

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

Monthly Newsletter

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

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

Saturday – 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions

Holydays: Vespers & Liturgy as announced

“But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

St. Jude 20

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THE LENTEN PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. (*prostration*)

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. (*prostration*)

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen. (*prostration*)

PRAYER BEHIND THE AMVON AT THE PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY
Master ruler-of-all, who in wisdom have fashioned all creation, who through your unutterable forecare and great goodness have led us to these most-holy days for cleansing of souls and bodies, for control of passions, and for hope of resurrection, who by means of forty days put into the hands of your servant Moses the divinely inscribed letters, grant us also, O Good One, to fight the good fight, to complete the course of the fast, to keep the faith undivided, to crush the heads of the invisible dragons, to be revealed victors over sin, and without condemnation to attain to and to worship also the holy resurrection, for blessed and glorified is your all-honorable and majestic name, of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages.

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Throughout our prayers and in the divine services we pray to God again and again for the forgiveness of our sins, “All-Holy Trinity, have mercy on us; Lord, cleanse our sins...” “Our Father, forgive us our trespasses...” When Jesus took the bread and wine and gave it to His disciples He said that this was His Body and Blood for the remission of sins. This is something that God alone can do: forgive sins.

The forgiveness of sins is something that is of God. In the Old Testament the Israelites had a goat on which they would sprinkle blood and place on it the sins of the people and lead it into the wilderness. They did it year after year. It did not take away the sins of the people but it was offered as a sacrifice for that purpose. This was an image of the forgiveness of sins that would come from the Lamb of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. He took on our sins. We will hear this from the prophet Isaiah on Great and Holy Friday where he writes speaking of the Savior Who was to come, “Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.” (54:4-5) The death of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the Cross is what brings the forgiveness of our sins. He endured all as the perfect sacrifice, taking upon Himself all our sins to put them to death on the Cross.

We see that this is what God has done for us out of His great love for us. He grants forgiveness not grudgingly or because we wear Him out with our prayers. He forgives our sins readily because we pray to Him for it, because we are sorry for our sins, because we want to begin anew. The season of Great Lent is one of THE times for us to come to Confession to confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness. There are four fasting seasons in the year: the Apostles' Fast, the Dormition Fast, the Christmas Fast and the Great Lent. We should make an effort to come at least during those times to come to Confession. And we have the opportunity to come to Confession on almost every Saturday after Vespers. God is pleased to forgive us our sins. It will make you feel better. There has never been a time when I have gone to confession that I did not walk away with a lighter spirit, a more joyful heart.

The forgiveness of sins belongs to God, and so we enter into communion with Him when we forgive others their sins against us. God's forgiving of our sins is contingent on us forgiving others their sins against us. Jesus Himself tells us that if we do not forgive others our Father will not forgive us. Yet, when we do forgive those who sin against us, our Father forgive us. (Matthew 6:14-15) By praying to God for the forgiveness of those who sin against us, by forgiving them, God frees us from the bonds of angry thoughts or irritation when we see or hear someone who has hurt us. To reach this point requires us not to be eager to see the faults of others but rather to see our own faults. One of the saints counsels us “to bear your own faults and not to pay attention to anyone else wondering whether they are good or bad. Do no harm to anyone, do not think anything bad in your heart towards anyone, do not scorn the man who does evil, do not put confidence in him who does wrong to his neighbor, do not rejoice with him who injures his neighbor...Do not agree with him who slanders, do not rejoice at his slander and do not hate him who slanders his neighbor. This is what it means not to judge. Do not have hostile feelings towards anyone and do not let dislike dominate your heart; do not hate him who hates his neighbor.” (St. Moses the Black)

“O Lord, grant us to see our own transgressions and not to judge our brothers and sisters...” that we may forgive even as You forgive us our sins.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Matthew

Hours Schedule					
March		April		May	
1	Angelo	5	Calvin	3	Angelo
8	Lucy	12	Angelo	10	Lucy
15	Calvin	19	Lucy	17	Calvin
22	Angelo	26	Calvin	24	Angelo
29	Lucy			31	Lucy
If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, you must find a replacement.					

Reader Schedule					
March		April		May	
1	Amir	5	Angelo	3	Amir
8	Angelo	12	Alexander	10	Alexander
15	Alexander	19	Johnny	17	Johnny
22	Johnny	26	Angelo	24	Amir
29	Amir			31	Angelo
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ANNUAL MEETING was held on Sunday, February 16.

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT You will find in your box of offering envelopes one marked “Diocesan Assessment.” Each parish in the Diocese is assessed per pledging adult. We have been paying this directly out of our Sunday offerings, using this envelope sets the funds directly aside for the Diocese.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE To help with the cost of maintenance for our parish we are providing offering envelopes for this purpose. Please consider making this a regular part of your giving throughout the year.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 pm. Please contact the church office if you are unable to attend. There is no meeting in April.

MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS From early times the Church dedicated Saturday to the souls. It is primarily the day of those who have fallen asleep. Christians always took care, with memorial services and charitable acts done especially on Saturdays, to stay close to their dead and ask God for their repose and salvation. The first Memorial (Souls’) Saturday (Zadušnica) was Saturday, February 22. The next Souls’ Saturdays are March 14, 21, and 28.. A Trisagion will be served on each Souls’ Saturday (except March 21) at 4:45 pm, prior to Vespers. Please fill out the enclosed sheet with the names of your fallen asleep (first names only) and return them to Fr. Matthew as soon as possible.

COIN BOXES Each Lent, we collect coins to help support the Orthodox missions here in the US and around the world through the Orthodox Christians Mission Center (OCMC). Boxes are found on the tables in the church hall. Please be generous!

PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN RETREAT – MARCH 21 AT OUR PARISH

Fr. Bogdan Bucur, a former student of Archbishop Alexander, will lead the retreat this year. Please use the sign-up sheet or call the parish office to register.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS We need volunteers for March. The coffee hour volunteer schedule has been posted & is located next to the kitchen window. Call the parish office as well as signing up, if you’d like to sponsor the donuts and/or coffee.

March Coffee Hour Volunteers	
1	Cheesefare
8	
15	Batcos family
22	Connie Maxim
29	

MACEDONIAN OPEN Monday, June 22. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. We can use gift cards to restaurants, gas stations, stores, etc. as prizes. It is never too early to purchase them. Please give the cards to Linda Branoff, George Branoff, Chris Nedanis, Angelo or Christine Panoff.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Petro Ahejew
5 Michelle Gerzevske
7 Amir Abu-Aita
Johnny Kantor
10 James Leonard Allen
12 Zeid Helal
14 Megan Krigner
15 John Popoff
Ryan Broadfoot
Theodore Wilhelm
18 Allison Borkovich
Jim Grossi
Lena Vassiliou
19 Joseph Oginsky Sr.
20 Mary Batzos
Sandra Ahejew
24 Marie Todorovsky
26 Scott Adkisson



NAMESDAYS

- 2 Chad Conover
7 Eugene Akkerman
9 Vivian Binelli
10 Leonid Rabkin
17 Alexis Nedanis
20 Svetlana Shchukina
23 Lydia Nicoloff
25 Angela Bakousidis
Angelo (Vangel) Panoff
Angelo Popoff
Angelo Young
Austin Angelo Selmi
Evangelos Stavridis
26 Gabriel Paul
27 Robert Elieff
Robert Naumoff
Robert Russell
Robert Steiner

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 John & Fanny Popoff (1967)
10 Stojan & Mira Prusac (1957)
26 Gregory & Danni Burns (2003)

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

VISITATION TO THE SICK Fr. Matthew brings Holy Communion to the shut-ins on Tuesdays. 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, Vasilka Karatza, Fred Oginsky, and Pete & Jo Sredich. Monthly Fr. Matthew visits Larry Bladecki (Bay City).

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The following are our brothers and sisters of St. Nicholas who are currently homebound, suffering from chronic illness, in recovery or in need of special prayers. Please remember them in your prayers and reach out to them with a card, a phone call or a visit! Please call the office to schedule a visit for Holy Communion.

Larry Bladecki	Gladys Edwards	Nick Karayanis	
Deacon John Bocek	Paul Ellis	Macy Lemmen	Bill Tadrick
Anna Branoff	Bill Haw	Fred Oginsky	Wendy Tadrick
Linda Branoff	Mary Karayanis	Ron Salhany	

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 15 th Street	Bay City, MI 48708
Anna Branoff	Grand Blanc Fields 12628 Pagels Dr	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Gladys Edwards	2 Harbor Dr.	St. Clair, MO 63077
Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr.	Flint, MI 48532
Vasilka Karatza	Regency 1330 Grand Pointe Ct	Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Jo Sredich	Magnolia House 4134 N. State Rd.	Davison, MI 48423

The Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint

Assumption (Greek) 2245 Baldwin Road ❖ Grand Blanc, MI 48439 ❖ 810-771-4611

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~ 2020 Great Fast ~ Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Potluck Dinners

Great Compline (*Mondays, 6:30pm*) We will be celebrating the Great Compline service together every Monday night at St. George. This beautiful service allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available from 6pm–6:30pm and after the service.

Lenten Hours (*Wednesdays, 10am*) St. Nicholas will celebrate the Lenten Hours every Wednesday.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy (*Wednesdays, 6pm*) We will celebrate the Presanctified Liturgy and the Great Feast of the Annunciation together according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at both. To partake of Holy Communion, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (not eating or drinking anything after 12 Noon). Confessions will only be available prior to the Liturgy from 5:30pm–6pm.

Potluck Dinners: A Lenten Dinner follows each Wednesday liturgy. Please bring a covered **Lenten Dish** (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products*) to the hall prior to the beginning of liturgy. If you have questions, call the church office where the combined service will be celebrated.

- March 11th **Presanctified Liturgy** Combined at St. Nicholas, 6pm
- March 21st **Lenten Retreat** led by Fr. Bogdan G. Bucur (*see separate flier*)
- March 25th **Annunciation Divine Liturgy** at Assumption, 9:30am OR
Annunciation Evening Liturgy Combined at St. George, 6pm
- April 8th **Presanctified Liturgy** Combined at St. Mary Magdalene, 6pm
- April 11th **Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Divine Liturgy, and Lenten Breakfast** Combined at Assumption 9:30am

Assumption is located 1 ½ miles west of Holly Road on Baldwin Road.
St. George is located between Linden and Dye Roads on Lennon Road.
St. Mary Magdalene is located ¼ mile east of Torrey Road on South Long Lake.
St. Nicholas is located ½ mile south of Lippincott on Center Road.

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Come, join us for this Lenten Retreat by Fr. Bogdan Bucur!



Our Covenant with God: Lessons from the Patriarchs, Prophets, Scribes, and Pharisees

Fr. Bogdan will discuss some Biblical texts including the persons of Abraham, Jacob, Moses, and the woman caught in adultery.

**Saturday,
March 21, 2020**

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**Please RSVP by March 15 to (810) 744-0070 or
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9:30 am – 10 am	Registration and Refreshments
10 am – 11:30 am	Presentation #1 with question & answer
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch (free will offering)
12:30 pm – 2 pm	Presentation #2 with question and answer
2 pm – 2:30 pm	Break/Snacks
2:30 pm – 4 pm	Presentation #3 with question and answer
4:30 pm	Vespers and Confessions

Guest Speaker: Fr. Bogdan Bucur

Fr. Bogdan Bucur is a priest of the Antiochian Archdiocese who received his M.Th in Orthodox Theology at the University of Bucharest in his native Romania and then came to the United States to study under then-Archimandrite Alexander (Golitzin) at Marquette University where he received his M.A. in Theology and Ph.D. in Religious Studies. He serves as the priest of St. Anthony Antiochian Orthodox Church, Butler, PA and is Associate Professor of Theology at Duquesne University. He is a scholar of early Christianity, with a special interest in the link between reception history of the Bible and doctrinal developments in early Christianity and the Byzantine tradition

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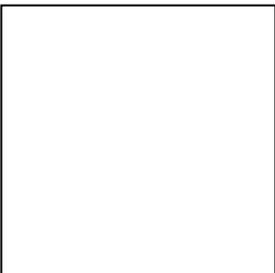
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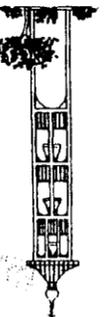
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Flowers for Great Friday & Pascha

Please fill out the form below as soon as possible. There are a limited number of plants available. We will be ordering 14 Lilies (3 plants per pot), 4 Daffodils (4 bulbs per pot), 6 Hyacinths (3 bulbs per pot), and 4 large Boston ferns. Donations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Return the form to the office or put it in the collection basket on Sunday. The names of those honored or memorialized will be published on a later date.

I wish to donate:

_____ Triple Lilies (\$30.00 ea.) 14 available
(How many)

_____ Large Hyacinth arrangement (\$20.00) 6 available
(How many)

_____ Large Daffodils (\$20.00) 4 available
(How many)

Special Items for Lent, Holy Week & Pascha

1. Wreath for the Cross-Third Sunday of Lent -\$125
2. Palms-Palm Strips-\$70
3. Palms-Fan Palms-\$60
4. Flowers for the Priest's Cross-\$30
5. 1 lg. ornamented Paschal Candle for the Priest -\$90
6. 2 lg. ornamented Paschal Candles for the Altar-\$90 each
7. 10 large candles for the Holy Grave-\$10 each
8. Flower blanket for the Holy Tomb (Epitaphios)-\$130
9. Incense-2- 1/2 lb pieces \$30 each
10. Rose Water-\$25
11. Red Dye for Eggs-30 packets-\$50



In honor of (for the living)

Or, in memory of (departed)

Your Name: _____

Amount: \$ _____



Cheesefare Sunday

March 1, 2020



Following the Divine Liturgy



FREE WILL OFFERING



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

ASK FATHER

When should we sit or stand during the Divine Liturgy?

The traditional posture for prayer and worship in the Orthodox Church has been to stand. In the Orthodox “old countries”, there are usually no pews in the churches. Chairs or benches on the side walls are usually reserved for the elderly and infirm. In North America, we have tended to build our churches with pews, and since we have them, we need to figure out when we may sit and when we should stand.

First of all, it is fully acceptable to stand for the entire service.

When should you **definitely stand**? **Always** during these times:

- The beginning of Liturgy & Great Litany
- The Little Entrance with the Gospel book
- The Epistle Reading
- The Gospel Reading
- The Cherubic Hymn
- The Great Entrance with the Offered Gifts
- From The Anaphora (“Let us stand aright, let us stand with fear...”) to the Dismissal of the Liturgy which includes:

- The Lord’s Prayer
- When the priest gives the blessing after Holy Communion
- At the Litany of Thanksgiving after Holy Communion: “Upright!...”
- Whenever the priest or bishop gives a blessing

If health or a medical condition makes it difficult to stand for the entire Liturgy, then we can be seated for a time.

What about the custom of receiving a blessing by having the chalice touched to my head after Communion?

This custom is a small “t” tradition in that it is not found everywhere in the Orthodox Church. As mentioned in the December newsletter, the custom is not found in the monasteries of Mount Athos nor is it found in the three other Orthodox churches in our county. This blessing most likely came about in response to not being able to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in holy Communion. So those who are unable to receive for any reason, line up to have the chalice with the Body and Blood of Christ touched to their heads as a blessing. This is the proper way to receive this blessing. If we have received Christ in holy Communion, we have Christ already in us – God Himself – so there is no need to have the chalice touched to us as we have Christ in us through Communion.

Please tell me about the lighting of candles for the living and those fallen asleep.

There are many candles that are available to be lit as we say a prayer for the living and those fallen asleep.

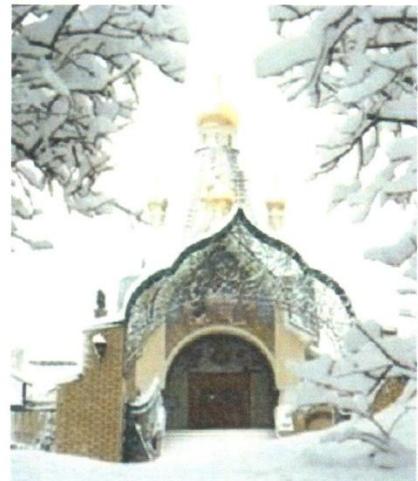
First, there are the thin beeswax tapers at the candle stand. Traditionally, these are lit for the living and placed in one or the other of the two round sand-filled stands at the back of the church.

Second, there are the large glass or plastic-encased candles at the candle stand. These are lit for the living or the fallen asleep and placed in the rectangular sand-filled stand on the south side (your right when facing the altar) at the back of the church.

Third, there are two candle stands where traditionally candles are lit for those fallen asleep. These are: the stand in the back on the north side (your left when facing the altar). This stand has 100 small candles with the cross of the Lord at the center. The other stand is a similar in the front of the church, on the north side, with the large image of Christ crucified (the Theotokos and St. John the Evangelist stand on either side of the cross).

Fourth, there are the candle intention sheets in the narthex above the chest of drawers. These candles are lit by the altar servers in front of the icons in the front of the church and may be lit for the living or the fallen asleep. You choose whether the candle is one that burns for seven days or fourteen days.

Fifth, on the chest of drawers in the narthex is a sheet to sponsor the candle that hangs above the altar. This is called “the Eternal Light” which reminds us of our Jewish origins as Christians: the candelabrum in the tabernacle in the desert and then in Temple in Jerusalem was always to be burning reminding us of Christ’s presence. We read in the book of Exodus 27:20-21 that the Lord said to Moses, “And you shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may be set up to burn continually. In the tent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening to morning before the LORD. It shall be a statute for ever to be observed throughout their generations by the people of Israel.” The candle above the altar is always burning, whether it is sponsored or not, as a constant reminder that Christ dwells in the holy of Holies and it is His presence that fills the Temple.



St. Mary Magdalene 2020 Lenten Monastery Pilgrimage

Trip Itinerary

Sunday, March 29th: Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene in Fenton Michigan. Depart for Holy Trinity Jordanville Monastery, arriving on Sunday Evening. **We will be traveling through Canada, so **Passports are required!***

Monday, March 30th: Morning Services at the Monastery and Breakfast. Tour of the Cathedral, Baptistry, Candle Factor, Incense workshop, and bookstore. Lunch and free time to explore, before departing for St. Tikhon's Monastery in the evening

Tuesday, March 31st: Early Morning Services at the monastery, followed by breakfast and a tour of the Monastery Church, Museum, and Grounds. Lunch, followed by free time in the afternoon. Depending on availability, a visit to see the weeping icon of "The Tender Heart" in Taylor, PA, followed by dinner at Cooper's restaurant in Scranton.

Wednesday, April 1st: Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy at the Monastery Church and a bookstore visitation. Departing early afternoon for Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City, PA.

Thursday, April 2nd: Morning Services and breakfast with the Mothers and Sisters, followed by a tour of the Monastery Grounds and Bookstore. Lunch will be provided, before departing home for St. Mary Magdalene

Cost is \$340 per person

(Cost does NOT include fuel, restaurants, and donations to the monasteries)

Email Fr. Gabriel at frgabrielm@gmail.com for more information!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Cheesefare 🍞 <i>The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise</i> 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School Cheesefare luncheon	2 Great Lent Begins † 6:30 PM <i>Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</i>	3 † 6:30 PM <i>Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</i>	4 † 6:30 PM <i>Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</i>	5 † 9am to 12:30 pm <i>North End Soup Kitchen</i> 6:30 PM <i>Compline w/ Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	6 † 6 pm <i>Presanctified Liturgy & blessing of Koliva/Kutya and lenten potluck</i>	7 🍇 <i>St Theodore</i> 9:30 am <i>Confessions</i> 10 am <i>Liturgy</i> 5 pm <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i>
8 🍇 1st Sun. of Lent Sunday of Orthodoxy 9:30 Hours 10 am <i>Divine Liturgy</i> <i>Icon Procession</i>	9 40 Martyrs 🍇 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i> 6:30 pm <i>Compline @ St. George</i>	10 † Communion Call to Bay City 6:30 pm <i>Parish Council</i>	11 † 10 am <i>Lenten Hours</i> 6 pm Combined Presanctified at our church then Lenten potluck	12 † <i>Office Closed</i>	13 † 6 pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten potluck	14 🍇 5 pm <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i>
15 2nd Sun. of Lent 🍇 St. Gregory Palamas 9:30 Hours 10 am <i>Divine Liturgy</i> Church School Noisy Offering <i>Parastas Gerry Batcos</i>	16 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i> † 6:30 pm <i>Compline @ St. George</i>	17 † <i>Office open 9-12</i>	18 10 am <i>Lenten Hours</i> 11 am to 1 pm Assumption at Center for Hope 6 pm Presanctified & Lenten potluck	19 † <i>Office Closed</i>	20 † 6 pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten potluck	21 🍇 Pan-Orthodox Retreat led by Fr. Bogdan Bucur at our church (see flier)
22 3rd Sun. of Lent 🍇 Veneration of the Cross 9:30 Hours 10 am <i>Divine Liturgy</i> Church School	23 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i> † 6:30 pm <i>Compline @ St. George</i>	24 Forefeast of the Annunciation 🍇	25 🐟 🍇 Annunciation 9:30 am <i>Liturgy at Assumption</i> 6 pm Combined Liturgy at St George followed by Lenten potluck	26 🍇 Leavetaking of Annunciation <i>Office Closed</i>	27 † 6 pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by Lenten potluck	28 🍇 5 pm <i>Vespers</i> <i>Confessions</i>
29 4th Sun. of Lent 🍇 St. John Climacus 9:30 Hours 10 am <i>Divine Liturgy</i> Church School	30 <i>Fr. in Toledo</i> † 6:30 pm <i>Compline @ St. George</i>	31 St Innocent 🍇	April 1 St Mary of Egypt 🍇 10 am <i>Lenten Hours</i> 6 pm Presanctified & Lenten potluck	<p><i>Times and events are subject to change</i></p> <p>† <i>fast</i> 🍞 <i>dairy & fish permitted (no meat)</i> 🍇 <i>wine & oil permitted (no meat)</i> 🐟 <i>fish permitted (no other meat)</i></p>		

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5 5 th Sun. of Lent  St. Mary of Egypt 9:30 am Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School	6 Fr. in Toledo  6:30 pm Compline @ St. George	7  Repose of St Tikhon	8  10 am Lenten Hours 6 pm Combined Presanctified at St. Mary Magdalene followed by Lenten potluck	9 	10  6 pm Presanctified Liturgy Office Closed	11 Lazarus Saturday  9:30 am Liturgy at Assumption & Lenten meal 5 pm Vespers & Litya Confessions
12  PALM SUNDAY 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School 6:30 pm Bridegroom Matins	13  HOLY MONDAY 9 am Presanctified @ St. George 6:30 pm Bridegroom Matins	14  HOLY TUESDAY 9 am Presanctified @ St. George 6:30 pm Bridegroom Matins <u>Last Confessions before Pascha</u>	15  HOLY WEDNESDAY 9 am Presanctified @ St. George 6:30 pm Holy Unction	16  HOLY THURSDAY 10 am Vesperal Liturgy 6:30 pm Passion Matins	17  HOLY FRIDAY 9 am Royal Hours Set-up the tomb 3 pm Vespers 6:30 pm Matins Office Closed	18 Wine permitted HOLY SATURDAY 10 am Vesperal Liturgy 12 pm Simple Blessing 10:30 pm Nocturnes 11 pm Procession/ Matins/Divine Liturgy
19 Fast Free PASCHA 10:30 am Paschal Hours 11 am Paschal Vespers	20 Fast Free BRIGHT MONDAY 10 am Liturgy @ St. Mary Magdalene	21 Fast Free BRIGHT TUESDAY 9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Paschal Brunch	22 Fast Free BRIGHT WEDNESDAY 6 pm Vespers & Liturgy at St. George	23 Fast Free BRIGHT THURSDAY Office Closed	24 Fast Free BRIGHT FRIDAY The Life-giving Spring of the Mother of God 9:30 am Divine Liturgy at Assumption	25 Fast Free BRIGHT SATURDAY 5 pm Vespers
26 Thomas Sunday 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School 2 pm St Nicholas Cemetery	27	28	29  9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Adult Education	30 Office Closed	Times and events are subject to change	