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

FEBRUARY 2023

SAINT ISAAC THE SYRIAN, Bishop of Nineveh

I prostrate myself, Lord, at the throne of your majesty, I who am dust and ashes and the dregs of humanity. Thousands upon thousands of angels and countless legions of seraphim offer you – the holy nature hidden from the senses and from the knowledge of all created beings – spiritual worship in the hiddenness of their natures with their fiery praises and their holy impulses; for you are close at hand, Lord, with your assistance to everyone at all times of need, and your door is open, in season and out of season, for the entreaties of all. You do not abhor sinners, nor does your majesty feel loathing for the souls which are stained with all kinds of sins; rather, you draw everyone up from endless evils – including me, Lord, who am utterly defiled; seeing that you have held me worthy to fall down before you on my face and make bold to pronounce your holy name with my mouth, even though I am a vessel full of uncleanness and not worthy to be numbered among the children of Adam. Grant me, Lord, that I may be made holy by praising you, and be made pure by the remembrance of you; renew my life with a transformation of mind and with beneficial thoughts which you, in your grace, stir within me. Be a guide to my mind in my meditations on you, and make me forget my stumbling conduct through a renewal of mind which you instill in me. Stir up within me beneficial requests, bring my will into accordance with your will, for it is you who give prayer to those who pray. Imprint in me a single will, one which gazes always towards you, and a deliberation which is never weakened in its hope of you by continual deaths for your sake. Grant, Lord, that I do not pray before you with unfeeling words uttered with the lips only, but may I be spread prostrate on the ground in hidden humility of heart and repentance of mind. O God, who in your forbearing at my sins grant me life in this world, do not deprive me of the life of the world to come which is awaited with hope by those who supplicate you here in wretchedness.

~From *The Prayers of Saint Isaac the Syrian* (Prayer 8).

Translated by Sebastian Brock. Adapted by the Brotherhood of the Monastery of St. John.

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Beloved,

This month we will celebrate forty days since the birth of Christ our Lord with the feast of His meeting in the Temple with the righteous elder Simeon on February 2. In remembering the incarnation of the Son of God and now His entering the Temple, we recall that

The One who fashioned Adam & Eve

The One who spoke to Moses in the bush

The One who gave Moses the law

The One who filled the Temple with His presence

is the same Christ who is received into Simeon's arms as a forty-day old child.

The Almighty emptied Himself to become one of us, so that we should not fear His presence but that we should come to Him. For us to receive Him we must empty ourselves in turn, face Him and empty our self-will, our selfishness, our ego, our wanting things our way and seek only Him that we may be filled with Him. That we may decrease, become nothing, become nobodies so that there is room for Christ and He fills us with Himself. So that all we say and think and do are He Himself at work in us so that we do not point to ourselves seeking a thank you or recognition but rather rejoice when we are not noticed so that only Christ, Who is our Life, is seen in us. So that we live as the saints do, "it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." (Galatians 2:30)

Love,

Fr. Matthew

GAME NIGHT February 4 after Vespers. Join us for a fun evening of fellowship, pizza & playing board games. A free will offering will be collected which will be used to sponsor other social activities. Stephanie & Ian Price are hosting the event so you can contact Stephanie at (248) 396-3899 if you have any questions or to R.S.V.P. You don't have to R.S.V.P. but it would be helpful. They will also bring the games but you are welcome to bring your own.

Hours Schedule

February		March		April	
5	Angelo	5	Angelo	2	Angelo
12	Calvin	12	Calvin	9	Calvin
19	Alexander	19	Alexander	16	Alexander
26	Lucy	26	Lucy	23	Lucy
				30	Angelo

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

Reader Schedule

February		March		April	
5	Kathy	5	Kathy	2	Kathy
12	Ruth	12	Ruth	9	Ruth
19	Angelo	19	Angelo	16	Angelo
26	Alexander	26	Alexander	23	Alexander
				30	Kathy

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

Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

February		March		April	
5	Ian & Stephanie P.	5	Christine Panoff	2	Dennis Jernigan
12	Susie Ford	12	Dennis Goodman	9	Dave Houser
19	Dennis Jernigan	19	Ian & Stephanie P.	16	Christine Panoff
26	Dave Houser	26	Susie Ford	23	Dennis Goodman
				30	Ian & Stephanie P.

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

MEMORIAL SATURDAY / SOULS' SATURDAY The first Memorial Saturday of 2023 is February 18 which we will observe with 10 am Divine Liturgy followed by a Trisagion for the fallen asleep. We pray for the dead because it is handed on to us from the Scriptures. As members of the Church, the Body of Christ, we are exhorted to pray for one another (James 5:16). Whether we live or die, "we belong to the Lord" (Romans 14:8). For we are "members of His Body, of His flesh and of His bones" (Ephesians 5:30). The Church is "the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God". As such, she includes "tens of thousands of angels" and "the spirits of righteous people completed (in death)" as well as those of us alive on earth (Hebrews 12:22-24). Death does not end our membership in the Body of Christ. For neither "death nor life […] will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39). We remember that God "is not the God of the dead, but of the living – for all are alive to Him" (Luke 20:38). Therefore, we pray for both the living and for the "dead in Christ" (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

If you would like to make kollyva/kutya/phentsa/zhito for this Memorial Saturday, please see Fr. Matthew.

PRAYER SERVICE for the sick & suffering will be held at St. Mary Magdalene the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30. Email names to smmocafenton@gmail.com

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on February 2 from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with taking down our Christmas decorations on January 28.

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.

HOUSE BLESSINGS Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the office if you would like your home to be blessed with the new holy water by Father Matthew.

St. NICHOLAS PARISH CEMETERY We need a new sextant for the cemetery - if you are interested, please contact the parish office.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING is Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.

ANNUAL MEETING took place on Sunday, January 29.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE *election of parish council officers* **- those elected are Sharon Jernigan, president; Paul Brayan, vice-president; Ellyn Serra, secretary; Susie Ford, treasurer; Stephanie Price, non-officer for the executive committee.** *Finances* **- the balance sheet of all the church accounts (excluding the endowment fund) ended 2022 with $173,822.77. We ended 2021 with $140,396.66. Endowment fund statement did not arrive yet.** *Rector's report* **- a flier will be coming out with the schedule for lenten services. Lenten retreat will be hosted by our church on Saturday, March 18 with Archbishop Alexander and, tentatively, Bishop Anthony (Antiochian) each giving one talk.** *Church School* **- classes resume on January 15.** *Fundraising - Theophany banquet* **84 dinners, profit was $750 that is being earmarked for maintenance.** *Meatfare dinner* **is Sunday, February 19;** *Cheesefare dinner* **is Sunday, February 26.** *Charity* **- The North End Soup kitchen will be February 2 from 9 to 12:30 pm. $952 was collected in December for the OCA Diocese of Alaska. God bless everyone for their generosity.** *Maintenance* **- a new clothes hanger was put in the back closet for vestments. The sensor in the men's bathroom went out so it was replaced. Outdoor light was added on the northwest corner, another will be added in the southwest corner. The lock on the door going into the narthex was repaired. The light in the courtyard was replaced. Anyone who would like to purchase the old television set that was in the hall, please contact the office and make an offer. Need a new sextant for the cemetery - if you are interested, please contact the parish office. Some stones were knocked over and the plan is to set them upright in the spring.** *New Business* **- website has been updated by Stephanie Price and Ellyn Serra.** *Community activities* **- Stephanie Price wants to plan social activities** *including members of our local community* **such as game nights, egg hunt, etc.**

- **Saturday, February 4 - game night**
- **Sunday, May 21 - ham dinner**
- **Monday, May 29 - participate in the Burton Memorial Day parade.**
- **Saturday, July 22 - bbq cook-off as a community picnic.**
- **September (date to be determined) a vecherinka - dance.**
- **Saturday, October 21 - trunk or treat. Many ideas were brought up for 2023.**

OLD TELEVISION & OLD CHALKBOARD Anyone who would like to purchase the old television set that was in the hall or the chalkboard from the church school classroom , please contact the office and make an offer.

PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES – FEBRUARY 2022

February 1 - 6 pm at St George Church – Vespers with Liturgy for the great feast of the Encounter of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple with Symeon and Anna.

February 2 – 10 am at St Mary Magdalene Church - Liturgy for the great feast of the Encounter of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple with Symeon and Anna.

MEATFARE is February 19. The menu is roast beef, pulled pork, baked potatoes, coleslaw & a vegetable. The cost is $15 per adult and children are free. Please see Sharon Jernigan for tickets. There is a signup sheet in the parish hall for those who can help with serving, cleanup & bringing desserts.

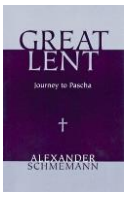
CHEESEFARE is February 26. The dinner will include pierogies, strata and French toast. The Fundraising Committee is asking parishioners for help in preparation, serving and clean-up. A freewill offering will be collected. Everyone is invited to attend. There is a signup sheet in the parish hall and you can contact Sharon Jernigan with any questions at 810-877-1766.

ADULT EDUCATION classes are on Wednesday at 11:15 am. We will be reading *Our Daily Report to God* by Elder Aimilianos.

In February and through Lent the plan is to read Fr Silviu Bunta's talks on the Liturgy of St Basil and the Presanctified Liturgy in *Your Life Will Be Hung Before Your Eyes': Meanings of Our Life in Orthodox Liturgy*. The book is available for purchase through the parish office. The cost is $24 per book.

ORTHODOX BOOK CLUB *from Fr Michael Bassett* – we'll be reading *Great Lent* by Fr. Alexander Schmemann. This would be an excellent to deepen your participation in this most significant season in in the life of the Church. We will meet twice to discuss the book via both ZOOM and LIVE formats:

- January
  - ZOOM: Sunday evening, 1/29 @ 7:00 PM
  - LIVE: Monday evening, 1/30 @ 6:00 PM at St. George
- February
  - ZOOM: Sunday evening, 2/19 @ 7:00 PM
  - LIVE: Monday evening 2/20 @ 6:00 PM at St. George



The book can be ordered via through any number of online used book sellers for a reasonable price
To register for either the ZOOM or LIVE meetings OR if you need help ordering a book please contact Fr. Michael at frdnmike@gmail.com or 989-627-9580

11TH ANNUAL DORMITION MONASTERY DINNER took place January 19 at Assumption Church. *Please* take the time to watch or listen to the panel on Confession - do this for understanding Confession, our sins, and Christ, the light, who comes to shine in us, revealing our darkness (sins) that we may be cleansed by Him who is the light. The Lord bless Fr Michael Bassett and Fr Dn Michael Schlaack for their work in organizing. Remember in prayer Mother Gabriella, Mother Macrina, Mother Olympia, Mother Melania, Mother Apolinaria, Sister Elysia, Sister Emily and Ruxandra Sheldon together with Father John and Preoteasa Anna Konkle who make up the community of the monastery. Thank you to everyone who attended the Dormition Dinner, donated, or worked.

March 18 – Pan-Orthodox Lenten Retreat with Archbishop Alexander and Bishop Anthony hosted by our parish

ADDRESS CHANGE If you have changed your home address, phone number or email address or are no longer using one we have on file, please contact the office. Any changes in the last year may not have been updated in our records.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN we serve on Thursday, February 2 from 9 to 12:30 pm.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Shampoo & Conditioner for the month of February. 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.

WINTER WARM UP Catholic Charities is in need of hats, gloves, scarves, socks, boots, coats & other warm winter gear. For more information call 810-265-7025. Donations can be dropped off Mon-Fri 9:30-3:30 at 812 Root St, Flint.

HOPE IN A BOX

Feb	Shampoo & Conditioner
March	Feminine Care & Dental Products
April	Deodorant & First Aid Items

February Coffee Social Volunteers & Sponsors	
5	
12	
19	Meatfare
26	Cheesefare

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). 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 COMMUNITY REWARDS Remember to use your community rewards when checking out at Kroger. 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.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES Anyone who wishes to support International Orthodox Christian Charity's (IOCC) humanitarian response to the Ukraine crisis is asked to pray for all those affected and the people serving them, to share what IOCC is doing in order to spread the word, and to give as they are able financially. Please visit iocc.org/ukraine22 or call 877.803.4622 to make a donation.

GENESEE COUNTY PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICE SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY THROUGH MAY

Wed, Feb 1 6 pm Vespers & Liturgy at St George for the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
Thurs, Feb 2 10 am Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene for the Meeting of the Lord

GREAT LENT - No potlucks after Presanctified because of work at St George & St Mary Magdalen
Wed, Mar 8 6 pm Presanctified at St Mary Magdalene – lenten refreshments
Sat, Mar 18 Retreat at St Nicholas Archbishop Alexander (confirmed) & Bishop Anthony (tentative)
Wed, Mar 22 6 pm Presanctified at St Nicholas – lenten refreshments
Sat, Mar 25 Annunciation – to be determined
Wed, Apr 5 6 pm Presanctified at St George – lenten refreshments
Sat, Apr 8 Lazarus Saturday – 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at St George

BRIGHT WEEK
Mon, Apr 17 10 am Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene
Tues, Apr 18 10 am Divine Liturgy at St Nicholas
Wed, Apr 19 6 pm Vespers with Divine Liturgy at St George
Fri, Apr 21 to be determined

Wed, May 24 10 am Divine Liturgy for the leavetaking of Pascha at St Nicholas

Thur, May 25 Ascension of our Lord 10 am Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

2 Kristin Hart
Luba Todorovsky
5 Joseph Oginsky, Jr.
9 Milica Beslach
10 Andy Yosheff
Nicole Hiteshew
11 Sharon Jernigan
13 Jordan Abu-Aita
15 Angelo Popoff
Sherry Brown
19 Paul Ellis
20 Matushka Lisa Butrie
21 Mark Houser
26 Jerry Brucksch

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

6 Dorothy Goodman
17 Bogdan Beslach
Theodore Stavridis
Theodore Wilhelm
25 Taras Evanenko
Taras-Michael Butrie
28 Kira Rabkina

ANNIVERSARIES

5 Jonathon & Jennifer Shann (2007)
12 Allen & Deborah Adams (1971)
Angelo & Helen Popoff (1961)
26 Ian & Stephanie Price (2000)

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! Please call the office to schedule a visit for Holy Communion.

Deacon John Bocek	**Paul Ellis**	**Nick Karayanis**	**Bill Tadrick**
Linda Branoff	**Bill Haw**	**Macy Lemmen**	**Wendy Tadrick**
Mary Abu-Aita	**Mary Karayanis**	**Ron Salhany**	**Dave Vuckovich**

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

Paul Ellis	**2360 Stonebridge Dr**	**Flint, MI 48532**
Dorothy Goodman	**1481 E Hill Rd, Suite 18**	**Grand Blanc, MI 48439 (Bella Vita)**
Dave Vuckovich	**9352 Morrish Rd**	**Swartz Creek, MI 48473**

from the Kontakion "On the Prodigal Son" by Saint Romanos the Melodist

Prelude 1 **- I have rivalled the prodigal by my senseless deeds and like him I fall down before you and I seek forgiveness, Lord. Therefore do not despise me, Master and Lord of the ages.**

Prelude 2 **- Of your mystical table, O Immortal, count me worthy, who have been corrupted by living as a prodigal. And the first robe of grace which I have befouled, wretch that I am, by the stains of the passions, in your unattainable mercy give me once again, Master and Lord of the ages.**

Stanza 1 **- Let us contemplate a supper magnificently spread for the former prodigal now become temperate, for his father, or rather the Father of all humankind, receives him repentant, in his love for humankind. Rejoicing at his repentance, he says to the slaves, "Hurry, make ready for us the all-holy supper. Hurry, above all sacrifice the calf to which a virgin heifer gave birth, because my son was lost before and has now been found. But let us celebrate. He was dead and has returned to life. And I have taken him to my bosom, I the Master and Lord of the ages.**

Meatfare Luncheon

February 19, 2023

Following the Divine Liturgy

Roast Beef & Pulled Pork
Baked Potato
Cole Slaw
Vegetable
Drinks

Please bring a dessert to share.
Price $15/person, Children free

Everyone is invited to attend!

RSVP at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com,
call 810-744-0070
or see Sharon Jernigan after Sunday Liturgies

Cheesefare Sunday

February 26, 2023

Following the Divine Liturgy

Pierogies, Strata, French toast

FREE WILL OFFERING

Everyone is invited to attend. The Fundraising Committee is asking parishioners for help in preparation, serving and clean-up.

KOLLYVA / KUTYA / ŽITO / PŠEJNTSA – boiled wheat – for Memorials and Souls Saturdays
recipe by Rosemary Vuckovich

Ingredients

1 lb whole wheat berries

1 lb ground walnuts

¾ lb powdered sugar

1 teaspoon rum extract (optional)

9 Jordan almonds for making cross on top of wheat

Directions

Rinse wheat in cold water. Drain and put wheat in 4 quart pot. Add water to within 1 inch of top.

Bring to boil – turn heat down – simmer 2 hours or until the wheat berries are tender.

Add additional hot water as needed, to maintain water level.

Drain in colander overnight.

In the morning, put wheat in bowl.

Add nuts and powdered sugar mixing together.

Add rum extract and mix again.

Place in serving bowl.

Arrange the 9 Jordan almonds on top in the form of a cross.

Options

If don't have time to let drain overnight, place wheat on linen towel on a baking sheet, spreading out into an even layer to dry. Then use as above.

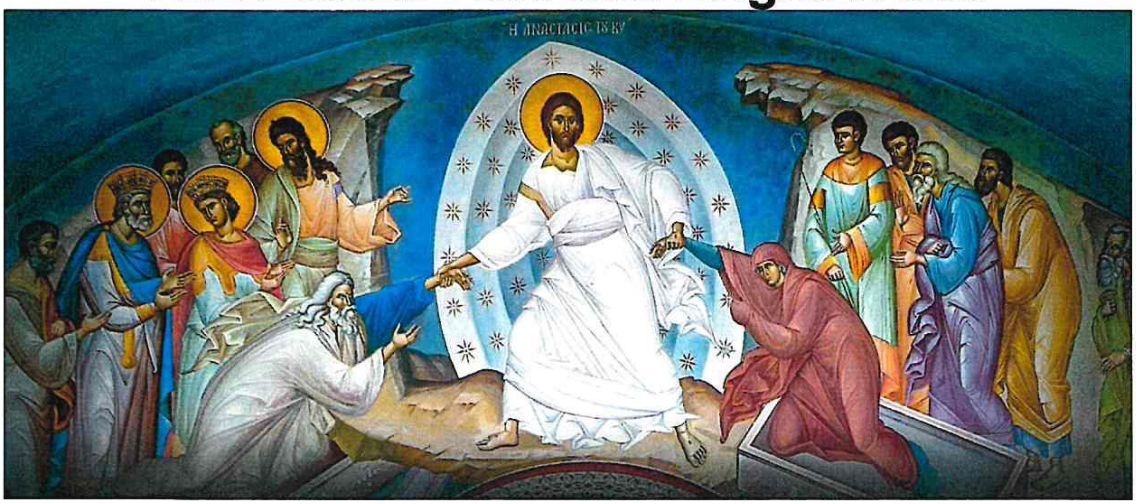
May add cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, toasted sesame seeds, ground almonds, as desired.

At funerals it is customary to make the wheat to be offered up in memory of the fallen asleep. We remember the newly fallen asleep on the third day, ninth day, and fortieth day. As St. Symeon of Thessalonika writes: "The kollyva is offered because the human being is also a seed and like a fruit from the earth and like seeds sown in the earth he will be raised up again by God's might. The third day service is celebrated for the reason that the fallen asleep person receive his being through the Trinity and having passed to a state of good being and being changed he shall at the resurrection appear in his original state or one superior. The ninth day is celebrated that his spirit dwell together with the holy spirits the angels being immaterial and naturally similar to them for these spirits are nine in number and by them they triply proclaim and praise the God in Trinity and so that the fallen asleep one may be united with the holy spirits of the Saints. The fortieth day is celebrated because of the Savior's Ascension which came to pass after forty days after his Resurrection in the sense that the fallen asleep, as it were, having also risen and having ascended…being caught away in the clouds, shall meet the Judge and thus being united with him, he shall ever be with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:17). In some traditions it is also customary to have a loaf of prosphora and wine and oil for the funeral service or memorial service.

Orthodox Churches of Genesee County, Michigan

Assumption (Greek) 2245 Baldwin Road ❖ Grand Blanc, MI 48439 ❖ 810-771-4611
St. George (Antiochian) 5191 Lennon Road ❖ Flint, MI 48507 ❖ 810-732-0720
St. Mary Magdalene (OCA) 2439 S. Long Lake Road ❖ Fenton, MI 48430 ❖ 810- 750-1401
St. Nicholas (OCA) 2143 South Center Road ❖ Burton, MI 48519 ❖ 810-744-0070

2023 Great Fast and Bright Week



Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Lenten Refreshments

Great Compline at St. George (*Mondays, 6pm)* All are welcome every Monday night. This beautiful service along with the Lenten Hours on Wednesdays allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available after the service.

Lenten Hours at St. Nicholas (*Wednesdays, 10:30am)* All are welcome every Wednesday morning.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy and **Lenten Refreshments** *(Wednesdays, 6pm)* We will celebrate together the Presanctified Liturgy and the Great Feast of the Annunciation according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at both. To partake of Holy Communion at evening liturgies, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (*no eating or drinking after 12 Noon*). Confessions will only be available prior to the evening liturgies from 5:30pm–6pm. Unfortunately, we will not be having Potluck Lenten Meals this year, but we will break the fast with Lenten Refreshments.

March 8th — ***Presanctified Liturgy*** at St. Mary Magdalene 6pm
Saturday, March 18th — **Lenten Retreat** *(more information to follow)*
March 22nd — ***Presanctified Liturgy*** at St. Nicholas 6pm
March 25th — **Great Feast of the *Annunciation Divine Liturgy*** at TBD 10am
April 5th — ***Presanctified Liturgy*** at St. George 6pm
April 8th — ***Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Liturgy*** at St. George 9:30am

Bright Week (April 16th-22nd)

April 17th — ***Paschal Divine Liturgy*** at St. Mary Magdalene 10am
April 18th — ***Paschal Divine Liturgy*** at St. Nicholas 10am
April 19th — ***Paschal Evening Liturgy*** at St. George 6pm
April 21st — ***Paschal Divine Liturgy for the Life-giving Font*** at TBD 10am

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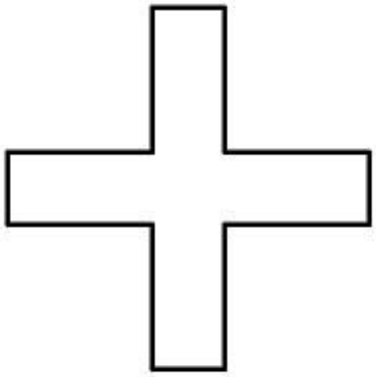

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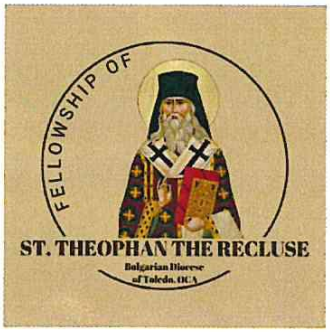

Fellowship of St. Theophan the Recluse

It used to be said that Eastern Orthodoxy was North America's best kept secret. Thanks to the internet, especially social media, I'm not sure that's completely true any more. Now, people face another challenge. Many people who are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith don't have regular access to an Eastern Orthodox parish.

If you're one of those people, you might be interested in a ministry through our diocese called the Fellowship of St Theophan the Recluse. Members of the Fellowship of St Theophan receive weekday emails with reflections, scripture readings, and other resources. And once a month, we meet online for fellowship, learning, and prayer.

Fr. Andrew Jarmus
Chancelor

For more information and to join, email: fostr_orthodoxy@bdoca.org. God bless you on your journey!

Why the Fellowship of St. Theophan?
St Theophan the Recluse was a great spiritual father of the Russian Orthodox church in the 19th century. The reason we selected him as our heavenly patron is because he shared all of his spiritual counsel by correspondence. By the prayers of St Theophan, may our journey together be one that is mutually beneficial, and may it draw us closer to Christ and to his holy Church. I hope to see you online for the Fellowship of St Theophan the Recluse.

February 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Times and events are subject to change		1 *11:15 am adult ed.* ‡ ***6 pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers & Liturgy at St George for the Entry of our Lord into the Temple***	**2** ***Entry of our Lord 10 am Pan-Orthodox Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene North End Soup Kitchen 9-12:30*** *Office Closed*	3 ‡	4 *5 pm Vespers Confessions* ***Family Game Night***
5 ***Publican & Pharisee*** *9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School*	6 ***no fast***	7 ***no fast*** *6:30 pm Prayer service for the sick & suffering at St. Mary Magdalene*	8 ***no fast*** *No Divine Liturgy no adult ed.*	9 ***no fast*** *Office Closed*	10 ***no fast*** *11:15 am adult ed.*	11 ***no fast*** *5 pm Vespers Confessions*
12 ***Prodigal Son*** *9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School*	13 *Fr. in Toledo*	14	15 ‡ *9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.*	16 *Office Closed*	17 ‡	18 ***Memorial Saturday*** *10 am Divine Liturgy with Trisagion 5 pm Vespers Confessions*
19 ***Meatfare Sunday*** *9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School* ***luncheon***	20 ***Meat Fast*** *Fr. in Toledo*	21 ***Meat Fast*** *6:30 pm Parish Council*	22 ***Meat Fast*** *10:30 am lenten hours 11:15 am adult ed.*	23 ***Meat Fast*** *Office Closed*	24 ***Meat Fast***	25 ***Meat Fast*** *5 pm Vespers Confessions*
26 ***Meat Fast*** ***Cheesefare Sunday*** *9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School Luncheon Forgiveness Vespers*	27 ***LENT BEGINS*** ‡ *Fr. in Toledo* ***6 PM Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete***	28 ‡ ***6 PM Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete***	***March 1*** ‡ ***10:30 am lenten hours 6 PM Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete***	***March 2*** ‡ ***6 PM Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete***	‡ ***Fast*** ***Dairy Permitted (no meat)*** ***Wine & Oil Permitted*** ***(no meat)*** ***Fish Permitted*** ***(no other meat)***	