St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Newsletter

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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

NOVEMBER 2024

Saint Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia (1906-1991)

from *Wounded by Love*

We shouldn't be enraged by people who blaspheme or who speak and act against God and the Church. Such rage is harmful. We may hate the words and the malice behind them, but we must not hate the person who spoke them nor become enraged against him. Rather we should pray for him. A Christian has love and graciousness and should behave accordingly. Just as a hermit, who is seen by no one, benefits the world because the mystical waves of his prayers influence people and transmit the Holy Spirit into the world, so you, too, should scatter your love, without expecting anything in return – with love, patience and a smile…

"Christ gives everything. We must all be humble: in thought, in word and in behaviour. We will never go before God and say, 'I have virtues.' God does not want our virtues. Always appear before God as a sinner, not with despair, but 'trusting in the mercy of His compassion'."

Think good things about other people. With your prayer, through Christ, you can have a beneficial effect on others. Don't think ill of other people, because then you're a bad influence on them.

People who are humble are cognizant of their inner state and however bad it is, don't lose their personality. They know they're sinners and they mourn over it, but they don't despair, they don't exhaust themselves. Those who have holy humility don't talk at all, in other words they don't react. They allow others to rebuke them, to reproach them without getting angry and finding excuses.

Being indifferent towards the enemy is a great art: the art of arts. And it comes about only by divine Grace. Opposing evil by the Grace of God is achieved bloodlessly and painlessly, without pushing and shoving.

FATHER'S DESK Beloved, as we near the new year, let's look at our financial stewardship. **– Fr Matthew**

What is stewardship?

We offer ourselves and all creation to God at every Divine Liturgy with the words, "Offering to you your own of your own, on behalf of all and for all." We acknowledge that everything we offer to God is a gift from him. We take what God has given to us and we return it to him as an act of our thanksgiving and praise. As stewards of God's gifts, we return to him a portion of our time, talents and treasures for Christ's work on earth through his Church. The Stewardship Program is an opportunity to respond to Christ's love. Stewardship places the responsibility to support the Church exactly where it belongs, on us.

What do the Scriptures say?

King David said, "all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You." (Chronicles 29:14)

A Steward, according to the Scriptures, is one who manages and uses the gifts entrusted to him or her by God for his or her personal welfare and for the perpetuation of the Lord's work.

Our money and possessions are not ours, but on loan. When we give to the Church, we return to God, the owner, his rightful portion. The more we are given, the more is expected of us.

Why is money needed?

Money is a necessary tool for ministry. To fulfill the Church's mission, we are called upon to commit ourselves to bear our fair share in the financial support of our Church's expenses on a parish and diocesan level.

What guide can I use to determine my giving?

Proportionate giving involves two things. Firstly, that our level of giving rises out of our level of income. Secondly, that giving out of thanks will involve sharing a portion of that income for God's work.

We should ask ourselves "what is a worthy level to determine my Stewardship?" The Scriptures give much guidance by teaching us that direct giving to God and his work should be proportionate to our income, wealth and possessions. Each person is to give according to his or her own ability.

In the Scriptures we read that the standard is the tithe or 10% of one's income. This provides us with the principle that giving should be a proportion of our income. Each Steward should determine what percentage of his or her income will be committed to Christ and the Church.

We should consider what we spend on holidays, pets, dining out, sports events, vacations and so on. How do these compare with our giving for God's work? We should ask ourselves if our Stewardship Commitment is serious and responsible before God. Is our gift a genuine response to the Lord: "Offering to you your own of your own, on behalf of all and for all"?

Am I bound to my stewardship commitment?

Your Stewardship Commitment is kept in confidence. Jesus taught us that giving should be done quietly, generously and out of sight of others. If you wish to revise your commitment during the year for any reason, you may send a note to the Church Office indicating your intention.

How shall I pay my stewardship commitment?

You may pay your commitment in the way that suits you best. Regular weekly or monthly contributions are suggested. An online option is available at our **website**.

Who will my pledge card include?

The pledge card includes husband and wife for married couples and single adults as Stewards. Family members over 18 years of age, who are employed, should make their own Stewardship Commitment.

How will my pledge card be collected?

The pledge cards can be submitted on any Sunday or can be mailed to or dropped off at the Church Office.

How can a new steward join our church?

Orthodox Christians, who wish to be served by our parish, may become Stewards of Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church by making a filling out a pledge card for their Stewardship Commitment for the current year.

Hours Schedule

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

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

Reader Schedule

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

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

Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

November		December		January	
3	Dennis Goodman	1	Dennis Goodman	5	Dennis Goodman
10	Susie Ford	8	Susie Ford	12	Susie Ford
17	Christine Panoff	15	Ian & Stephanie P.	19	Ian & Stephanie P.
24	Ian & Stephanie P.	22	Christine Panoff	26	Christine Panoff
		29	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 are held at St. Mary Magdalene the second Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. Email names to smmocafenton@gmail.com

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on November 7 from 9 am-12:30 pm. "Feeding the hungry is a greater work than raising the dead." St. John Chrysostom.

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.

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). The cost of the book is $30. You may purchase it at the kiosk.

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.

SOUL'S SATURDAY Divine Liturgy with Trisagion, November 2 at 10 am. Forms are at the candle stand. If you filled one out earlier in 2024 you don't need to turn one in again.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT November 9 after Vespers. Bring your own or use the ones that are provided. Pizza & drinks will be provided. Contact Stephanie Price with questions at 248-396-3899.

KROGER/COSTCO COMMUNITY REWARDS Remember to use your Community Rewards when checking out at the register. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores. We've received $75.32 so far this year!

IOCC HURRICANE RELIEF You can give a donation to St. Nicholas which will be sent to IOCC or you can give directly to them at iocc.org/hurricanes21.

ANGEL TREE Our parish will participate in this program for Christmas as part of our Advent fast, helping those in need. The 50 tags with children's names will be on the Angel Tree in the parish hall by November 17. 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 $25 and $35. It's important to keep the amounts spent for kids in the same family the same. Please return the gifts by December 6. If there are any questions, contact Eileen Branoff at (810) 232-5132 or Cindy Branoff at (810) 714-1104.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS If you would like to have your name(s) included on the annual Christmas greetings list please call or email the office no later than December 2nd. Donations are appreciated.

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

COOKIE WALK will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 10 am to 1 pm. The Cookie Walk will be chaired by Lucy Hogg this year and requires help from many people. **It would be helpful to have someone co-chair with Lucy this year as we need a new chairperson or chairpersons for the 2025 Cookie Walk** Please call Lucy at 810-695-3110 with any questions. The baked goods need to be delivered by Friday, December 13th before 12 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall to volunteer whether with baking cookies, set-up, the day of the sale, or the break-down of the hall following the sale. Donations are also appreciated if you cannot bring cookies so some pre-made goodies can be purchased.

PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES AND EVENTS

Nov 20	6:30 pm	Vespers w/lity for the Entrance of the Theotokos at Saint Mary Magdalene Church
Nov 21	10 am	Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos at Assumption Church

PARISH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCIL, AUDITOR & LAY DELEGATE takes place on Sunday, November 3. To vote you must have submitted a pledge card & received Confession and Communion within the past year. Only one vote per person: if you fill out an absentee vote please do not fill out a ballot on November 3. The nominees are:

Parish Council (3 year term)
(3 will be elected)

Lena Bakousidis *(term expiring)*
Eileen Branoff
Bill Economou

Auditors
(3 will be elected)

Cathy Edwards *(completing Eileen Branoff's term which ends in 2025)*
Susie Ford *(completing Calvin Conrad's term which ends in 2026)*
Christine Panoff *(3 year term)*

Lay Delegate to the 2025 Diocesan Conference
(1 will be elected)

Chris Taylor
Joe Tome
(top vote-getter is the delegate, next in votes is the alternate delegate)

A luncheon, with sloppy joes & coleslaw, will follow the meeting. A free will offering taken.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE *financial* - Sharon Jernigan - parish council president, Susie Ford - parish council treasurer, and Marcia Hammerberg - parish secretary, will be meeting online on October 23 with Michael Fioritto, CPA to further refine the balance sheet set-up and quarterly statements. He has charged us $5,000 to date and has everything in QuickBook accounts and financials updated. *rector's report* - Father Joe and Khouriya Leslee Abud's retirement celebration was joyful and beautiful on Sunday, October 6. *church school* - We now have grade school, middle school, and high school students in Church School. We need a whiteboard for the additional classroom. We need a substitute teacher. *community outreach* - fall luncheon on Thursday, October 24 from 11:30 am to 2 pm. $12 per plate. Trunk or treat Saturday, October 26, 1 pm prep trunks, 2 to 4 pm trunk or treat. Ian and Stephanie Price are donating sloppy joes. This is a community-wide event and we expect even more attendees than last year. Bring a lawn chair and a blanket and hand out candy. Chris Taylor will assist getting our events posted on ABC 12 community calendar. Family game night is Saturday, November 9 after Vespers. Post in newsletter and bulletin that phyllo dough is available for purchase-$4 per package. **Cookie Walk is Saturday, December 14. Lucy Hogg is chairperson this year. It would be helpful to have someone co-chair with Lucy this year as we need a new chairperson or chairpersons for the 2025 Cookie Walk**. *charity ministries* - Our service at North End Soup Kitchen is Thursday, November 7 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Angel Tree - buying gifts for children in need - we will participate in again this year. Eileen Branoff and Cindy Branoff will co-chair this charitable ministry this year. Children's names will be available beginning the second week of November. *building and grounds* - some parts need to be replaced in the boiler. A new piston has been ordered for the front door. Pavilion has some work that needs done. Painting in the pavilion will have to wait until spring.

PARISH COUNCIL meeting is Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30.

CONGRATULATIONS to Christopher Branoff who was elected to the Orthodox Christian Network (OCN) Board of Directors. OCN's mission is to spread knowledge of Orthodoxy around the world via digital means. This has some excellent information in it. To check out the magazine go to Orthodoxy Now Digital Magazine To learn more about OCN or to give a donation go to https://myocn.net/.

MEMORY ETERNAL Please remember these newly fallen asleep and their families:

Michael Hammerberg, Jr fell asleep in the Lord on September 18. He is the nephew of Marcia Hammerberg, our parish secretary.

Louis E. Kubena fell asleep in the Lord on October 10. He is the uncle of Father Matthew.

Monsignor James Brucksch fell asleep in the Lord on October 18. He is the brother of Jerry Brucksch and brother-in-law of parishioner Christine Brucksch.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL subscribe to our YouTube channel Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church Burton to receive notifications of upcoming livestreams for services. Livestreams begin at 9:30 with Hours.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN we serve on Thursday, November 7 from 9 to 12:30 pm.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Dish & Laundry Soap in November. Place the items in bags then put 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.

HOPE IN A BOX	
Nov	Dish & Laundry Soap
Dec	Socks, Towels, Toiletries & New Toys
Jan	Toilet Paper & Lotion

November Coffee Social Volunteers & Sponsors	
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24	

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).) ***Please consider adding a little extra to your donation to cover the fee we are charged.** 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.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP/SEMINARIAN OFFERING On the first Sunday of the month an envelope will be placed in the bulletin for this fund to be placed in the plate when it is passed. There is also a category marked "Seminarian" on your stewardship envelopes that you can include with your regular giving. This helps to support parish seminarians, those training to become catechists, and kiosk expense for theological materials for inquirers.

2025 PLEDGE CARDS & QUARTERLY STATEMENTS were mailed out the last week in October. If you have not received yours by Nov. 15th, 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 voting parishioner at St. Nicholas you must return a signed pledge card and receive Confession and Holy Communion. We would like for them to be returned by December,1. **DO NOT send your 2025 pledge donation back with the card or it will be credited to 2024.**

PRAYERS FOR THOSE FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD *The Passion of Perpetua and Felicity* is one of the oldest Christian documents of martyrdom written by St. Perpetua herself in 203 A.D. From St. Perpetua we know that our prayers have an effect on those who have fallen asleep. How, we do not not know. We only know that our prayers for the fallen asleep are beneficial for them. Below is a short introduction from The Acts of Perpetua and Felicity and then the text which St. Perpetua wrote concerning her brother Dinocrates who had died.

St. Vibia Perpetua, was martyred in the arena in Carthage on 7 March 203. The account of her martyrdom - technically a Passion has special interest as much of it was written [section 3-10], in Latin by Perpetua herself before her death. This makes it one of the earliest pieces of writing by a Christian woman.

St. Perpetua writes: 7. A few days after, while we were all praying, suddenly in the midst of the prayer I uttered a word and named Dinocrates; and I was amazed because he had never come into my mind save then; and I sorrowed, remembering his fate. And straightway I knew that I was worthy, and that I ought to ask for him. And I began to pray for him long, and to groan unto the Lord. Immediately the same night, this was shown me. I beheld Dinocrates coming forth from a dark place, where were many others also; being both hot and thirsty, his clothing foul, his color pale; and the wound on his face which he had when he died. This Dinocrates had been my brother in the flesh, seven years old, who being diseased with ulcers of the

face had come to a horrible death, so that his death was abominated of all men. For him therefore I had made my prayer; and between him and me was a great gulf, so that either might not go to the other. There was moreover, in the same place where Dinocrates was, a font full of water, having its edge higher than was the boy's stature; and Dinocrates stretched up as though to drink. I was sorry that the font had water in it, and yet for the height of the edge he might not drink. And I awoke, and I knew that my brother was in travail. Yet I was confident I should ease his travail; and I prayed for him every day till we passed over into the camp prison. (For it was in the camp games that we were to fight; and the time was the feast of the Emperor Geta's birthday.) And I prayed for him day and night with groans and tears, that he might be given me.

8. On the day when we abode in the stocks, this was shown me. I saw that place which I had before seen, and Dinocrates clean of body, finely clothed, in comfort; and the font I had seen before, the edge of it being drawn to the boy's navel; and he drew water thence which flowed without ceasing. And on the edge was a golden cup full of water; and Dinocrates came up and began to drink therefrom; which cup failed not. And being satisfied he departed away from the water and began to play as children will, joyfully. And I awoke. Then I understood that he was translated from his pains.

from http://earlychristianwritings.com/text/perpetua.html

10 YEARS LATER - 2014 PARISH HEALTH WORKSHOP

In November 2014 Mr. Joseph Kormos presented three areas of focus for our parish as we were preparing for our 100th anniversary: 1- Worship, 2- Charity, 3- Financial Generosity. Last month, ten years on since that workshop, we looked at Charity. This month let's look at 3- Financial Generosity.

Stewardship is how we care for what God has given us: the gospel, our life, our health, our possessions, to name a few. Part of our stewardship is our setting aside as an offering to God a portion of our money which we donate through the church. A tithe is 10% of our income. We are to give proportionally, a percentage of our income, as Scripture tells us. Financial generosity is something our Lord asks of us, giving cheerfully from our first-fruits.

- **The median donation is the amount right in the middle for our yearly donations.**

In 2014 our parish's median donation per year was $800.
Our goal for 2016 was to reach a median donation of $1500 per year.
In 2024 the median pledge was $780 per year.

- **In 2014 there were 8 families donating above $2500 per year.**

Our goal for 2016 was to reach 16 families above $2500 per year.
In 2024 17 families above $2500 per year.

Through our commitment to grow in our spiritual life through worship and prayer as well as our commitment to give thanks to God for His gifts to us by our financial generosity may God sustain us.

– Fr. Matthew

DECEMBER 8 St. Nicholas visit

DECEMBER 14 Cookie Walk

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

1 Jeanette Brayan
3 Deborah Neely
Victor Dorohov
5 Jonathon Shann
7 Gabriel Paul
10 Bosa Kantar
13 Gregory Burns
22 Matthew Economou
Victoria Krych
23 John (Joe) Tome
26 Mitra Pagonis
27 Hannah Shann
28 Susan Oginsky

ANNIVERSARIES

13 Father Matthew & Matushka Lisa (1999)
26 Petro & Sandra Ahejew (1963)

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

8 Arielle Grace Borkovich
Colin Michael Karayanis
Gavin (Michael) Whittaker
Michael Biggs
Michael Borkovich
Michael Branoff
Michael Grousopoulos
Michael Karayanis
Michael Popoff
Michael Serra
Michael Steiner
Michelle Gerzevske
Michelle Karayanis
Ralph Neely
10 Krystal Rose George
11 Stephanie Houser
Stephanie Price
Stephanie Stikovich
Vickie Ann Borkovich
Victoria Batzos
Victor Dorohov

NAMESDAYS cont.

13 Devin Yasmine Binelli
14 Philip Bakousidis
Philip Brown
Philip Pirkovic
Philip Wiles
16 Everett Matthew Batzos
Fr. Matthew-Peter Butrie
Matthew Batzos
Matthew Economou
17 Matushka Lisa Ann Butrie
22 Cecile Georgopoulos
Kassandra Lang (St. Cecilia)
Sheila Biggs (St. Cecilia)
24 Catherine Steiner
Cathy Edwards
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
30 Barry Andrew Cavett (St. Andrew)

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!

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:

Paul Ellis	2360 Stonebridge Dr	Flint, MI 48532	
Mary & Nick Karayanis	2238 Old Hickory	Davison, MI 48423	810-653-1169
Angelo & 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

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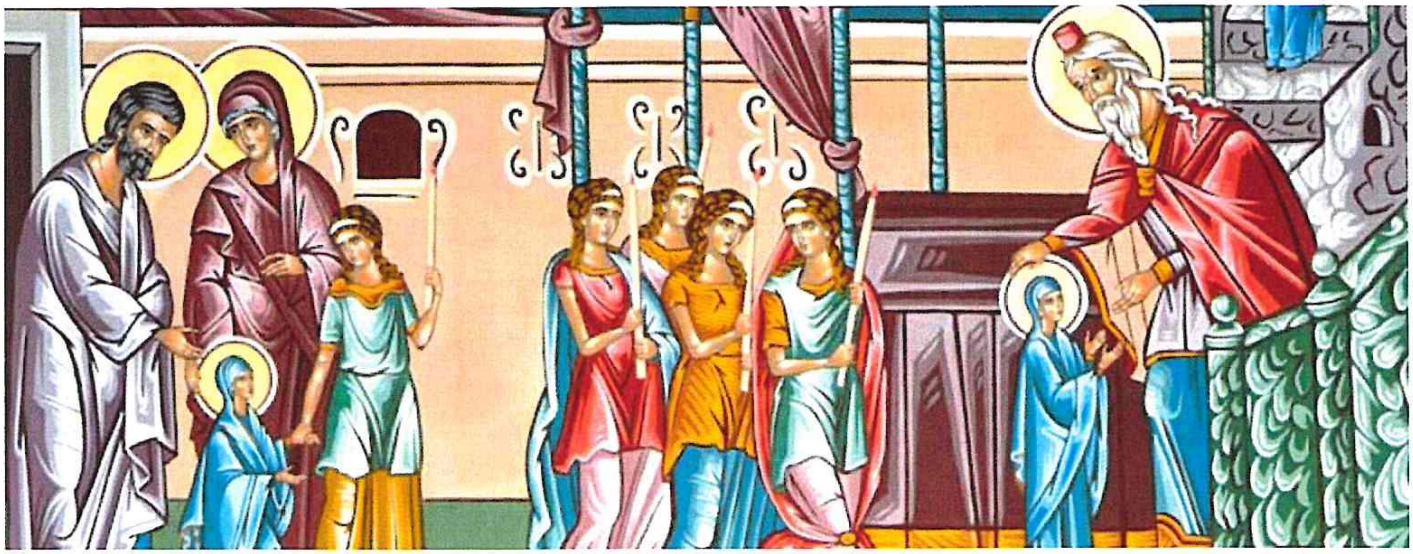
ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Saturday
December 14, 2024
10 am - 1 pm

Ethnic Cookies and Many Other Baked Goods

Cookies Sold at $15 per Pound, Cash or Check

Enjoy a hot beverage while you stock up your freezer for the holidays with yummy holiday treats!



THE LIVING ARK

A RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Please join the women of Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church in Livonia as we gather for an afternoon of learning, prayer, fellowship, and refreshments. The topic will be the upcoming Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple and its significance in our own lives.

PRESENTER: FR. MICHAEL BUTLER
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024 FROM 1:00-4:30PM
VESPERS AT 5:00

$20 AT THE DOOR (CASH, CHECK, VENMO)

Please direct any questions to
htoc.livonia.sisterhood.@gmail.com

For more information and to RSVP, please scan below!

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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)		***Services in blue – click for the livestream***			1	2 10 am Soul Saturday Liturgy 5 pm Vespers Confessions
3 9:30 Third Hour 10 am Divine Liturgy Election & Luncheon Church School: **St. Paul and his Journeys, Part 2** Daylight Saving Time ends	4	5 6:30 pm Parish Council vision meeting	6 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.	7 9 am to 12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen Office Closed	8 ***Synaxis of the Archangel Michael and the Other Bodiless Powers***	9 5 pm Vespers Confessions ***Family Game Night***
10 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School: ***St. Gregory, Enlightener***	11 Father in Toledo	12 6 pm Prayer Service @ St. Mary for the sick & suffering 6:30 pm Parish Council	13 ***St John Chrysostom*** 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.	14 ***CHRISTMAS FAST BEGINS*** Office Closed	15	16 ***St Matthew*** 5 pm Vespers Confessions
17 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School ***St. Mark of Alexandria*** Angel Tree tags available	18	19	20 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed. ***6:30 pm pan-Orthodox Vespers at St Mary Magdalene Church***	21 ***Entrance of the Theotokos*** ***10 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy at Assumption Church*** Office Closed	**22**	23 No Vespers no Confessions
24 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy Church School: ***Greece-Archbishop Athenagoras***	25	26	27 No Divine Liturgy No adult ed.	28 Office Closed 	29 Office Closed	30 5 pm Vespers no Confessions