St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Monthly Newsletter

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Services: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Wednesday- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Adult Class 11:30 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 2019

Hymn Five on the Nativity of Christ by St. Ephraim the Syrian

At the birth of the Son, there was a great shouting in Bethlehem; for the Angels came down, and gave praise there. Their voices were a great thunder: at that voice of praise the silent ones came, and gave praise to the Son.

Blessed be that Babe in whom Eve and Adam were restored to youth! The shepherds also came laden with the best gifts of their flock: sweet milk, clean flesh, befitting praise! They put a difference, and gave Joseph the flesh, Mary the milk, and the Son the praise! They brought and presented a suckling lamb to the Paschal Lamb, a first-born to the First-born, a sacrifice to the Sacrifice, a lamb of time to the Lamb of Truth. Fair sight [to see] the lamb offered to The Lamb!

The lamb bleated as it was offered before the First-born. It praised the Lamb, that had come to set free the flocks and the oxen from sacrifices: yea that Paschal Lamb, Who handed down and brought in the Passover of the Son.

The shepherds came near and worshipped Him with their staves. They saluted Him with peace, prophesying the while, Peace, O Prince of the Shepherds. The rod of Moses praised Your Rod, O Shepherd of all.

You then the Shepherds praise, because You have reconciled the wolves and the lambs within the fold; O Babe, that are older than Noah and younger than Noah, that reconciled all within the ark amid the billows!

David Your father for a lamb's sake slaughtered a lion. You, O Son of David, have killed the unseen wolf that murdered Adam, the simple lamb who fed and bleated in Paradise.

At that voice of praise, brides were moved to hallow themselves, and virgins to be chaste, and even young girls became grave: they advanced and came in multitudes, and worshipped the Son.

Aged women of the city of David came to the daughter of David; they gave thanks and said, Blessed be our country, whose streets are lightened with the rays of Jesse! Today is the throne of David established by You, O Son of David.

The old men cried, Blessed be that Son Who restored Adam to youth, Who was vexed to see that he was old and worn out, and that the serpent who had killed him, had changed his skin and had gotten himself away. Blessed be the Babe in Whom Adam and Eve were restored to youth.

The chaste women said, O Blessed Fruit, bless the fruit of our wombs; to You may they be given as first-born. They waxed fervent and prophesied concerning their children, who, when they were killed for Him, were cut off, as it were first-fruits.

The barren also held Him, and carried Him; they rejoiced and said, Blessed Fruit born without marriage, bless the wombs of us that are married; have mercy on our barrenness, You wonderful Child of Virginity!

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Last month's "from Father's Desk" was about the English translation of the priest's service book from Simonopetra Monastery. This is the book that Protodeacon Luke and I have been using.

This month we'll look at the words said as we receive Holy Communion. In the pew book is the text of the Liturgy taken from the Orthodox Church in America's 1967 English translation from Church Slavonic. This text has that as each person comes to receive the Eucharist the priest says "The servant (handmaid) of God (name), partakes of the precious and holy Body and Blood of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins and unto life everlasting." One priest surmised to me that this long prayer came into use as fewer and fewer people received Holy Communion frequently. In some places this occurred to the point that some received Communion but one time a year. So the prayer became longer and more elaborate to emphasize the solemnity of receiving Christ in the Eucharist. This prayer, however, is of more recent vintage. The older formula for receiving the Eucharist is "The Body and Blood of Christ." This is what we hear at Holy Communion now, following the Simonopetra priest's service book.

The longer prayer may have made more sense when there were very few people receiving Communion at the Liturgy. Nowadays, though, frequent Communion has again become the norm as it was in the early years of the Church. To say the entire prayer (as found in the pew book) for each person while they remain at the chalice either takes up more time or the priest may say the prayer at a rapid speed.

The Simonopetra Ieratikon has the simpler, more ancient formula for receiving Holy Communion: "The Body and Blood of Christ" and after the last person has received Communion, the priest concludes with "for remission of sins and for life eternal." No names are used, only the words "The Body and Blood of Christ." At Simonopetra Monastery and at Vatopedi Monastery (the largest in terms of numbers of monks: over 100 monks), frequent Communion is the norm. All the monks, whether priests, deacons or non-ordained, form a line to come before the Holy Doors to receive Communion as the priest serving the Liturgy says only "The Body and Blood of Christ." Nor do the monks kiss the chalice after Communion. Nor do those who have received Christ in Communion come to have their heads touched by the chalice. I witnessed all this at the pilgrimage to Simonopetra I made with Archbishop Alexander and Fr. Silviu Bunta.

Here at St. Nicholas where many come to receive Communion every Sunday and we now use the priest's service book of Simonopetra, some of you have noticed that the words are only "The Body and Blood of Christ" without the priest saying your name. This follows the older custom that has come into use again through the Simonopetra Ieratikon that Archbishop Alexander has blessed for use in both his dioceses.

Hours Schedule

December		January		February	
1	Calvin	5	Lucy	2	Calvin
8	Angelo	12	Calvin	9	Angelo
15	Lucy	19	Angelo	16	Lucy
22	Calvin	26	Lucy	23	Calvin
29	Angelo				

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

Reader Schedule

December		January		February	
1	Johnny	5	Angelo	2	Angelo
8	Amir	12	Amir	9	Amir
15	Angelo	19	Alexander	16	Alexander
22	Alexander	26	Johnny	23	Johnny
29	Johnny				

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WELCOME to our St. Nicholas family, Larry & Delisa Deavenport of Capac, MI!

ELECTION RESULTS **Swearing in will take place on Sunday, December 22 after Liturgy.**
Parish Council Mary Abu-Aita, Paul Brayan & Dennis Jernigan
Auditor Lucy Hogg & Cathy Steiner

2019 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS If you would like to have your name(s) included on the annual Christmas greetings list please call the office no later than December 2nd. There is a form in the parish hall or you can call or email the office. Donations are appreciated.

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

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM Our parish is participating in this program as part of our Advent fast helping those in need. The Angel Tree is in the parish hall with 43 children's names on it. Gifts do need to be placed in a gift bag or wrapped but you must include the child's names and code number on the gifts.

Gift range is between $30 and $40 & gift cards are ok for children 15-17 yrs. old. You can pick one or more items from their list-you DO NOT have to purchase all the items requested. Keep the gift amount consistent for all kids in each family Please return the gifts by December 8th. If there are any questions, contact Susie Ford (910-978-3026) or Jennifer Shann (810-728-6940).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS DINNER Catholic Charities hopes to include a $20 gift card with every gift bag they give out to the adults at the dinner but they need our help. They can be from Walmart, Meijer or grocery stores. You can give the gift cards to Susie Ford, Jennifer Shann or drop them off at the office.

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters December 5th from 9 am-1 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom

ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY will be celebrated with a Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Liturgy on Thursday, December 5th at 6 pm. Please come to join in worship and fellowship at St. Nicholas.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY CELEBRATION December 8th after Liturgy. There is a signup sheet in the Parish Hall for the potluck. You will find an envelope in your box of offering envelopes for St. Nicholas Day.

PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES – DECEMBER 2019

December 5th – eve of the Entrance of the Theotokos – 6 pm Vespers & Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church.

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER'S PRESENTATION **from November 6th on the last judgment may be viewed here at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVES6kua5C4&feature=youtu.be&t=2718**
It is well worth watching or listening to.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **December 10th at 6:30. Please call or email the office if you cannot attend. Meeting information will be emailed.**

BAKING WORKSHOPS **December 9 after Liturgy and December 11 at 10 am Fr. Matthew will be baking cookies &would appreciate 4-5 people to help.**

HOLIDAY PASTRY SALE **Assumption is having their holiday pastry sale & luncheon on December 12th, 11am – 1:30 pm. Lunch is $10 & the deadline to pre-order pastries is December 1st. There are fliers in the parish hall with more details.**

COOKIE WALK **will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 10 am to 1 pm. Stephanie Stikovich will chair the Cookie Walk this year and requires help from many volunteers. Please call Stephanie at 810-658-8321 or sign up to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale. The baked goods need to be delivered by Friday, December 13th before 3 pm. There are signup sheets in the parish hall**

HOLIDAY WREATHS **Three Christmas wreaths are on a table in the parish hall. This is a silent auction fundraiser. Write down your bid on one of the notepads next to the wreath you would like to bid on. Make your bid now!**

DECK THE HALLS AT ST. NICHOLAS! **On December 16th at 10am we will arrange the flowers, wreaths & put up and decorate the church Christmas tree. Please join us!**

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES **will be available to be picked up in the parish hall up December 8th. If you do not see envelopes with your name on them and you want to receive numbered & dated envelopes, please let Marcia know. Need them before December 15th? Call the parish office, giving Marcia one week advance notice.**

KITCHEN USE **If you want to use the kitchen for baking please call the office to have it put on the calendar, insuring it's available when you need it.**

COFFEE HOUR **volunteers are needed. There is a signup sheet outside of the kitchen. Please commit to helping out so we can continue having this social time together.**

December Coffee Hour Volunteers	
1	Angelo & Christine Panoff
8	
15	
22	
29	

HOPE IN A BOX	
December	Socks, Towels, Toiletries & New Toys
January	Mouthwash & Toilet Paper
February	Shampoo, conditioner & lotion

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS **Remember to sign up for Community Rewards online at Kroger.com or go to the customer service desk in the store. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores.**

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN St. Nicholas, 1st Thursday of every month, 9 am to 1 pm. St. George, 4th Tuesday, 9 am to 12:30 pm. Assumption – *Center for Hope, 517 E Fifth Ave*, 3rd Wednesday, 11 am to 1 pm.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WARMING CENTER opens on Monday, December 2, with their annual Warming Center Blessing event on Friday, December 6 at 11 am in the Center for Hope Dining Room. Everyone is welcome. Area clergy will bless the upcoming season, and everyone is welcome to stay for lunch. We are stockpiling blankets in preparation for the coming season.

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

2020 CALENDARS are expected to arrive by mid-December and will be located in the parish hall. Please, one per family.

FACEBOOK PAGE Please visit & follow our parish page: https://www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton

CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

Dec. 8th – St. Nicholas visits – No Class
Jan 12th - Theophany – Outdoor Water Blessing – Banquet
No Class

NOISY OFFERING
Oct. $233.41 (amount collected) designated for OCF (Orthodox College Fellowship

SAVE THE DATE:
Mar. 20th-22nd – Diocesan Teen Retreat at Dormition Monastery

THEOPHANY BANQUET AND OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATER will be held on Sunday, January 12th following the Divine Liturgy. Bring your empty bottles to fill with Holy Water. Dress for the weather.
The menu will consist of Lamb, Rice, Vegetables, Bread & Butter, Salad, Dessert & Drinks. There will be sign-up sheets in the parish hall for volunteers for set-up and clean-up, also for those that would like to make a dessert.

DOVES FOR THEOPHANY we are in need of an individual(s) to donate for 3 white doves for the outdoor blessing of the water January 12th. The cost is $55.

HOUSE BLESSIINGS will begin on January 7th. See the enclosed flyer to set up your appointment.

8th ANNUAL PAN ORTHODOX WINTER DINNER to support the Dormition Monastery, Rives Junction will be held on Thursday, January 23rd at Assumption. A meeting was held at Assumption on November 19 to begin coordination for the dinner. Our parish will be doing appetizers. Lena Bakousidis is the coordinator for our parish. She will need your help. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hall to volunteer to provide appetizers for the meal.

PROSFORA RECIPE

Prayer before beginning: Heavenly king, comforter, Spirit of the Truth, who are everywhere present and fill all things, treasury of good thing and giver of life, come and tabernacle in us, and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O Good One. *from the Simopetra Ieratikon, Vol. I*

HALF RECIPE

Sponge

3 oz warm water
0.2 oz dry yeast
0.4 oz flour
Dissolve yeast in water and let rise for approx. 15 minutes.

Dough

2 lbs flour (more or less, depending on humidity)
½ teaspoon salt
approx. 14 oz (1 3/4 c) boiling water

Mix flour and salt together.

Add boiling water

Mix in the boiling water until the dough becomes the consistency of mashed potatoes.

Set the dough aside (covered loosely) and allow to cool to warm.

Once the dough has cooled sufficiently (not so hot that it will kill the yeast), add the yeast mixture and additional flour until dough reaches a workable consistency. You should be able to work the dough without it sticking to the bowl on immediate contact or to your hands unless you press very hard.

Knead the dough for 10-15 minutes. (can use a stand mixer to do this)

Allow the dough to rise long enough to double in size, approx. 45 minutes.

Set your oven for 350 degrees Fahrenheit with rack in the middle of the oven.

Knead the dough with the stand mixer or by hand again.

Using rolling pin, roll out dough to approx 1/3 inch to ½ inch height. Cut into circles using a wide cookie cutter (4 inches or larger). If making larger loaves, 1 lb for the bottom half and 1 lb for the top half, form by hand and roll into large circles.

Take the leftover dough and knead until it forms a uniform dough, roll out and cut into smaller circles.
With a floured prosphora seal, press down on each smaller circle of dough while praying, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, the sinner."

Lift the sealed dough from the board.

On the larger circles of dough smear warm water until the dough is sticky. Then smear warm water on the bottom of the sealed dough. Place sealed dough on top of the larger dough and attach well.

Cover with a thin cloth and let stand for 10 minutes to raise a little.

With a long needle or cake tester make nine holes along the edges of the seal.

Place loaves on parchment paper and bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. They should bake until slightly golden.

When you take the loaves out of the oven, place them on a cooling rack. Soak a tea towl in ice water, wring it out, and wrap it around the loaves.

Let sit until completely cool. If freezing the loaves: **Wrap with plastic wrap (**this helps prevent freezer burn) Place into freezer bags.

PRAYERS OF THE DIVINE COMMUNION

Before it

I believe, Lord, and I confess, that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Moreover, I believe that this is your pure body itself and that this is your precious blood itself. Wherefore, I pray to you: have mercy on me and forgive me my transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word, in deed, in knowledge and in ignorance, and make me worthy to partake of your pure mysteries without condemnation, for remission of sins and for life eternal. Amin.

Behold, I approach divine Communion,
Fashioner, burn me not in participation,
For you are fire that burns the unworthy,
But rather cleanse me from every stain.

Of your mystical supper, Son of God, receive me today as communicant, for I will not speak of the mystery to your enemies, nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief I confess you: Remember me, Lord, in your Kingdom.

Tremble, O human, beholding the deifying blood,
For it is a coal that burns the unworthy.
The body of God both deifies and nourishes me,
Deifies the spirit and strangely nourishes the mind.

You have smitten me with yearning, O Christ, and have changed me by your divine eros; but burn away my sins with immaterial fire, and make me worthy to be filled with delight in You, so that, leaping for joy, O good One, I may magnify Your two comings.

In the radiances of your saints, how will I the unworthy enter? For if I dare to enter into the bridal chamber, my garment betrays me, for it is not a wedding garment, and I will be cast out bound by the angels; Lord, cleanse the filth of my soul and save me, as one who loves mankind.

Master who love mankind, Lord Jesus Christ my God, do not let these holy things be to my judgment because I am unworthy, but rather let them be for the purification and sanctification of soul and body, and as a pledge of the life to come and the kingdom. For it is good for me to cleave to God, to set my hope of salvation in the Lord. ***Prayers from the Simopetra Ieratikon, Vol. I***

<u>VISITATION TO THE SICK</u> 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, Anna Branoff, Paul Ellis, Fred Oginsky, and Pete & Jo Sredich. Monthly Fr. Matthew visits Larry Bladecki (Bay City), Peter and Olga Samaras (Caro).

<u>DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND</u>

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**	**Nick Karayanis**	**Olga Samaras**
Deacon John Bocek	**Paul Ellis**	**Macy Lemmen**	**Peter Samaras**
Anna Branoff	**Bill Haw**	**Fred Oginsky**	**Bill Tadrick**
Linda Branoff	**Mary Karayanis**	**Ron Salhany**	**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 15th Street**	**Bay City, MI 48708**	
Anna Branoff	**Grand Blanc Fields 12628 Pagels Dr**	**Grand Blanc, MI 48439**	
Nick & Marge Butrie	**30 E. Bertsch St. #12**	**Lansford, PA 18232**	
Gladys Edwards	**2 Harbor Dr.**	**St. Clair, MO 63077**	
Paul Ellis	**2360 Stonebridge Dr.**	**Flint, MI 48532**	
Pete & Olga Samaras	**1285 Cleaver Rd.**	**Caro, MI 48723**	**(989) 673-0821**
Jo Sredich	**Magnolia House 4134 N. State Rd.**	**Davison, MI 48423**	

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

3 Nick George
4 Donna Nedanis
6 Diane Todorovsky
11 Lawrence Bladecki (101)
12 Hailey Paul
13 David Vuckovich
17 Kosta Slaughter
19 Doug Brown
20 Reginald Jehnsen
21 Christine Brucksch
23 Caitlyn Rittman
John Sfetkides
Susie Ford
24 Olivia Panoff
26 Chad Conover
Marla Houser
27 Alexandra Price
Constance Maxim
28 Bogdan Beslach
30 Marilyn Branoff

ANNIVERSARIES

17 Jim & Kristin Hart (2011)
21 Kosta & Luba Todorovsky (1954)

NAMESDAYS

4 Barbara Brown
Barbara Vuckovich
6 Nicholas Biernacki
Nicholas Karayanis
Nicholas Karayanis
Nicholas Nicoloff
Nicholas Ponomarenko
Nicholas Sfetkidis
Nick George
Nicola Pirkovic
Nicole Grousopoulos
Nicole Steiner
Nicole Zelenko
Nikolai Evanenko
9 Hannah Shann

NAMESDAYS cont.

13 Adam Ford
Adam Michael George
Cierra Joy Conover (form of Sarah)
Noah Gonser
Sarah Rose Neely
Rachel Nicevski
Ruth Conrad
16 Allison Borkovich
Alyson Wilhelm
17 Daniel Krigner
22 Debbie Neely
Deborah Adams
Deena Marie Karayanis
27 Robert Steven Elieff
Stevan Pirkovic
Steve Spankie
Steven Nicoloff
Steven Nikoloff
Steven Panoff
29 Charles Joseph Jernigan
David Batzos
David Condon
David George
David Goodman
David Houser
David Jernigan
David Mitevski
David Vuckovich
Jesse Popoff
Jessica Biggs
Jessica Chevalier
Joseph Brock
Joseph Oginsky
Joseph Oginsky, Jr.
Josephine Sredich
Kraig David Houser
30 Joseph Neely

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas flowers can be sponsored in honor of the living or as a memorial for the deceased. Poinsettias will be available only in the large arrangement.

Please fill out the form below as soon as possible. There are a limited number of plants available. Donations will be taken on a first come first served basis. Return the form to the office or put it into the collection basket on Sunday. The names of those honored or memorialized will be published on a later date.

I wish to donate:

_____ Red poinsettia ($20 ea.) (15 available)
(How many)

_____ 36 inch wreath ($85 ea.) (2 available)
(How many)

_____ 24 inch wreath ($60) (1 available)
(How many)

_____ 10 inch wreath ($25 ea.) (2 available)
(How many)

_____ 20 foot Garland ($30 ea.) (2 available)
(How many)

In honor of (for the living)

_____

_____

Or, in memory of (deceased)

_____

_____

Name: _____

Amount $_____

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Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 14, 2019
10 am - 1 pm

Ethnic Cookies and Many Other Baked Goods

Cookies Sold at $8.50 per Pound

Stock up your freezer for the Holidays

Hot Beverages

Philoptochos Society's Annual

2019 Holiday Pastry Sale and Luncheon

Thursday, December 12th
11am to 1:30pm

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Grand Blanc
2245 E. Baldwin Road Tel: 810-771-4611 (Between Holly & Fenton Roads)

Choice of Greek-Roasted Chicken or Vegetarian Plate
Peas, Rice, Tossed Green Salad, Bread Roll
$10.00

Pre-order pastries for the Holidays

Greek Sweet Bread, Spinach and Cheese Pitas, Baklava, Greek Honey Nut Pastry, Powdered Sugar Cookies, Greek Biscotti, Twisted Butter Cookies, Spice Cookies

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip _____ Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

(Lunch To-Go Only) Pick Up Time: _____

Item		Price	Quantity	Cost
Lunch To-Go	Chicken	$10.00	_____	_____
	Vegetarian	$10.00	_____	_____
Baklava		$2.50	_____	_____
Sweet Bread (Tsoureki)		$6.50	_____	_____
Spinach Pita (Frozen 15 pieces)		$25.00	_____	_____
Cheese Triangles (Frozen)		$1.00	_____	_____
Baklava (30 pieces)		$50.00	_____	_____
Melomacarona (Honey-spiced cookie)		$1.00	_____	_____
Kourambiethes (with almonds)		$1.00	_____	_____
Koulourakia (Butter Twist)		3 for $1.50	_____	_____
Paximathia (Biscotti)		3 for $150	_____	_____
Variety Gift Box		$12.00	_____	_____

TOTAL: _____

Please make checks payable to **Philoptochos Society and mail to the church**
Philoptochos Society, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 2245 E. Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc, MI 48439
For more information, please contact the church at **810-771-4611**

Deadline for pre-orders December 1, 2019

Theophany House Blessings

We **(I)** wish for Fr. Matthew to visit our home with the traditional blessing this year.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Please visit _____ on a weekday
_____ on Saturday only
_____ any day

Please indicate what time of day works best for you.

_____

Father Matthew or the parish office will call the day before your house blessing.
Please have the following prepared:

1. A dignified place covered by a white cloth with a candle placed there along with an Icon or Cross.
2. Please turn off television and radios.

Father will bring the Holy Water.

DO YOU STILL WANT TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER? IF NOT PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE TO BE TAKEN OFF OF THE MAILING LIST.

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for 6 months

$50.00 Double Space
for 6 months

$65.00 Triple Space
for 6 months

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy **Church School**	2 *Fr. in Toledo* 	3 	4 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Adult Ed	5 **9am to 12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen** **6 pm Pan-Orthodox Vesperal Liturgy for St. Nicholas** Office Closed	6 **St. Nicholas** *Fr. in Toledo* **7 pm Flint OCF meeting at St. George with Fr.Joe**	7 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions
8 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy **St Nicholas visits Potluck**	9 **The Conception by Righteous Anna of the Theotokos** 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Cookie workshop	10 **Communion Calls to Bay City & Caro** 6:30 pm Parish Council	11 No Liturgy No Adult Education 10 am Cookie workshop	12 Office Closed	13 **Repose of St. Herman of Alaska** **10 am Liturgy @ St Mary Magdalene**	14 **10 am -1 pm Cookie Walk & church tours** 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions
15 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy **Church School** **Noisy Offering**	16 **10 am Decorate Church for Christmas**	17 *Fr. in Toledo* 	18 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Adult Ed **11 am to 1 pm Assumption at Center for Hope**	19 Office Closed	20 **Communion Calls to Bay City & Caro**	21 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions
22 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy **Church School**	23 **6:30 pm Royal Hours for the Nativity of our Lord**	24 **Christmas Eve** **6 pm Vespers w/Liturgy** Office Closed	25 No Fast **Nativity of Christ Christmas** **10 am Divine Liturgy** Office Closed	26 No Fast **Synaxis of the Birthgiver of God** **10 am Liturgy @ St Mary Magdalene**	27 No Fast	28 No Fast 5 pm Vespers
29 No Fast 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy **Church School**	30 No Fast	31 No Fast		**Times and events are subject to change**		

Fast
Dairy Permitted (no meat)
Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat)
 Fish Permitted (no other meat)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 No Fast *Office Closed*	2 No Fast *North End Soup Kitchen* *9 am- 1 pm*	3 No Fast	4 No Fast *5 pm Vespers*
5 *9:30 Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy* *Church School* *6:30 pm Vespers for Theophany*	6 ***Theophany*** ***9:30 am Divine Liturgy*** ***Communion Calls to Bay City & Caro***	7 *Fr. in Toledo*	8 *No Divine Liturgy* *11:30 am Adult Ed*	9 *Office Closed*	10	11 *5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions*
12 ***Sunday after Theophany*** *9:30 Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy* *Church School* *Blessing of water & Banquet*	13 *Fr. in Toledo*	14 *6:30 pm Parish Council*	15 *9:30 am Divine Liturgy* *11:30 am Adult Ed* ***11 am to 1 pm Assumption at Center for Hope***	16 *Office Closed*	17 ***St. Anthony the Great*** ***7 pm Flint OCF meeting at St. George with Fr. Matthew***	18 *5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions*
19 *9:30 Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy* *Church School* ***Noisy Offering***	20 *Fr. in Toledo*	21	22 *9:30 am Divine Liturgy* *11:30 am Adult Ed*	23 ***Dormition Dinner @ Assumption*** *Office Closed*	24	25 *5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions*
26 *9:30 Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy* *Church School*	27	28 *Fr. in Toledo* ***9:am to 12:30 pm St. George Church at North End Soup Kitchen***	29 *9:30 am Divine Liturgy* *11:30 am Adult Ed*	30 *Office Closed*	31	