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### **Divine Services**

Eve Sundays & Feast Days 5:00 PM Confessions 6:00 PM Great Vespers Sundays and Feast Days 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy Please check weekly schedule

for specific days (last page). Previous Ambos on website.

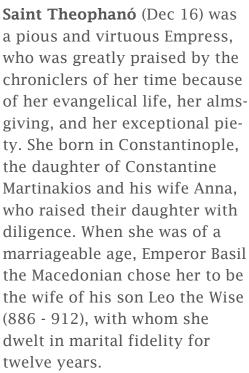
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**DECEMBER 10, 2023** 

27TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

MARTYRS MENAS, HERMOGENES, AND EUGRAPHUS, OF ALEXANDRIA





The Holy Empress Theophanó and her husband Leo were imprisoned for three years, because Leo was falsely accused of plotting to assassinate his father, Emperor Basil. After ob-

taining her freedom, Theophanó spent her life in prayer and fasting, earnestly struggling for her salvation. She was recognized as a Saint and a wonderworker, even during her lifetime, because of the many good works which she performed out of love for her neighbor.

Though she lived in the world, she renounced everything worldly, and became a benefactor of the poor. She also built churches and monaster-

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ies, or restored those in need of repair. She was a true mother to her subjects, caring for widows and orphans, and consoling the sorrowful.

Despite all the grandeur and wealth surrounding her, she preserved her customary humility and modesty. She preferred to dress in simple clothing so that she would not recognized. Accompanied by two trusted servants, she would visit the homes of the poor and the persecuted, offering her assistance. Her faith was such that she was found worthy of the gift of performing miracles. When medical science gave up on a patient because it could not heal him, Saint Theophanó restored him to health. In spite of all the bitterness she had experienced in her life, Saint Theophanó could still sing praises to the Lord, according to the words of the Prophet King David: "Sing prais-

es to the Lord, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises" (Psalm 46/47:6).

Saint Theophanó reposed circa 893-894. Even before her death, her husband started to build a church, intending to dedicate it to Theophanó, but she forbade him to do so. It was Emperor Leo who decreed that the Sunday after Pentecost be dedicated to All Saints. Believing his wife to be one of the righteous, he knew that she would also be honored whenever the Feast of All Saints was celebrated.

The incorrupt relics of Saint Theophanó are preserved in the Patriarchal Church of Saint George, at the Phanar in Constantinople. A particle from her relics is in Dionysiou Monastery on Mount Athos.



The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus suffered for their faith in Christ under the emperor Maximian (305-313).

the emperor from Athens to Alexandria

to suppress the riots that had arisen between the Christians and the pagans. Distinguished for his gift of eloquence, Menas instead openly began to preach the Christian Faith and he converted many pagans to Christ. Learning of this, Maximian sent Hermogenes to Alexandria to place the saints on trial. Moreover, he gave orders to purge the city of Christians.

Hermogenes, although he was a pagan, was distinguished by his reverent bearing. And struck by the endurance of Saint Menas under torture and by his miraculous healing after the cruel torments, he also came to believe in holy martyrs.

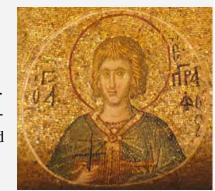
Christ. Maximian himself then arrived in Alexandria. Neither the astonishing stoic endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes under torture, nor even the miracles manifested by God in this city, mollified the emperor. Instead, they vexed him all the more. The emperor personally stabbed **Saint Eugraphus**, the secretary of Saint Menas, Saint Menas was sent by who had declared himself a Christian upon witnessing the

> endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes; and then gave orders to behead the holy Martyrs Menas and Hermogenes.

The relics of the holy martyrs, cast into the sea in an iron chest, were afterwards found (see February 17) and transferred to Constantinople in the ninth century. The emperor Justinian built a church in the name of

the holy Martyr Menas of Alexandria.

Saint Joseph the Hymnographer (April 4) composed a Canon in honor of these



### **VISITATIONS**

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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### The St. Theodosius Events Committee Requests Your Ideas!

Please share any ideas for events you might have with either Wayne Vidovich or Nicholas Zolikoff. We need your ideas!

### Thank You!!

On behalf of the seminarian families attending our three seminaries (St. Vladimir's, St. Tikhon's, St. Herman's in Alaska), we want to thank all parishioners who donated to the St. Nicholas Wish List Program. Your generosity is heart-warming and greatly appreciated. You will bring joy to many families this holiday season. May God grant you a blessed Nativity season.



### Q4 2023 Coffee Hour Sign-Up

Questions/Concerns: Cathy Weber (412-215-1928)

Dec 10 Nikol and M.Cindy Dec 24 M. Jana

Dec 17 Gayle/Shawna Dec 31 Gayle (Sponsored by Una & John)

### **Church Kiosk**

We have a little Church kiosk (shop) with some basic items for daily Orthodox life like prayer books, an Orthodox study bible, baptismal crosses, wedding/baptismal candles, icons, prayer rope, Nativity cards, thank you cards, etc. If you need anything from the kiosk, it will be available for 10min after the Sunday liturgy, or by request; see McKenna Athineo for more details.



WEBINAR SERIES

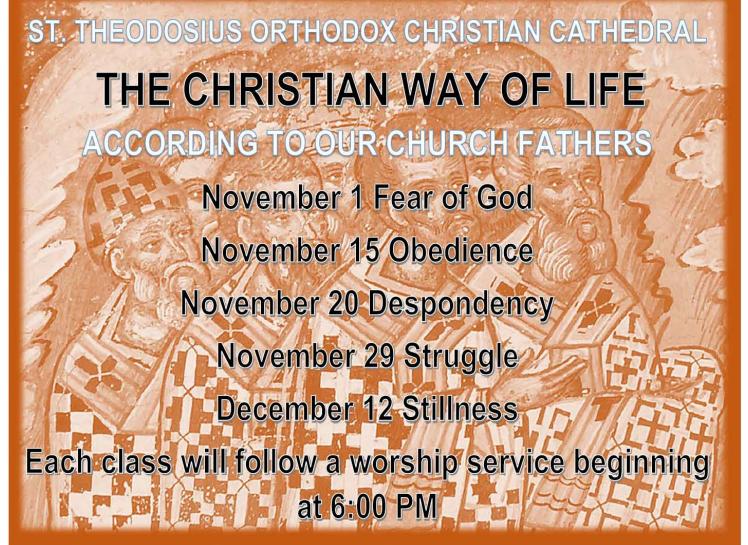


# Darkness into Light:

Working through Grief During the Holiday Season

THIRD SESSION: DECEMBER 14, 2023 | 7:00 p.m. ET

REGISTER TO ATTEND THIS FREE EVENT AT www.svots.edu/events



# Celebrate

Join Us for Dinner
To Honor

## Father Andrew Clements'

40 Years of service in the Priesthood And 37 Years of Service to St. Nicholas Church

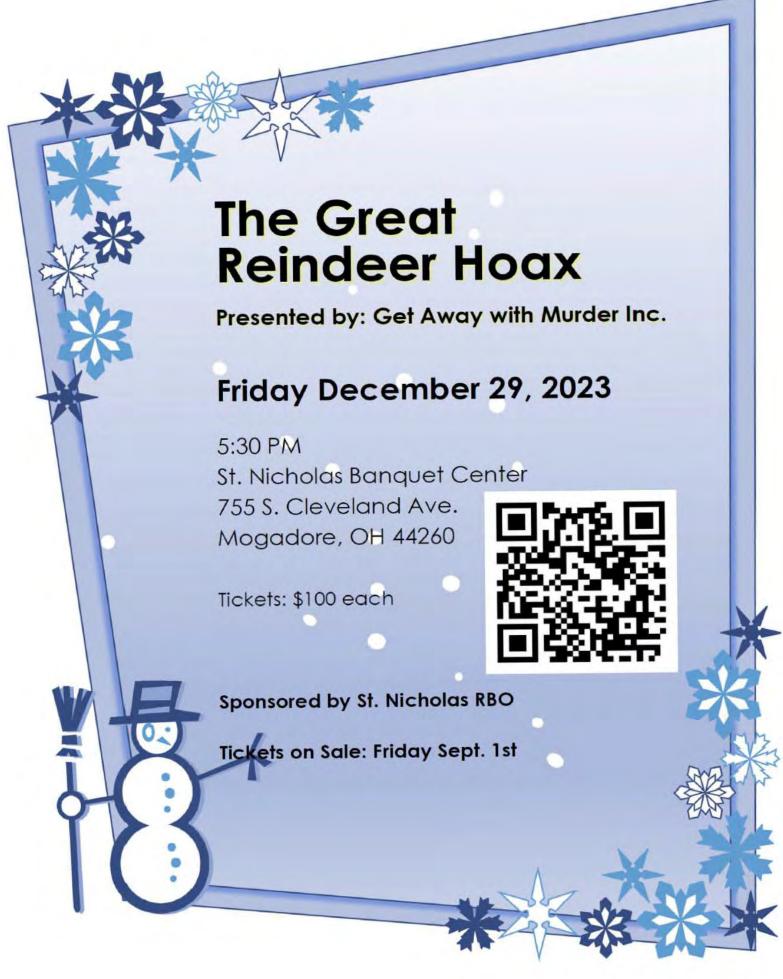
> Where: Pine Ridge Country Club 30601 Ridge Rd. Wickliffe, Ohio

When: Sunday, January 28th 2024 5:30 - 10:00 PM

Cost: \$30/person & Cash Bar \$15/child (ages 4-10) Vegan and Gluten-free options available

RSVP by January 14<sup>th</sup> To
Evelyn Wick at <u>bobobskid@yahoo.com</u> (440)-221-8265
9372 Euclid-Chardon Rd.
Kirtland, Ohio 44094

All reservations must be paid by January 14<sup>th</sup>.
Checks payable to St. Nicholas



### PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 12/10/2023

**Deceased Lonnie** Ellis (Husband to Debra Ellis)

Mark Stepanovich Robert Martin Prock

**Valentina** Zawolowycz (mother of Paul Z)

Special Intentions: Mark

**Fr. Micah** Chisholm **Michael** Kapeluck (friend of Cathy)

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz Jack Zimmerman (Uncle to Cindy Zdinak, Nisi Poz-

**Subdeacon Roger** Pinta darec and Father John Zdinak)

**Subdeacon Leon** Felon **Robert McKay** (friend of Andrew Myrtrohovic)

**Reader Paul** Pangrace **Gwyneth** Seddon (daughter of Eric and Elisa)

**Reader Frank** Tkacz **Paul** Eppele (father-in-law of Lauren Eppele)

**Elena** Rich (Jerry Czajkowski's daughter)

Stephan Chwalyk Aaron and Nadine Drummond (Ellis) & unborn

Horia Dascalescu (Lavinia's brother) child

**Diane** Kearsey (Janice Tkacz's Sister)

Janice Tkacz

**Eleanor** Wachovec (friend of Karen Felon)

**Rachel** Ohlin (relative of Tatiana)

Erin Zawolowycz

**Carol** Nielsen (Paul Pangrace's sister)

Virginia Medvec

**Jeffrey** Parhamovich (brother of Karen Felon)

Margaret Parhamovich (sister-in-law of Karen Fel-

on)

Margaret Peyton (Cathy's aunt)

**Jean** Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank*'s cousin)

Anna Marie Luvison (daughter of Matthew & Katie

(Ellis) Luvison)

**Debra** Parhamovich (sister of Karen Felon)

**Grace Mary** Parhamovich (mother of Karen Felon)

Gayle Vidovich

Elizabeth Balasz

**Christina** Hile (*Nisi* & *Cindy* 's sister)

Wasyl Miroewski (Uncle of Tim Clos)

**Amelia** Thombs (Sister of Ethan)

**Milan** Shumkaroff (friend of Cindy Zdinak)

**Jeanine** 

Martha (friend of Linda Kovach)

Elizabeth Ballasz

**Andrea** Hochmann (Clos)

Andrew Mytrohovich

Yonathan and Melissa King (Wojnicz) & unborn

child. (daughter of Alex Wojnicz)

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar

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Or calling at 1(440) 732-8182
Names remain on the list for 30 days unless
requested otherwise.



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### St. Theodosius Orthodox Christian Cemetery

8200 Biddulph Rd., Brooklyn OH 44144 • Paul Webb, Cemetery Manager 216-296-9739

### **Grave Prices**

\*Effective January 2024\*

All graves \$2,100.00 + \$400.00 perpetual care fee = \$2,500.00 total

All infant graves \$ 1000.00

### **Consider Sponsoring Coffee Hour!**

For those who would like to HELP with Coffee Hour but don't cook, you can now <u>sponsor</u> a Coffee Hour! By donating <u>\$65</u> you can sponsor a Coffee Hour, just put it in a white envelope marked "coffee hour" and place it in the collection basket or coffee hour basket in the Hall.



### Sunday, December 10

27th Sunday after Pentecost Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus, of Alexandria (ca. 313) 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM Panychida for Gregory Ponomarenko Coffee Hour

### Monday, December 11

Ven. Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople (489-490)

### Tuesday, December 12

Saint Mardarije (Uskokovic) of Libertyville (1935) 6:00 PM Great Vespers

### Wednesday, December 13

Repose of Ven. Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker of All America (1837) 6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2023



Prophet Haggai (Dec 16)

### Thursday, December 14

Martyrs Thyrsos, Leukios, and Kallinikos (249-51)

### Friday, December 15

Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria, his mother, Martyr Evanthia, and Caribus the Eparch (2nd c.)

### Saturday, December 16

Prophet Haggai (Aggæus—50 B.C.) 6:00 PM Great Vespers

### Sunday, December 17

28th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of the Forefathers Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias and Misael (600 B.C.) 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour