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

NOVEMBER 2019

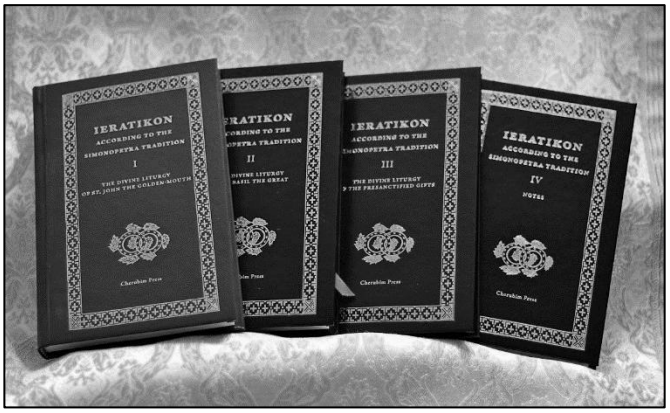
FROM THE FATHERS – ELDER AIMILIANOS

The saint knows he belongs to the one Church, which is the Church of the saints. He knows also that he is a sinner, a child of Adam, but that he has been reborn through Christ, who is the new Adam. On the other hand, most of us are seriously mistaken when and to the extent that we think we are saints, and we usually do this because we are only seeing one side of things: the activity of God's grace in our life. We don't see the mud and the dirt with which we are covered, which we carry around with us wherever we go. The saints have fullness of knowledge. They see, on one hand, their own sinfulness, and on the other hand, they see the holiness, the grace and the love of God, in which they share.

The saints are aware that they are saints, in the sense that they share in the life and sanctity of God. They are holy because God is holy, and they live and experience the fullness of His holiness, the presence of the Holy God. At the same time, they are fully aware that they are sinners, and it is in this awareness that their sanctity consists. They do not live in sin, but they know that sin is present in their members. This is why they purify themselves, making themselves fragrant vessels of the Holy Spirit, who is the source of all holiness, sanctifies them and makes them holy; He makes them saints, having great boldness of speech and intercessory power before Him.

We, on the other hand, when we think that we have acquired even some small virtue, become proud and conceited, because we have not acquired the corresponding knowledge of our sin, and of who and what we are. In addition to this, we confuse the Holy Spirit with what we think we are: That I am a saint; that I have this or that virtue. You can see how egotism produces profound errors of judgment. It is a crisis of understanding. Whoever thinks he is some kind of saint is judging things solely from a human point of view, solely according to the flesh, and he draws the mistaken conclusion that he is holy. But the true saint never thinks like this. He never judges things according to outward appearances but according to divine inspiration and illumination, and thus he never misses the mark of truth. This is why he has boldness of speech before God...At the same time, he prays as a sinner because he knows the double nature of man, which is both earthly and spiritual, but he also knows that into this same flesh was born Christ Himself.

FROM FATHER'S DESK



Our Archbishop Alexander shared the following with the clergy of the Diocese on the feast of St. George, 23 April 2018: "This is to let you know that…I received the blessing of Simonopetra Monastery to publish the English translation of their three volume *Ieratikon* being done by Fathers Silviu and Matthew. This will come out after my review of the work and with the blessing of Archimandrite Elisaios, abbot of the monastery, and my blessing. This translation will not be mandated for use in the Diocese but you will, of course, have my blessing to use it. Many things commend the Simonopetra *Ieratikon*, considered by many as the standard of Athonite practice and an exemplary work of liturgical research (done by Professor Foundoulis)."

The completed volumes arrived from the printer on October 1, the feast of the Protection of the Birthgiver of God. The three volume *Ieratikon* is the priest's book which contains all of the priest's and deacon's parts of the daily cycle of services we offer to God. The first volume contains Vespers, Matins and the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom as well as other services. The second volume is structured like the first but with the Liturgy of St. Basil which is used on the Sundays of Lent and the eves of Pascha, Nativity of our Lord, Theophany, and the feast of St. Basil. It also includes the great sanctification of water on Theophany. The third volume contains the same cycle of services but with the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts we serve during Lent.

A fourth volume was published as a supplement to the first three. This volume explains Elder Aimilianos Simonopetritis's understanding of the liturgy, the order of services at Simonopetra, an Orthodox vision of holy time and place as we enter into the Mysteries. There are additional rubrics, general principles of translation and comments on common terms, litanies and other common prayers, and on particular prayers.

The *Ieratikon* of Simonopetra excels in its simplicity, soberness, and richness. When we serve, says Elder Aimilianos,

> **it is good to be very simple and not to give the others a reason–with our posture, with our eyes, with our gestures, or with our voice–to pay attention to us. We should be very simple.**

The Simonopetra *Ieratikon* certainly reflects this vision.

For over a year a draft of the has been used by Protodeacon Luke and me for Vespers and the Divine Liturgy. You may have noticed a change in some phrases as well as the use of "You" and "Your" for God in place of "Thee" and "Thy."

It is my hope that in a piecemeal fashion, excerpts of the fourth volume will be shared with you in the newsletter or Sunday bulletin to explain the significance of a word or phrase in the services, shed more light on the architecture of the temple, and explain the vision concerning movements such as the entrances we make at Vespers and Liturgy.

Individual volumes as well as the entire four-volume set are available through the kiosk.

Hours Schedule

November		December		January	
3	Lucy	1	Calvin	5	Lucy
10	Calvin	8	Angelo	12	Calvin
17	Angelo	15	Lucy	19	Angelo
24	Lucy	22	Calvin	26	Lucy
		29	Angelo		

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

Reader Schedule

November		December		January	
3	Johnny	1	Johnny	5	Angelo
10	Angelo	8	Amir	12	Amir
17	Amir	15	Angelo	19	Alexander
24	Alexander	22	Alexander	26	Johnny
		29	Johnny		

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING November 12th at 6:30. Please call or email the office if you cannot attend. Meeting information will be emailed.

SMALL COMPLINE AND EXPLORING OUR FAITH teaching and discussion the 4th Tuesday of the month, through January. 6 pm at St. George. "Come deepen your faith with prayer, fellowship as we not only PRACTICE but also EXPLORE our faith! We will explore the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our relationships with others and in everything that we do! Hope to pray, fellowship and EXPLORE with you!" Father Deacon Michael. frdnmike@gmail.com

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL AND AUDITORS
As of today the nominees are:

Parish Council Nominees (3 will be elected)
Paul Brayan ***(term ending 2019)*** **Phil Brown** **Dennis Jernigan** ***(term ending 2019)*** **Bob Steiner** ***(term ending 2019)***
Auditor Nominees (2 will be elected)
Lucy Hogg **Cathy Steiner**

The annual election will take place on Sunday, November 3rd.
*** To vote you must have submitted a pledge card & received confession and communion with the past year. Absentee ballots are available in the office. Only one vote per person. If you fill out an absentee vote please do not fill one out on the 3rd.**

2020 PLEDGE CARDS will be mailed out on November 11th. If you have not received yours by Nov. 20th, contact the parish office by phone 744-0070 or email stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com so that we may get a pledge card to you. Please fill out and sign your pledge card so the parish council can budget accordingly. Remember in order to be considered a member here at St. Nicholas you must return a signed pledge card. We would like for them to be returned by December, 1. DO NOT send your 2020 pledge back with the card or it will be credited to 2019.

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER will deliver the concluding lecture of the series "The Beginning and the End: an Orthodox Understanding of Creation and the End of the World, using Imagery from the *Chronicles of Narnia*." His Eminence will speak on St. Symeon the New Theologian's Tenth Ethical Discourse on "The Day of the Lord."
WHEN: Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 pm
WHERE: St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church 2439 S Long Lake Rd, Fenton, MI 48430

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters November 7th (North End Soup Kitchen) and November 26th (St. George at North End Soup Kitchen) from 9 am-1 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom

1at ANNUAL CRAFT & ART SHOW at Assumption November 9th, 9 am-4 pm. Lunch available.

PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2019

November 20th –eve of the Entrance of the Theotokos – 6 pm Vespers & Divine Liturgy at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Grand Blanc.

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.

November Coffee Hour Volunteers	
3	
10	
17	
24	

HOPE IN A BOX

November	Dish Soap
December	Socks, Towels, Toiletries & New Toys
January	Mouthwash & Toilet Paper

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.

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

DIOCESAN NEWS The Diocesan Conference took place at St. Nicholas Church, Fort Wayne, IN October 4, 5, and 6. Joe Tome was our lay delegate, Deacon Kerry and Fr Matthew were clergy delegates. The Conference opened with a reception for clergy families on Friday, October 4. At this reception the official unveiling of the new *Ieratikon* took place which was introduced by Archbishop Alexander who offered remarks on the work.

The Divine Liturgy was served on Saturday morning, October 5 followed by brunch. Fr. Esteban Vázquez, a son of the Diocese and rector of St. Panteleimon Church, Summit, IL (OCA Midwest Diocese) was the keynote speaker giving the talk Ministry to Those in the Margins addressing how we may unintentionally set up barriers between ourselves and those who live in the communities where our parishes are located. His talk was well received and it was suggested that it be shared with the Orthodox Church in America as a whole.

Following a brief break, the business session of the Conference with reports took place. Dan Ralich of St. Nikolai Mission, Alliance, OH was elected to the Diocesan Council replacing Boris Gosheff. The Diocesan Treasurer, Steve Timofeev, presented the financial report and the budget for 2019-2020. The method of computing the assessment each parish has changed from $35 per adult to 2% of gross parish income. This will increase by 1% over the coming years until it reaches 6% by 2024 which will get the Diocese to break even. This step must be taken if we wish the Diocese to continue. Presently the Diocese has been running a budget deficit for the past seven years. In the territorial Dioceses of the OCA, for example the Midwest, the parish assessment is 13% of gross income per year. Our 2019-2020 assessment is $4,945.

The Diocesan Conference will be hosted by St. George Cathedral, Rossford, OH next year, October 2, 3 and 4, 2020. The cathedral will host the conference every other year. Ss Cyril and Methodius Church, Lorain, OH will host in 2021 and St. George Cathedral in 2022.

CHRISTMAS FAST begins on November 15 and continues to December 24. It is a time for us to increase our prayer, reading the Sacred Scripture, fasting and giving to those in need as we prepare to welcome the newborn Jesus Christ.

***From* www.oca.org "We fast before the Great Feast of the Nativity in order to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Our Lord Jesus Christ's birth. As in the case of Great Lent, the Nativity Fast is one of preparation, during which we focus on the coming of the Savior by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.**

By fasting, we "shift our focus" from ourselves to others, spending less time worrying about what to eat, when to eat, how much to eat, and so on in order to use our time in increased prayer and caring for the poor. We learn through fasting that we can gain control over things which we sometimes allow to control us—and for many people, food is a controlling factor.

While fasting from food, however, we are also challenged to fast from sin, from gossip, from jealousy, from anger, and from those other things which we all too often allow to control us.

Just as we would refrain from eating a lot before going to an expensive restaurant for dinner—if we "ruin our appetite" we will enjoy the restaurant less—so too we fast before the Nativity in order to more fully feast and celebrate on the Nativity itself.

During the Nativity Fast, we are called upon to refrain from meat, dairy, fish, wine, and olive oil. At the same time, we are challenged, within this framework, to fast to the best of our ability, and to do so consistently. If we must modify the extent to which we fast within this framework, it is of course possible, but in every instance our fasting should be consistent and regular, for Christ does not see fasting as an option, but as a so2019 something we do for the love of him, our Savior.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM Our parish will participate in this program for this Christmas as part of our Advent fast helping those in need. In the parish hall is the Angel Tree with 50 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 $20 and $30. Please return the gifts by December 2. If there are any questions, please contact Susie Ford (910-978-3026) or Jennifer Shann (810-728-6940).

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 are forms in the narthex or you can email the office. Donations are appreciated.

VISIT WITH ST. NICHOLAS & POTLUCK on December 8th.

COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 10 am to 1 pm. This year the Cookie Walk will be chaired by Stephanie Stikovich and requires help from many volunteers. Please call Stephanie at 810-658-8321 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.

CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

Dec. 8th – NO CLASS

NOISY OFFERING
Sept. $274.35 (amount collected) designated for IOCC School Kits

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

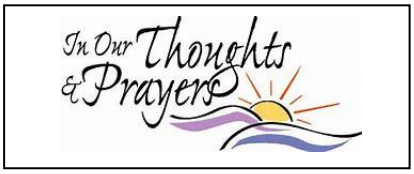
CALLING ALL SINGERS **The 32nd annual "Community Messiah Performance" is November 24th, 4 pm at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Grand Blanc. Rehearsals are Nov. 2, 9 & 16th, 10 am-12 noon. The dress rehearsal, which is mandatory, is Nov. 23, 10 am-12 noon. There is no audition. Bring a pencil, your own copy of Händel's "Messiah" (any edition) & a bottle of water. Go to the free section at http://www.cyberbass.com/Major_Works/Handel_GF/Handel_Messiah.htm to listen to your specific part of each chorus.**

WELCOME TO ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH **Father Jarrod Russell who is now the priest at Assumption. He served as the Parish Priest of the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Jamestown, New York and previously served as the Assistant Priest of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Carmel, Indiana.**

A native Arkansan, Fr. Jarrod was received into the Orthodox Church at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Little Rock in 2005. He entered Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in 2010, graduating with the professional degree of Master of Divinity with high distinction. Fr. Jarrod also completed the advanced theological research degree of Master of Theology at Holy Cross, graduating with highest distinction.

He was ordained to the Holy Diaconate by His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Detroit at the Annunciation Church in Little Rock in August of 2015. Fr. Jarrod was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas at the Holy Trinity Church in Carmel in September of 2015.

Fr. Jarrod also holds degrees from Missouri State University and the University of Arkansas School of Law. He practiced law in Arkansas for nine years prior to enrolling at Holy Cross and continues to be licensed to practice law. (from the website of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Detroit)



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

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**	**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**	
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**	

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

1 Jeanette Brayan
3 Debbie Neely
5 Alex Popoff
Mira Prusac
Jonathon Shann
7 Gabriel Paul
10 Bosa Kantar
13 Gregory Burns
14 Fred Oginsky
15 Mary Abu-Aita
19 Alexander Chevalier
22 Matthew Economou
23 John (Joe) Tome
24 Ruth Conrad
26 Mitra Pagonis
27 Hannah Shann
28 Susan Oginsky

ANNIVERSARIES

13 Father Matthew & Matushka Lisa
16 Alex & Magda Popoff
23 Nikolai & Valentina Evanenko
26 Petro & Sandra Ahejew

NAMESDAYS

7 Caroline Panoff (St. Karina)
8 Arielle Grace Borkovich
Colin Michael Karayanis
Gavin (Michael) Whittaker
Michael Biggs
Michael Borkovich
Michael Branoff
Michael Chevalier
Michael Grousopoulos
Michael Karayanis
Michael Panoff
Michael Popoff
Michael Steiner
Michelle Gerzevske
Michelle Karayanis
Ralph Neely

November 3rd

NAMESDAYS cont.

10 Krystal Rose George
Viktor Dorohov
11 Stephanie Adkisson
Stephanie Bishop
Stephanie Houser
Stephanie Price
Stephanie Stikovich
Vickie Ann Borkovich
Victoria Batzos
13 Devin Yasmine Binelli
14 Philip Bakousidis
Philip Brown
Philip Pirkovic
16 Everett Matthew Batzos
Fr. Matthew-Peter Butrie
Matthew Batzos
Matthew Economou
19 Matushka Lisa Ann Butrie
22 Cecile Georgopoulos
Sheila Biggs (St. Cecilia)
24 Catherine Steiner
Kara George
Karen Ethington
Kate Economou
Katherine Gonser
Katherine Panoff
Katherine Whittaker
Kathleen Biernacki Killian
Kathryn Stevens
Kathryn Gurin
Kathy Condon
Kathy Sfetkides
26 Stella Stergiani Nedanis
29 Andy Yosheff

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

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

Presents
1st Annual Holiday Craft
& Arts Show

Saturday
November 9th, 2019
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

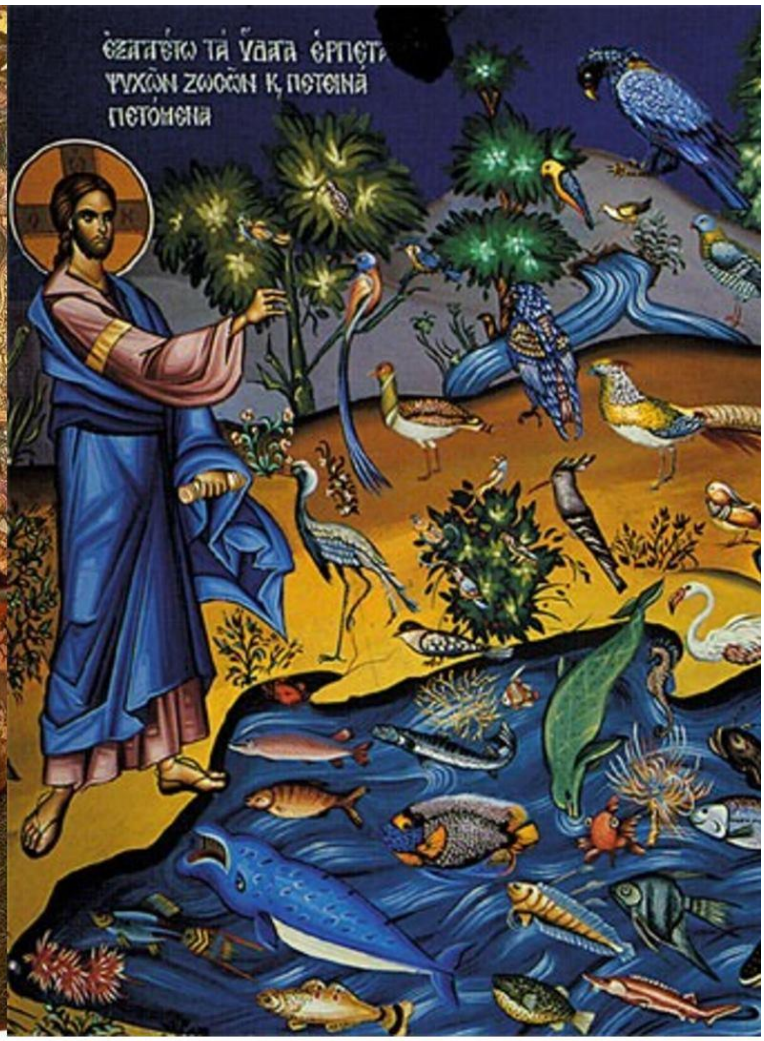
Assumption Church Hall
2245 E. Baldwin Rd, Grand Blanc
(Located on Baldwin Road between Fenton & Holly Roads)

Several tables of unique items
Holiday, jewelry, fabrics, toys, bakery
No commercial vendors

FREE ADMISSION

Lunch Available

Come to look for something special, visit with crafters, and spend time with friends while you enjoy wonderful company, great food and beverages!



St. Mary Magdalene Fall Lecture Series

THE BEGINNING AND THE END

AN ORTHODOX UNDERSTANDING OF CREATION AND THE END OF THE WORLD, USING IMAGERY FROM THE "CHRONICLES OF NARNIA"

Join us for our Fall Adult Education Series, we will be using images from C.S. Lewis's famous series "The Chronicles of Narnia", to uncover the Orthodox Teachings on the Creation of the World and the Second Coming. As part of our lecture series, we will be joined by His Eminence Archbishop Alexander for a special wrap up session on November 6th, as he speaks on his translation of St. Symeon the New Theologian's writings on Eschatology (the study of the end times).

+Wednesday, October 16th, 6:30 PM

WHAT IS MANKIND'S ROLE IN THE UNIVERSE?

+Wednesday, October 23rd, 6:30 PM

DO ANGELS AND DEMONS EXIST?

+Wednesday, October 30th, 6:30 PM

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE AND KNOW ABOUT THE END TIMES?

+Wednesday, November 6th, 6:30 PM

ARCHBISHOP ALEXANDER: "ST. SYMEON ON THE END TIMES"

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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

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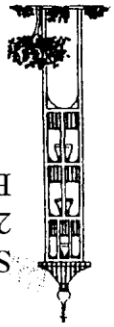

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Fast ***Dairy Permitted (no meat)*** ***Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat)*** ***Fish Permitted (no other meat)***		**Charitable Ministries by the Orthodox Churches of Flint:** **St. Nicholas**-N. End Soup Kitchen, 1st Thurs., 9 am-1 pm. **St. George** – N. End Soup Kitchen, 4th Tue., 9 am to 12:30 pm **Assumption** – Center for Hope 517 E Fifth Ave, 3rd Wednesday, 11 am to 1 pm		***Times and events are subject to change***	*1*	*2* *4:35 pm Trisagion for Souls' Saturday* *5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions*
3 *9:30 Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy* *Elections after Divine Liturgy* ***Church School***	*4* ***Father in Toledo***	*5*	*6* *9:30 am Divine Liturgy* *11:30 am Adult Ed* ***6:30 pm Fall Lecture Series at St Mary Magdalene with Archbishop Alexander***	*7* *North End Soup Kitchen* *9 am- 1 pm*	*8* ***Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & All the Angels*** *Office Closed*	*9 9 am to 4 pm* *Craft & Arts Show at Assumption* *5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions*
10 *9:30 Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy* ***Church School***	*11* ***Communion Calls to Bay City, Caro & Lapeer***	*12* *6:30 pm Parish Council*	*13* ***St. John Chrysosyom*** *9:30 am Divine Liturgy* *No Adult Ed*	*14* ***St. Philip*** *Office Closed*	*15* ***CHRISTMAS FAST BEGINS***	*16* ***St. Matthew*** *10 am Divine Liturgy* *5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions*
17 *9:30 Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy* ***Church School*** ***Noisy Offering***	*18*	*19* ***Father in Toledo***	*20* *9:30 am Divine Liturgy* *11:30 am Adult Ed* ***11 am to 1 pm Assumption at Center for Hope*** ***6 pm Vesperal Liturgy at Assumption***	*21* ***Entry of the Theotokos*** *Office Closed*	*22*	*23* *5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions*
24 *9:30 Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy* ***Church School***	*25* ***Leavetaking of the Entry***	*26* ***Fr. in Toledo*** ***9:am to 12:30 pm*** ***St. George Church at North End Soup Kitchen***	*27* *No Divine Liturgy* *No Adult Ed*	*28* ***Thanksgiving*** *Office Closed*	*29* *Office Closed*	*30* ***St. Andrew*** *5 pm Vespers*

DECEMBER 2019

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1 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy **Church School**	2	3 *Fr. in Toledo*	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** **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 *Fr. in Toledo* **The Conception by Righteous Anna of the Theotokos**	10 **Communion Calls to Bay City & Caro** 6:30 pm Parish Council	11 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:30 am Cookie workshop	12 Office Closed	13 **Repose of St. Herman of Alaska**	14 **10 am -1 pm Cookie Walk** 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions
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22 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy **Church School**	23 **6:30 pm Royal Hours**	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 Office Closed	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**		

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