in Toledo*	16	17 ‡ **9:30 am Liturgy** 11:15 am adult ed.	18 Office Closed	19 ‡	20 **Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ begins 5 pm Vespers Confessions**
21 **9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Confessions**	22 ‡	23 **6 pm Royal Hours for the Nativity of our Lord**	24 ‡ **5:45 pm carols 6 pm Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great**	25 **Nativity of Christ 9:30 am Hours & Carols 10 am Divine Liturgy** Office Closed	26 **Synaxis of the Theotokos** Office Closed	27 **5 pm Vespers No Confessions**
28 **9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy**	29	30	31 No Divine Liturgy No adult ed.	Services are streamed on our YouTube channel St Nicholas Burton		

‡ fast
dairy & fish permitted (no meat)
wine & oil permitted **(no meat)**
fish permitted (no other meat)

FAST FREE from December 25 through January 4