# 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

# JANUARY 2025

**from the CANON OF THEOPHANY (January 6)**

The Lord refashions broken Adam in the streams of the Jordan. And He smashes the heads of dragons lurking there. The Lord does this, the King of the ages; for He has been glorified.

The Lord clothed material flesh with the immaterial fire of divinity. Now He wraps Himself in the flowing waters of the Jordan. The Lord does this, the Lord born in the flesh from the Virgin; for He has been glorified.

He Who cleanses the filth of people is Himself cleansed for their sakes in the Jordan. By His own will He became like them while remaining what He was. The Lord enlightens those in darkness; for He has been glorified.

When the light-bearing Dawn from the wilderness had shone forth to mortals, You, the Lord of the Sun, bent Your neck beneath the streams of the Jordan, to snatch our forefather from the land of darkness and to cleanse creation from all filth.

O Word without beginning, You make anew the one destroyed by error, who was buried with You in the waters. You were ineffably affirmed by the mighty voice of the Father: "This One is called My beloved Child, equal to Me by nature."

The Lord gives strength to our kings; He exalts the horn of His Anointed. Now He is born of a Virgin and comes to be baptized. Therefore, let us the faithful cry: "No one is holy as our God, and no one is righteous but You, O Lord."

Rejoice today, O Church of Christ! Once you were barren and childless, but now children have been born to you through water and the Spirit. They raise their cry in faith: "No one is holy as our God, and no one is righteous but You, O Lord."

With a loud voice the Forerunner cries in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of Christ; make straight the paths of our God; and raise your cry in faith: 'No one is holy as our God, and no one is righteous but You, O Lord.'"

Since we have been freed from the ancient snares and the teeth of young lions have been smashed, let us rejoice and open wide our mouths, weaving a melody of words to the Word Who delights to give us gifts!

**FROM FATHER CHANCELLOR**
18 December 2024

Dear Brothers,

Last week – December 3,2024 - , His Eminence Archbishop Alexander was diagnosed with an increased PSA level indicating a biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer. On December 17, 2024 he consulted his oncologist. His treatment plan will include androgen deprivation therapy followed by 39 radiation sessions. Treatments will begin in early January, after the Nativity feast, and will be completed by early April. As a result, His Eminence will not be traveling or giving talks from January 3 until the conclusion of treatment.

Please continue to keep His Eminence in your prayers.

In Christ,
Archpriest Andrew Jarmus, *Chancellor*

**FROM FATHER'S DESK**
Beloved,

On January 6 we celebrate the feast of Messiah Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by Saint John the holy prophet, forerunner, and baptist. For our reflection this month, I share words our Archbishop and father Alexander offered on the baptism of the Lord a few years ago. Love, Father Matthew

As we sing in the Troparion, "Today the worship of the Trinity is revealed." And I should like to dwell on that a little bit. How is the Trinity revealed? Well, it's rather obvious from the gospels, yes, we hear the voice from above, we see the Lord come out of the waters and the Spirit in the form of a dove. But my question is rather, what precipitates this? What precipitates the manifestation of the Trinity? And I don't want to draw out the suspense, the answer is simple, it is the humility of our Lord.

For he comes to the servant and bows his head before the hand of his creation. He, the immaculate, bows before a sinful man. He's great prophet, is John, a great prophet, but he is just a man, and like all men a sinner, like all the prophets before including the great Isaiah who when he saw God said "Woe is me! For I am a man of unclean lips and I have seen the King."

So does John try to draw away but the Lord Jesus does not permit it because he comes to bow his head before his creation and be plunged beneath the water by his creature's hand. And this, beloved, is the very moment when the heavens opened and the voice of the Father is heard and the Spirit descends in the form of a dove. This moment, the Word of God's submission to his creature. For it in humility that God is revealed. We've seen that already fifteen days ago.

Fifteen days ago what did we see? How did the King of heaven and earth come to us? How is he shown to us who is enthroned upon the Cherubim and before whom the Seraphim sing the thrice-holy. He comes a newborn, small, helpless, and laid on the filth of the stable floor. And today he extends that humility, bowing his immaculate head beneath the hand of a sinful man. So is God revealed. So he will come to us on Palm Sunday. Entering the city of his father David, the rightful King, and does he do so with armor and banners? No. Like a peasant, riding side-saddle on a donkey. And how does he end his life on earth? He ends it abandoned, mocked, naked, beaten. And this, beloved, these scenes, this unspeakable humility of our God is the true revelation of his divinity, of his glory. And for us, beloved, the path we are to tread because this is the path walked by God himself. Humility, self-offering, long-suffering, meekness, and mercy. This is the path through which the gates of life open to us, and the presence of God poured out to us. To him who walked it, Christ our God be glory with the Father and the Spirit forever. Amen.

## Hours Schedule

| January | | February | | March | |
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| 5 | Phil | 2 | Angelo | 2 | Alexander |
| 12 | Barry | 9 | Phil | 9 | Angelo |
| 19 | Lucy | 16 | Barry | 16 | Phil |
| 26 | Alexander | 23 | Lucy | 23 | Barry |
| | | | | 30 | Lucy |

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

## Reader Schedule

| January | | February | | March | |
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| 5 | Alexander | 2 | Phil | 2 | Phil |
| 12 | Phil | 9 | Alexander | 9 | Alexander |
| 19 | Katherine | 16 | Katherine | 16 | Angelo |
| 26 | Angelo | 23 | Angelo | 23 | Katherine |
| | | | | 30 | Alexander |

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

## Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

| January | | February | | March | |
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| 5 | Dennis Goodman | 2 | Christine Panoff | 2 | Dennis Goodman |
| 12 | Susie Ford | 9 | Dennis Goodman | 9 | Christine Panoff |
| 19 | Christine Panoff | 16 | Susie Ford | 16 | Susie Ford |
| 26 | Ian & Stephanie P. | 23 | Ian & Stephanie P. | 23 | Ian & Stephanie P. |
| | | | | 30 | Susie Ford |

If you are unable to make your assigned date please find a replacement. Let Susie know of any changes or if you cannot find a replacement (810-407-3016).

***HOURS, READERS & CANDLE STAND.*** *Please look at each month's newsletter as the schedule may have changed since the previous publication.*

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

**CONFESSIONS** the sacrament of Confession is offered on Saturdays after Vespers and by appointment. Call the office 810-744-0070 or e-mail stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com to make an appointment.

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

**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 Reader Alexander Gonser after the Divine Liturgy. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith. The class meets in the library.

**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.

**2025 CALENDARS** are available in the narthex. Thank you to Swartz Funeral Home for sponsoring our calendars again this year.

**THEOPHANY BANQUET AND OUTDOOR BLESSING OF WATER** on Sunday, January 12. Bring your empty bottles to fill with Holy Water. Dress for the weather. The menu is: lamb, chicken, potatoes, salad, vegetables, bread & butter, dessert & drinks. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall for volunteers for set-up, clean-up, your meal and also if you would like to make a dessert. Tickets can be purchased from Sharon Jernigan. Adults $18, children under 12 are free.

**13th ANNUAL WINTER DINNER FOR THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD MONASTERY** On Thursday January 23. 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 St. George Orthodox Church (5191 Lennon Rd, Flint, MI 48507):

- 5 pm Vespers led by the Monastic Community followed by a time to visit, appetizers and the Monastery Gift Shop
- 7 pm Dinner & program: ***What Does it Mean to be an Orthodox Christian***
- 8:30 PM Closing prayer and good night!

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.

**Please register, or to give a donation go online at: www.saintgeorgeflint.org or use the QR code to the right. Our parish is responsible for the drinks this year. Susie Ford is our contact person. Write checks out to Dormition Monastery.**

In Christ, Fr. Michael Bassett and the Winter Dinner Team here in Flint!

**ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Meeting of Saint Nicholas Church will be held on Sunday, January 26, beginning with a short prayer service after the Divine Liturgy. The meeting will then reconvene in the Parish Hall. All parish organizations must present a report, oral or written, to be given at this meeting. Please email reports to stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com From the parish bylaws: "A quorum for membership meetings shall consist of 25 per cent of the total number of members in good standing on record…If at a time fixed for the meeting; the present parish members should fail to constitute the required quorum, another membership meeting shall be convened one hour later on the same day which meeting shall be considered valid in the presence of any number of attending members. This provision should be included in the text of the notice convening the general membership meeting."

**MEMORY ETERNAL**

**Angelo Popoff (Evangelos Papadopoulos)** fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, November 30. He is the husband of Helen (Eleni) and the father of Kathy, Elva, and Mary and brother of John Popoff. Swartz Funeral Home handled arrangements. Angelo was buried from church on Saturday, December 7 at Evergreen Cemetery. Please remember Angelo in your prayers that he rest in the light of Christ's Face. And remember his family that the Lord sustain them in their grief. Bog da prosti! Christ is rise!

**PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES – FEBRUARY 2025**

February 1st - 6 pm Vespers with Liturgy for the great feast of the Encounter of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple with Symeon and Anna. Location to be announced.

**DOVES FOR THEOPHANY** are sponsored by Angelo & Christine Panoff in memory of their grandsons Andrew & Matthew Panoff ~ Memory Eternal.

**THANK YOU and GOD BLESS everyone who**

- helped decorate the church, hall, and put up the indoor and outdoor nativity scenes
- cared for our poinsettias to keep them for the Nativity season
- helped make our annual Cookie Walk a success, especially to Lucy Hogg who chaired the event
- sponsored children from our Angel Tree and to Eileen Branoff & Cindy Branoff who chaired this ministry
- Joe Tome for leading the choir responses for the celebration of our Lord's birth
- our choir members and chanters for raising up voices of prayer to the Lord for His birth
- Protodeacon Luke for all his help in the altar for the divine services of Christmas
- Barry Cavett, Alexander Gonser, and Dat Gerzevske for their serving in the altar
- those who bake prosfora for the Divine Liturgy
- all those who offered their sincere gifts to the Lord at Christmas
- anyone who did unseen good works, the Lord will repay you!

Thanks be to God for every person and everything!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** will be taken down on February 2 after Liturgy. Please plan on staying to help.

**2025 PLEDGE CARDS** If you haven't already done so, please return your pledge card so the parish council can budget accordingly. Remember in order to be considered a voting member here at St. Nicholas you must return a signed pledge card even if you don't enter a pledge amount.

**GIVE TO THE CHURCH THROUGH GIVELIFY** Go to our website www.saintnicholasburton.org and click on the box Give now with Givelify; 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.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are in the narthex. If there are boxes for family who have not been attending whom you will be seeing, please deliver them to help save on postage costs ($5 per box of envelopes). Please let Marcia know if you haven't received envelopes and would like to have them. Using envelopes is very helpful to those who count the stewardship collection & for the auditors.

**ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE - KROGER & COSTCO COMMUNITY REWARDS** Remember to use the Community Rewards when checking out. If you haven't already signed up, you can do so online 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. We've received $114.68 in 2024.

**OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES**

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

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting Toilet Paper & Lotion for the month of January. 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 blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, boots, coats & other warm winter gear. For more information call 810-265-7025.

# HOPE IN A BOX

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| Jan | Toilet Paper & Lotion |
| Feb | Shampoo & Conditioner |
| March | Feminine Care & Dental Products |

| January<br>Coffee Social Volunteers & Sponsors | |
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| 5 | Cathy Condon |
| 12 | Theophany Banquet |
| 19 | |
| 26 | |

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

### BIRTHDAYS

1 Lloyd Kilbourne Jr.
2 Barbara Vuckovich
6 Stella Nedanis
7 Anastasia Branoff
10 Jennifer Brucksch
15 Cathy Edwards
Luba Yosheff
16 Stacey & Michael Grousopoulos
19 Sharon Krych
20 Alex Nedanis
21 Nancy Borkovich
26 Deborah Gonser-Adams
Chris Taylor
27 Ressa Borkovich
29 Protodeacon Kerry Luke Gonser

### ANNIVERSARIES

14 Randall & Diana Broadfoot (1978)

### NAMESDAYS

1 Bill Cvetkovski
Bill Economou
Bill Kosman
Bosiljka Kantar (St. Basil)
Vasilios Georgopoulos
William Zelenko
2 Julia Peck
Juliana Loomis
Julie Marie Conover

### NAMESDAYS continued

3 Jenna Carole Paul
Jennifer Lynn Borkovich
Jennifer Broadfoot
Jennifer Nicole Brucksch
Jennifer Nicevski
6 Donna (Ordana) Slaughter
Fannia Young
Fanny Cvetkovski
Fanny Popoff
Jordan Abu-Aita
7 Jeanette Brayan
John Borkovich
John Cvetkovski
John Joseph Tome
John Popoff
John Sfetkidis
John Zelenko Jr.
Johnny Kantor
Jonathan Sfetkidis
Jonathon Shann
12 Tiffany Oliver (Tatiana)
Tonya Cvetkovski
14 Benjamin Goodman
Nina Sfetkidis
17 Anthony Mitevski
18 Atanas Želevarovski
21 Janja Beslach
22 Hayley Louise (Lynn) Paul
25 Gregory Oginsky
26 Chris Taylor
28 Les (Ephraim) Ford

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

**NEWLY-CHRISMATED** received into the Church on December 22 – Steven, Sharon, and Victoria Krych. God grant them many years! Please continue to remember the catechumens Michael Donigan, Adam and Kassie Lang, and Joel Green. Michael, Adam, and Kassie will be received into the Church in the spring and Joel in the summer.

# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATION DONATIONS

**Poinsettias**

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| **(1) Batzos family** | **In Memory of the Georgopoulos family** |
| **(1) Cathy Edwards** | **In Memory of Robert John Edwards** |
| **(2) Dennis & Eileen Goodman** | **In Memory of Angelo, Freda, John, Rose & Tony** |
| **(2) Lucy Hogg** | **In Memory of Ivan & Evdokia Ponomarenko** |
| **(2) Nancy, Tom, Danny & Megan** | **In Memory of Lewis & Evanka Elieff** |
| **(1) Connie Maxim** | **In Honor of my beloved daughter Ellyn & her family with God's blessings and good health** |
| | **In Memory of my loving husband Nicolas Maxim** |
| **(1) Julia Peck** | **In Memory of Jerome Peck and Mary & John Ferchak Jr.** |
| **(2) Kira Rabkina** | **In Memory of Luba & Don Stivens and Ivan & Ann Zubovich** |
| **(2) Bruce Watson & Rebecca Lazar** | **In Memory of Cyrus & Sophie Lazar, Marion Dimoff and Duane & Gloria Watson** |
| **(4) Donna & Marv Zischke** | **In Memory of Daisy & Sam Marvosh** |

**10" Wreaths**

**24" Wreath**

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| **(1) Dedo (Angelo) & Baba (Christine)** | **In Honor of our kids, grandkids & their families and for good health & God's blessing** |
| | **In Memory of Andrew & Matthew Panoff and other angels** |

**36" Wreaths**

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| **(2) Helen Popoff** | **In Memory of Angelo "Popoff" Papadopoulos** |

**50' Garland**

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| **(2) Diane & Randy Broadfoot** | **In Memory of Larry & Millie Bladecki** |

**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!

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

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

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| Paul Ellis | we don't have a current address for him at this time | | |
| 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 | 3417 Edgewood Ct | Davison, MI 48423 | 810-658-8321 |
| Diane Todorovsky | 14182 Moffett Dr | Fenton, MI 48430 | 810-750-7860 |

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** The next Parish Council meeting will be January 14th at 6:30 pm.

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE** ***finances*** Please continue your tithes and offerings so that we can finish the year in the black. Susie Ford, treasurer, reported that the balance sheet has increased slightly from October. ***endowment report*** no report. ***rector's report*** written report submitted. Many new visitors and inquirers. Father Peter Bistolarides was elevated to protopresbyter by Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit (Greek Archdiocese). Vision plan was printed in December newsletter and will be posted large-size in fellowship hall. ***Church school/youth ministry*** Stephanie Price reported that we need six Orthodox Study Bibles needed for the middle school/high school class. Rent a bounce house, snow cone machine and do hamburgers and hot dogs on the Sunday of Church school recognition at church. Most bags given for St Nicholas Day in quite a few years. ***community outreach 2025*** Stephanie Price prepared our community outreach calendar for 2025 and it will be shared in our newsletter. ***fundraiser*** Cookie Walk is Saturday, December 14 from 10 am to 1 pm. ***charity*** North End Soup Kitchen is on Thursday, January 2 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. ***maintenance*** Dennis Jernigan cleaned leaves off roof which needs to be done every season. Planning to create a schedule of regular maintenance and other items that need to be done every year, season by season, month by month. Stoves in kitchen need to be cleaned once a year - perhaps in November each year before St Nicholas day. Exterior front door was repaired and new threshold was put in with new hydraulic piston so it does not slam shut. Weather seals will be added to the bottom of both doors. City of Burton was contacted with drain issue in south parking lot and crack in asphalt near our entrance way. City representative said they will add these items to their list to examine. Air handler needed repair work. Sanitation line needs to be augured out. Salting of front porch of church and sidewalks will be applied by parishioners so that we use the appropriate salt rather than our snow removal company having to use two different salts. ***old business*** Connie Maxim reported that $93 was net for the three gift baskets on December 8. Dennis Jernigan said the hand rail is being used on the front steps of church which is great. ***new business*** Theophany dinner is Sunday, January 12. Dave Houser will prepare the lamb. Sharon Jernigan and Kathy Gonser will work to put together the dinner. $18 per plate. Children 12 and under eat free. Lamb or chicken, potatoes, vegetable, salad, bread & butter, dessert, coffee and soft drinks. Three doves available for sponsorship. Dormition Monastery Winter Dinner is Thursday, January 23 at St George. Susie Ford is our parish contact person. Our responsibility this year is beverages. Stephanie Price will set up Project Broadcast in December and go live with it at the annual meeting - this allows our church to send out text messages for news and events. Sharon Jernigan said that our Xfinity bill can perhaps be reduced and Charlie Jernigan will look into it. The parish council expressed thanks to Sharon Jernigan for her almost 50 years on parish council and many of those as chairperson. The parish council also expressed thanks to Susie Ford as she concludes her term and her service as treasurer.

**THEOPHANY - PRAISES at MATINS**

Light of light, Christ our God, the God Who shone forth, has shone in the world. O people, let us worship Him!

O Christ, our Master, How will we Your servants worthily honor You? For we have all been renewed in the waters.

By being baptized in the Jordan, O our Savior, You sanctified the waters; by letting a servant lay his hand on You, You have healed the passions of the world. Great is the mystery of Your divine plan. O Lord Who loves mankind, glory to You!

The true Light has shone forth granting enlightenment to all. Though He is beyond all purity, Christ is baptized with us. He sanctifies the water, and it becomes a cleansing for our souls. What is seen is earthly, but what is known is above the heavens. Through washing comes salvation, and through water comes the Spirit. By descending into the water we ascend to God. Your works are wonderful, O Lord: glory to You!

# Theophany Banquet

## Sunday, January 12

Following the Outdoor Blessing of water
and the Divine Liturgy

## MENU

Lamb/Chicken
Potatoes
Vegetable
Salad
Bread & Butter
Dessert
Coffee and Soft Drinks

Adults $18
Children 12 and under free

# 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.

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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.

# 13th Annual Winter Dinner for the Holy Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery

*A Pan-Orthodox Event Sponsored by the Orthodox Churches of Genesee County*

⇒**When:** Thursday, January 23, 2025, 5:00 – 8:30 PM
⇒**Where:** St. George Orthodox Church (5191 Lennon Rd., Flint, MI 48507)

## The Evening Schedule

- **5:00 Vespers:** Led by the Monastic Community followed by Social Time, Appetizers & The Monastery Gift Shop
- **7:00 Dinner and Program:** ***What Does It Mean To Be An Orthodox Christian***
- **8:30 Closing:** Prayer & Good Night!

**Minimum Suggested Dinner Donation**

- $35 / Adult
- $25 / Child or Student

*Unchanged For 13 Years!*

**Online Registration / Donation QR Code**

**You can also register online by going to: saintgeorgeflint.org**

**We would like to do all registrations and donations ONLINE this year.**

**If you need help please see your Parish Contact.**

**PARISH CONTACTS**

- Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.....Lori Photiou
- St. George Church .....Fr. Michael Bassett
- St. Mary Magdalene Church.....Dn. Michael Schlaack
- St. Nicholas Church. Susie Ford

*Fr. Michael Bassett – 12/03/2024*

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| ‡ *Fast*<br>*Wine & oil permitted (no meat)*<br>*Fish permitted (no other meat)* | | ***Times and events are subject to change*** | **1** **No fast**<br>*No Liturgy*<br>*No adult education* | **2** **No fast**<br>***9 am-12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen***<br>*Office Closed* | 3 ‡ | 4 **No fast**<br>*5 pm Vespers*<br>*confessions* |
| 5<br>*9:30 am Hours*<br>*10 am Divine Liturgy*<br>***Church School-Bulgaria - St Zlata***<br>***12 pm Vespers for Theophany*** | 6<br>***THEOPHANY***<br>*10 am Divine Liturgy at St Mary Magdalene Church*<br>*Fr. in Toledo (tentative)* | 7 | 8 ‡<br>*9:30 am Divine Liturgy*<br>*11:15 am adult ed* | 9<br>*Office Closed* | 10 ‡ | 11<br>*5 pm Vespers*<br>*Confessions* |
| 12<br>*9:30 am Hours*<br>*10 am Divine Liturgy*<br>***Water blessing & Theophany banquet*** | 13<br>*Fr. in Toledo (tentative)* | 14 *6:30 pm Parish Council*<br>*6 pm Prayer Service for the sick & suffering at St. Mary Magdalene Church* | 15 ‡<br>*9:30 am Divine Liturgy*<br>*11:15 am adult ed* | 16<br>*Office Closed* | 17 <br>***St Anthony the Great*** | 18<br>*5 pm Vespers*<br>*Confessions* |
| 19<br>*9:30 am Hours*<br>*10 am Divine Liturgy*<br>***Church School-St Peter*** | 20<br>*Fr. in Toledo (tentative)* | 21 | 22 ‡<br>*9:30 am Divine Liturgy*<br>*11:15 am adult ed* | 23<br>***13th Annual Dormition Fundraiser at St. George Church***<br>*Office Closed* | 24 ‡ | 25<br>*5 pm Vespers*<br>*Confessions* |
| 26 *9:30 am Hours*<br>*10 am Divine Liturgy*<br>***Church School-Three Hierarchs: St. Gregory Nazianzus***<br>***Annual Meeting*** | 27 | 28 | 29 ‡<br>*No Liturgy*<br>*No adult education* | 30<br>*Office Closed* | 31 ‡ | ***February 1*** |