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

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St Isaac the Syrian - II / Homily 40

15. "Who, on seeing and hearing these things, will be stirred by recollection of his sins, and which will throw doubt in his mind: 'Will God forgive me, if I ask Him, these things by which I am pained and by whose memory I am tormented? Things by which, though I abhor them, I go on backsliding, but after they have taken place the pain they give me is even more than that of a scorpion's sting; though I abhor them, I am still right in the middle of them, and when I repent of them with suffering, I return to them again in a wretched way.'

16. This is how many God-fearing people think, people who foster virtue and are pricked with the suffering of compunction, who mourn over sin, yet human propensity compels them to bear up with the backsliding which results from it: they live between sin and repentance all the time.

17. Let us not be in doubt, O humanity, concerning the hope of our salvation, seeing that He who bore sufferings for our sakes is very concerned for our salvation; His mercifulness is far more extensive than we can conceive, His grace is greater than that which we ask for. For the right hand of our Lord is stretched out night and day, while He is on the look-out to support, comfort, and encourage everyone—especially to see if He can find any who endure even just a little suffering and grief so that their sins may be forgiven—people who are grieved over the small portion of their righteousness which is snatched away from them from time to time during the contest with the passions and with sin. Using even such small starting points as these, His aim is to make them heirs of the Kingdom of heaven, and to bring them, without any hindrance, into His joy."

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Beloved, To make room for Christ in us, we follow Him, we deny ourselves, crucify our ego and selfishness so that He may increase in us. This we do not because we are forced to do so but because we express our love for God through this. We make our love of God visible through the self-denial of fasting. Christ Jesus Himself fasted from all food and drink for forty days in the desert where he was tempted by the devil.

There are two types of fasting we keep: the ascetical fast we observe during the lenten seasons of Great Lent, the Apostles' Fast, Dormition Fast, and Christmas Fast (no meat, dairy products, eggs, etc.). We also keep such a fast on most of the Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year. Wednesdays because it is the day Judas went to the chief priests to betray Jesus. Fridays because it is the day our Lord died upon the cross for us. There are certain fast-free days and time in the year such as the time from Christmas until the eve of Theophany, the week following the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, Bright Week and Pentecost Week.

Fr. Andrew Jarmus says this on fasting, "How strict should we be in our fasting? My rule of thumb is that our fast should be a challenge, but not overwhelming. Fasting is kind of like driving on a snowy, slippery road. The best results come from taking it easy and maintaining steady momentum, rather than giving it full gas and losing traction (and perhaps crashing)." That is an excellent rule of thumb. The ascetic fast is to curb our physical appetite and quiet our unruly desires so that we focus on the spiritual hunger in us and discover Christ alive in us. If there's a medical necessity for eating certain foods that may not be suitable for a strict fast then you can take on an additional effort whether other prayers or a special almsgiving over and above your lenten observance. As always, if you have any questions about your particular circumstances, please see me and we can talk about it.

Then there's the Eucharistic fast, the total fast (no food, no drink) before we come to receive our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. For morning Divine Liturgies we fast from midnight from everything, food and drink, for receiving Holy Communion. For evening Liturgies (Vespers with Divine Liturgy or the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts), we fast from after lunch to receive Communion. Fasting does not make us worthy to receive Christ Jesus in Holy Communion. Fasting is our preparation, to make us ready, to make us hungry for the spiritual and physical nourishment that comes from communion with our Lord Jesus Christ. That said, what about those who have to take medications or who because of illness must have something to eat? As an example, those who are diabetics must follow a schedule for eating in order to keep their blood sugar at safe levels. Others may have to take medicine for blood pressure or their heart. In these and other similar cases we may take food or drink with our medicine as prescribed and still approach to receive our Lord Jesus Christ in Communion. We are not taking these with the intent of breaking the fast or out of disregard for our Lord Jesus but because we want to be good stewards of our health as we approach Him who is the Physician of our souls and bodies. Again, if you have any questions about your particular circumstances, please see me and we can talk some more.

In all things we are to be mindful that fasting is not an end in itself. It is a way we show our love for God. The ascetic fast also works to tame our passions, open us up to experience Christ, finding out that in our seeking Him we discover that He finds us first. The Eucharistic fast is a concrete way of living the truth that we do not live on bread alone but every word that comes from the mouth of God. It is the Word of God Himself, our Lord Jesus Christ, Whom we receive into our souls and bodies through Holy Communion. With love in our hearts and non-judgement of others our fast will be spiritually healthy.

The Pharisee in the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee prayed to God saying, "I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get." (Luke 18:12) But our Lord Jesus warned the Pharisees, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others." (Matthew 23:23) We can keep the fast and have a hardened heart towards one another. If we fail to be loving then our fasting is fruitless. We are to show mercy and fast. It is not one or the other but both together that will lead us along the path of communion with God. As Saint Paul poetically states in writing to the Christians at Corinth, "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13). With love in Christ, Fr Matthew

HOLDING OUR TONGUE In September 2010 Father Thomas Hopko gave a retreat to the members of the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in America. One of the points he made was about our speech and how we can reflect before we speak:

1- Is what I am about to say true?
2- Is it necessary for me to say this?
3- Is what I am about to say kind?

The Apostle Jacob (James) in his letter reminds us "Look at the ships also; though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So the tongue is a little member and boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the cycle of nature, and set on fire by Gehenna. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by humankind, but no human being can tame the tongue -- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brethren, this ought not to be so."(James 3:4-10)

The desert saint Arsenios the Great once said "Many time I have had to repent of my words but never of my silence."

Our archbishop and father Alexander said, "In our lives in prayer, and in parishes: at one moment a lively and a happy parish can be turned upside down with a cross word, a little flame of jealousy or envy, given free rein…[W]hat is not fragile is the work of God, the action of grace, and it's our fundamental work as Christians to keep ourselves ever open to that, to the One Thing Needful, which is Christ: to the love of him, and cultivation of him, and memory of him, the continual recollection of him, held up before us always. So I will close by asking us, beloved, if we might avoid some of these other fragilities by keeping that image [of Christ] before us. The image that will stop the harsh word, that will cool the flame of sudden envy or anger, that we may be like that desert father who said: for 20 years I have not let anger get further than my throat— meaning, not to his tongue. And if we do that, if at least we struggle toward it, then I think whatever else may befall us, we will weather it and go on with [Christ our] God's help: to Whom be glory with the Father and the Spirit forever. Amen."

Hours Schedule

September		October		November	
1	Barry	6	Barry	3	Barry
8	Lucy	13	Lucy	10	Lucy
15	Angelo	20	Alexander	17	Angelo
22	Alexander	27	Phil	24	Alexander
29	Phil				

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

Reader Schedule

September		October		November	
1	Alexander	6	Katherine	3	Katherine
8	Katherine	13	Phil	10	Phil
15	Phil	20	Angelo	17	Alexander
22	Angelo	27	Alexander	24	Angelo
29	Alexander				

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

Candle Stand Attendant Schedule

September		October		November	
1	Dennis Goodman	6	Dennis Goodman	3	Dennis Goodman
8	Susie Ford	13	Susie Ford	10	Susie Ford
15	Christine Panoff	20	Christine Panoff	17	Christine Panoff
22	Ian & Stephanie P.	27	Ian & Stephanie P.	24	Ian & Stephanie P.
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 will be held at St. Mary Magdalene the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Email names to smmocafenton@gmail.com

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN Please come & minister to Christ with our brothers & sisters on September 5 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 parish office 810-744-0070 or e-mail stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com to make an appointment.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES *resume on Wednesday, September 4 at 11:15 am.* Wednesday at 11:15 am. We are continuing with *Psalms and the Life of Faith* by Elder Aimilianos looking at twelve of the one hundred and fifty Psalms.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

- **Classes begin on Sunday, September 15. On that date there will be prayers during the Liturgy for the teachers and students and a blessing after Communion for them as they go to class. See you then!**

INQUIRERS'/CATECHUMENS' CLASS led by Reader Alexander Gonser after the Divine Liturgy *will resume on September 8*. Feel free to join in and let other inquirers know about these classes introducing the Orthodox faith.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet on Saturday, September 14 at 3:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Emails were sent to the committee members with the details. The members of the committee are Cathy Edwards, Charles Jernigan, Christine Panoff, and J. Joseph Tome.

PAN-ORTHODOX SERVICES AND EVENTS

ELEVATION OF THE CROSS
Saturday, September 14 at our church
9:45 am procession and elevation of the Cross
10 am pan-Orthodox Divine Liturgy

THE MACEDONIAN OPEN COMMITTEE would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's golf outing. Whether you golfed, donated money, a gift or your time, sponsored a sign, or joined us for dinner, we could not do it without your help! We are happy to announce that this year's Macedonian Open was again one of our most successful! Our profit for the Church's Capital Improvement Fund is a little more than $20,000. There are several projects that need to be done: the boiler project is ongoing as we update the old pneumatic lines to make the boiler operate efficiently; the air- compressor for the boiler will need to be replaced; the A/C for the office area is over 30 years old and needs to be replaced; the bell tower and church dome both need to be painted. Thanks again to everyone!

Thank you to the Macedonian Open committee members for their efforts - Chris Nedanis, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, George Branoff, and Peter Branoff.

SHRINE FEAST & PARISH PICNIC God bless everyone who helped in any way to make the outdoor Liturgy, picnic and dance such a blessed time together. A special thanks to Lena and Gerry Bakousidis who headed up the kitchen and to Michael Serra who brush hogged the back lot. It was a blessing to worship together, see so many people and visit and enjoy food and music together by the intercessions of our Lady.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE Steve Timofeev, diocesan treasurer, recommended Mike Fioritto, CPA to assist with QuickBooks to include the Stifel account (endowment fund). He spent much time organizing QuickBooks. Please see "Financial Status" section. Church school will begin in September. As far as building and grounds, everything is going smoothly - general maintenance. The new rail on the steps at the front doors is a great addition and is being put to good use. Parish picnic is Sunday, August 18 and an email will be sent reminding everyone about the tasks that need to be done for which your help is needed. Dinners will be prepped in containers and it will be self-serve for the pre-portioned coleslaw and bread. Nominating committee will meet on Saturday, September 14 at 3:30 pm. Cemetery Sexton is needed for St. Nicholas' cemetery. Regular duties are: flagging location of grave for burials & checking cemetery conditions monthly. **PARISH COUNCIL** meeting is Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

At the parish council meeting it was observed that from January to July 2024 there have been only three months when income exceeded expenses. The other four months, expenses exceeded income. Every January there is a large portion persons who make tithes and offerings for the entire year. The Grand Blanc Property account which has $13,000 can be used to fill in the deficit for a limited amount of time. In 2022 the average for tithes and offerings was $4,000 per week. In 2024 the average for tithes and offerings is $2,000 per week and sometimes less. Some faithful givers have moved away or fallen asleep in the Lord. Ideally, proportionate giving means giving a percentage of income. (A tithe is 10%). Please be consistent in your giving and give as you are able.

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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.

OUR CHARITY MINISTRIES

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN we serve on Thursday, September 5 from 9 to 12:30 pm.

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting Body Soap in September, Socks in October & 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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

1 Sandra Spankie
3 Gregory Oginsky
Cindy Branoff
4 Tiffany Oliver
6 Anastasia Butrie
Roseanne Bagale
9 Lazaros Stavridis
10 Cathy Steiner
11 Menka Nedanis
12 Brandon Conover
Ciera Conover
Joseph Neely
14 Amani Helal
Matthew Batzos
18 Peggy Russell
20 Nick Sfetkidis
Noah Gonser
Peter Economou
Taras-Michael Butrie
22 Sonny Bailey
27 James Shann
28 Kathy Swanigan
30 Luke Shann

NAMESDAYS

1 Joshua Brucksch
Joshua Vuckovich
5 Betty Nicevski
Caitlyn Elizabeth Nicole Rittman
Lisa Pray
Ressa Ann Borkovich
Quin Elizabeth Gerzevske
9 Cortney Anne Batzos
Kelly Anne Panoff
Megan Ann Krigner
Nancy Ann Krigner
Nancy Borkovich
Peggy Ann Russell
16 Lucy (Ludmilla) Hogg
17 Luba Todorovsky
Luba Yosheff
Madi Lu Fisher
Sophia Batzos
18 Ariana Loomis
Arinn Alexandra Pray
Ashley Goodman
20 Oleg Dashevsky
Oleg Zubovich

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

ANNIVERSARIES

3 George & Sherry Brown (1978)
11 Thomas & Nancy Krigner (1988)
19 Dennis & Sharon Jernigan (1964)
20 Jerry & Christine Brucksch (1986)
25 Bruce Watson & Rebecca Lazar (1994)
27 Jeremy & Jami Fisher (2008)

PLEASE PRAY for those who were made catechumens on Sunday, August 25: Adam & Kassandra Cecilia Lang. This enrollment in the catechumenate God-willing will lead to their being received into the Church.

They join our catechumens Steven Krych, Sharon Krych, Victoria Krych, and Michael Donigan.

Please keep them all in your prayers and introduce yourselves to them!

OCTOBER 26th Trunk 'r Treat

NOVEMBER 9th Family Game Night

NOVEMBER 7th Angel Tree Tags available

DECEMBER 8th St. Nicholas visit

DECEMBER 14th Cookie Walk

FACEBOOK PAGE Please visit, like, and follow our parish page: www.facebook.com/stnicholasburton Please share posts to your page. This increases the number of people who know about our church. Those who have been at coffee fellowship have seen the number of inquirers who have been coming to Sunday Divine Liturgy. 2,100 people have liked our Facebook page and 2,200 people have followed it

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

VISITATION TO THE SICK If you would like Fr. Matthew to make a visit to home, hospital, or nursing home, please contact the office 810-744-0070.

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

Deacon John Bocek	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)

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. As we begin a new Church year this month, ten years on since that workshop, let's look at 1- Worship.

We come to worship the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit at the temple because this what is our due. We creatures owe worship to our Creator. We come to offer ourselves to God at every divine service and the Father, Son, and Spirit give us themselves.

Ten years ago an area for growth here at Saint Nicholas Church was identified:

- more timeliness in attendance and greater attendance at non-Sunday services.

In 2024 greater attendance at Sunday Divine Liturgy can be added. Attendance at the Sunday Liturgy is still below our pre-COVID average. There has been a steep drop off in attendance. Pre-COVID Sunday attendance averaged between 80 or more and 90 or more persons. Present Sunday attendance averages between 55 and 60 or more persons. 95 households have submitted pledge cards. The drop-off in attendance cannot fully be accounted for by the falling asleep of parishioners and or their moving.

Let each of us come in prayer before the Lord to ask ourselves if we are doing all we can to attend at least the Sunday Divine Liturgy, preferably in person, to offer ourselves to God in the bread and wine we offer and we receive, in return, not bread and wine but Messiah Jesus Himself in His Body and Blood! Saint Paul reminds us "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He (Messiah Jesus) who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, (Sunday worship) as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day (of the Lord) drawing near." (Hebrews 10:23-25)

– Fr. Matthew

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, BURTON, MI
2024-2025 CHURCH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dr. Pat's Orthodox Church School

- **elementary/middle school will use the curriculum for 6-9 year olds, high school will use the high school curriculum**

Sept. 15 Elevation of the Cross

22 Pentecost

29 Conversion of Saul

Oct 6 St. Peter and Cornelius

13 Council of Jerusalem

20 Spread of the Gospel

26 Trunk or Treat at Church

27 St. Paul and His Journeys, Part 1

Nov 3 St. Paul and his Journeys, Part 2

10 St. Gregory, Enlightener of Armenia

17 St. Mark of Alexandria

24 Greece- Archbishop Athenagoras

Dec 1 St. Barbara

8 St Nicholas visits

15 St. Nicholas of Japan and Confessions

22 St. Stephen

29 No class

Jan 5 Bulgaria - St Zlata

12 **Outdoor blessing of water and lamb banquet**

19 **St Peter**

Jan 26 **Three Hierarchs: St. Gregory Nazianzus**

Feb 2 **St Innocent - Apostle to America**

9 **Dormition**

16 **St Athanasius and the Creed**

23 **Meatfare** **St John Chrysostom and the Liturgy**

Mar 2 **Cheesefare** **St Gerasimus and monasticism**

9 **Orthodoxy Sunday (Please bring your icon to church!)**
Orthodoxy Sunday

16 **St Gregory Palamas**

23 **St Patrick**

30 **St Cyril of Alexandria**

Apr 6 **St Mary of Egypt** **and Confessions**

13 **Palm Sunday**

18 **Holy Friday – youth assist at 3 pm Vespers and 6 pm Matins**

20 **Pascha**

27 **St Thomas Sunday – gift bags** **Justinian and the Byzantine Empire**

May 4 **St Constantine**

11 **Ss Cyril and Methodius**

18 **End of year with recognition in church**

Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral – Nativity of the Virgin Mary
Македонска Православна Црква - Раѓање на Пресвета Богородица

You are cordially invited to

Our 50th Anniversary and patron holiday Nativity of the Virgin Mary - Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral
Sterling Heights, Michigan

50th Anniversary Program

Friday, September 20, 2024
6:00 PM Vespers Service
10:00 PM Youth Dance

Saturday, September 21, 2024
10:30 AM Holy Divine Hierarchical Liturgy followed by a luncheon

7:00 PM Gala Banquet
Blessing of the holy bread with Kumovi Dean and Zakljina Kiroski followed by the selection of our 2025 Kumovi

Sunday, September 22, 2024
10:30 AM Holy Divine Hierarchical Liturgy followed by festive luncheon with live music

It is with great honor to announce that we will welcome the Miraculous Hawaiian Icon of the Holy Mother of God along with her guardian Father Nectarios and Deacon Father Seraphim for our weekend long celebrations.

For reservations or more information please contact:

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THE CRY OF THE FORERUNNER

A retreat for Orthodox men
27-29 September 2024
Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church
Livonia, MI

"I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Prepare the way of the Lord. Make His paths straight."

Whether you're a young man trying to figure out who he is and get a handle on the vision for his life, or a middle-aged man wondering where his dreams and passion have gone, or an older man needing to let go of past hurts so he can move on to the next phase of his life, this retreat is for you.

Grounded in the life and teachings of St John the Baptist, we'll deal with some hard truths that every man needs to learn if he is to grow into mature masculinity. We'll blend worship, fellowship, deep personal work, and play into a weekend you don't want to miss. Sign up asap for an early bird discount. We look forward to seeing you there!

Retreat schedule, cost, registration, contact and other information can be found at

https://www.avg2alpha.com/cry-of-the-forerunner/

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Elias D. Chinonis 21st ANNUAL ASSUMPTION GOLF CLASSIC

Pine Knob Golf Club - Clarkston, MI
Monday, August 19, 2024

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Italia Gardens - Don Haley & Family
Kallis, Agape
Kallis, Penny
Kaloydis, John and Karen
Obmascik, Tom & Kathy (Kaloydis)
Oliver 1's - Dan Andrews
Pappadopoulos, Angelo
Park West Gallery - Southfield, MI
Pine Knob Golf Course
Pine Knob Ski Hill
Schultze, JoAnne
Vasilakis, Lucky (Lucky's Steakhouse)
Virkler, Kim & Ginger
Waste Management - Cody Baker
Yeotis, Art

COMMITTEE

Kaloydis, John - Chairman
Altheide, Dena (Chiros)
Chinonis, Dennis
Foraker, Diane
Panos-Lillar, Diana
Photiou, Lori
Schultze, JoAnne
Steinhoff, Olga,
Yeotis, Catherine

VOLUNTEERS

Kallis, Nick
Kallis, Susan
Kralik, Gary & Loretta
Kraemer, Natalia & Katerina
Photiou, Anna & Alexander
Richards, Ken & Kathy

THANK YOU!

The Assumption community would like to thank you all for making this event a success.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy	**2** **Office Closed**	**3**	**4** ‡ 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.	**5** **North End Soup Kitchen 9 to 12:30** Office Closed	**6** ‡	**7** **5 pm Vespers** Confessions
8 *Nativity of the Theotokos* 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy	**9** Fr. in Toledo	**10** 6:30 pm Parish Council 6:30 pm Prayer Service @ St. Mary	**11** 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.	**12** Office Closed	**13**	**14** *Elevation of the Cross* 9:45 am procession & elevation of the Cross 10 am pan-Orthodox Liturgy @ St Nicholas 3:30 pm nominating committee **5 pm Vespers** Confessions
15 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy **Church School -** Elevation of the Cross	**16** Fr. in Toledo	**17**	**18** ‡ 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.	**19** Office Closed	**20** ‡	**21** *50th anniv. St Mary Macedonian Cathedral, Sterling Heights –* *schedule:* **10:30 am Liturgy** **followed by luncheon** **7 pm gala banquet** *No Vespers @ St Nicholas*
22 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy **Church School -** Pentecost	23 **Conception of St. John the Baptist** Fr. in Toledo	**24**	**25** ‡ 9:30 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am adult ed.	**26** Office Closed	**27** ‡	**28** **5 pm Vespers** Confessions
29 9:30 Hours 10 am Divine Liturgy **Church School –** Conversion of Saul	**30** Fr. in Toledo	**October 1** **Protection of the Theotokos** **9:30 am Divine Liturgy**	Services are streamed on our YouTube channel St Nicholas Burton	All texts in blue are links to the livestreams for the divine services	‡ fast dairy & fish permitted (no meat) wine & oil permitted **(no meat)** ***fish permitted (no other meat)***	