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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).

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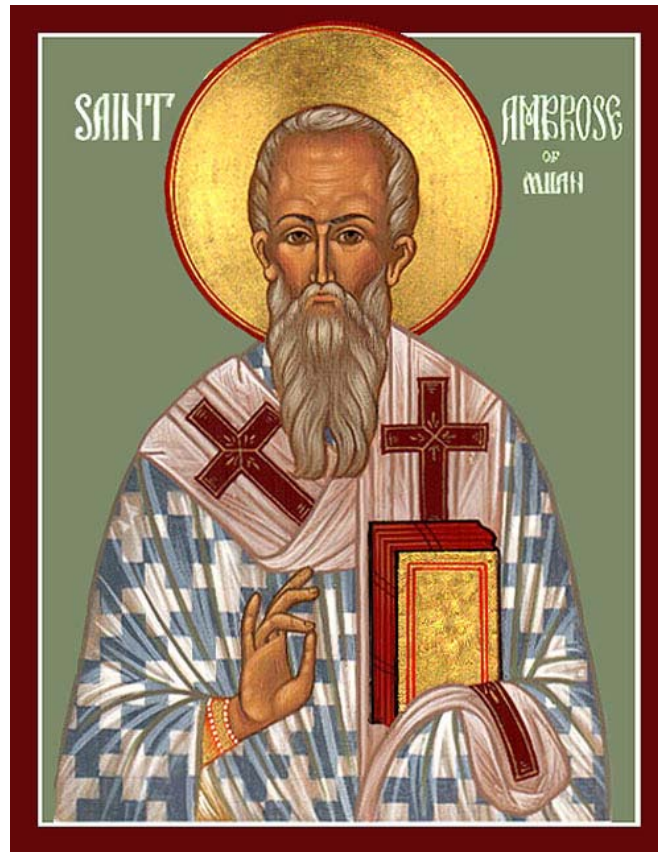
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DECEMBER 1, 2024

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

VENERABLE BOTOLPH  
OF IKEN



**Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan**, was born in the year 340 into the family of the Roman prefect of Gaul (now France). Even in the saint's childhood there appeared presentiments of his great future. Once, bees covered the face of the sleeping infant. They flew in and out of his mouth, leaving honey on his tongue. Soon they flew away so high that they could no longer be seen. Ambrose's father said that the child would become something great when he reached manhood.

After the death of the father of the family, Ambrose journeyed to Rome, where the future saint and his brother Satyrius received an excel-

lent education. About the year 370, upon completion of his course of study, Ambrose was appointed to the position of governor (consular prefect) of the districts of Liguria and Aemilia, though he continued to live at Mediolanum (now Milan).

In the year 374 Auxentius, the Arian Bishop of Mediolanum, died. This led to complications between the Orthodox and the Arians, since each side wanted to have its own bishop. Ambrose, as the chief city official, went to the church to resolve the dispute.

While he was speaking to the crowd, suddenly a child cried out, "Ambrose for bishop!" The people took up this chant. Ambrose, who at this time was still a catechumen, considered himself unworthy, and

tried to refuse. He disparaged himself, and even tried to flee from Mediolanum. The matter went ultimately before the emperor Valentinian the Elder (364-375), whose orders Ambrose dared not disobey. He accepted holy Baptism from an Orthodox priest and, passing through all the ranks of the Church clergy in just seven days, on December 7, 374 he was consecrated Bishop of Mediolanum. He dispersed all his possessions, money and property for the adornment of churches, the upkeep of orphans and the poor, and he devoted himself to a strict ascetic life.

Ambrose combined strict temperance, intense vigilance and work within the fulfilling of his duties as archpastor. Saint Ambrose, defending the unity of the Church, energetically opposed the spread of heresy. Thus, in the year 379 he traveled off to establish an Orthodox bishop at Sirmium, and in 385-386 he refused to hand over the basilica of Mediolanum to the Arians.

The preaching of Saint Ambrose in defense of Orthodoxy was deeply influential. Another noted Father of the Western Church, Saint Augustine (June 15), bore witness to this, having accepted holy Baptism in the year 387 by the grace of the preaching of the bishop of Mediolanum.

Saint Ambrose also actively participated in civil matters. Thus, the emperor Gracian (375-383), having received from him the "Exposition of the Orthodox Faith" (De Fide), removed, by decree of the saint, the altar of Victory from the halls of the Senate at Rome, on which oaths were wont to be taken. Displaying a pastoral boldness, Saint Ambrose placed a severe penance on the emperor Theodosius I (379-395) for the massacre of innocent inhabitants of Thessalonica. For him there was no difference between emperor and commoner. Though he released Theodosius from the penance, the saint would not permit the emperor to commune at the altar, but compelled him to do public penance.

The fame of Bishop Ambrose and his actions attracted to him many followers from other lands. From far away Persia learned men came to him to ask him questions and absorb his wisdom. Fritigelda (Frigitil), queen of the military Germanic tribe of the Markomanni, which often had attacked Mediolanum, asked the saint to instruct her in the Christian Faith. The saint in his letter to her persuasively stated the dogmas of the

Church. And having become a believer, the queen converted her own husband to Christianity and persuaded him to conclude a treaty of peace with the Roman Empire.

The saint combined strictness with an uncommon kindness. Granted a gift of wonderworking, he healed many from sickness. One time at Florence, while staying at the house of Decentus, he resurrected a dead boy.

The repose of Saint Ambrose, who departed to the Lord on the night of Holy Pascha, was accompanied by many miracles. He even appeared in a vision to the children being baptized that night. The saint was buried in the Ambrosian basilica in Mediolanum, beneath the altar, between the Martyrs Protasius and Gervasius (October 14).

A zealous preacher and valiant defender of the Christian Faith, Saint Ambrose received particular renown as a Church writer. In dogmatic compositions he set forth the Orthodox teaching about the Holy Trinity, the Sacraments, and Repentance: "Five Books on the Faith" (De Fide); "Explication of the Symbol of the Faith" (Explanatio Symboli); "On the Incarnation" (De Incarnationis); "Three Books on the Holy Spirit" (De Spiritu Sancto); "On the Sacraments" (De Sacramento); "Two Books on Repentance" (De Paenitentia). In writings about Christian morality, he explained the excellence of Christian moral teaching compared to pagan moral teaching.

A well-known work of Saint Ambrose, "On the Duties of the Clergy" (De Officiis Ministrorum) evidences his deep awareness of pastoral duty. He stresses that those who serve in the Church should have not only the proper knowledge of Church services, but also the proper knowledge of moral precepts.

Saint Ambrose was also a reformer of Church singing. He introduced antiphonal singing (along the Eastern or Syrian form) into the Western Church, which became known as "Ambrosian Chant." He also composed twelve hymns which were used during his lifetime. The hymn, "Thee, O God, we praise" (Te Deum), attributed to Saint Ambrose, entered into the divine services of the Orthodox Church (Molieben).

## Coffee Hour Sign-Up

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

October 6

Cathy and Tammy

October 13

Sarah and Mike Brennan

October 20

Gayle and Wayne

October 27

Joyce Tabeling and Judy Schwind

November 3

Mat. Jana

November 10

Mat. Cindy and Nikol

November 17

Georgi and Lina

November 24

Joyce Tabeling and Judy Schwind

December 1

Dan and Lavinia

December 8

Mat. Jana

December 15

Mary Swit

December 22

Shawna Whitlock and Cathy

December 29

Shawna Whitlock

## Time to Bake for the Annual Christmas Cookie Walk

The Altar Society will sponsor the cookie sale on **Friday, December 13th** and **Saturday, December 14th**. We need your help to bake your favorite Christmas cookie for the sale. The sign-up sheet is posted in the parish hall.

If you have any questions,  
call Susan Lentz 216-258-8048,  
or Joyce Tabeling 216-408-7187



## THE 2024 MERRICK HOUSE ANGEL TREE IS A SUCCESS!

Thank you so very much to all who made the Merrick House Angel Tree project successful!

All the tags were taken ***in under 24 hours***.

All wrapped and labeled gifts are **due at church** no later than **Sunday Dec. 8**.

Distribution will be at Merrick House (1050 Starkweather) on Thursday Dec. 12 at 6:30PM.

All are invited!

Thank you again, and may God richly bless you.

**If you took the tag for Rafadija Limani, please contact Dan Morris ASAP**

(440 409-6556)

Thanks, -Dan





# ST NICHOLAS DAY

## Fish Dinner / Pot Luck

Join us for a Festal Liturgy and Potluck fish dinner to honor our Patronal Feast day

Friday December 6, 2024

Divine Liturgy 10:00am

755 South Cleveland Avenue, Mogadore OH 44260

Sign up here - <https://forms.gle/WhLf3psSFzuwDQx57>

Dear Brothers

Attached is a Flyer and a google form link inviting you and your parishes to the Celebration of our Patronal Feastday Thursday and Friday December 5th & 6th. We will serve vigil for the feast at 6:00pm on Thursday and Liturgy will be held at 10:00 am on Friday. A fish Dinner Pot Luck will follow. Please encourage your faithful to Join us and if coming to use the link below to sign up for the pot luck and indicate what dish they'll be bringing to share.

Looking forward to seeing you here.

In Christ

V. Rev. Nicholas Wyslutsky

Dean Cleveland Deanery

OCA Diocese of the Midwest

Very Reverend & Reverend Fathers;

I wanted to reach out to you on behalf of one of our parishioners, someone many of you already know. Hilary Ries is a college student at our parish and has been serving as an intern for YES ("Youth Equipped to Serve"), which is a subsidiary group of FOCUS North America for young adults. One aspect of her internship includes a project, and she has chosen to host an event at our parish, Saint Innocent Orthodox Church (8526 Usher Road, Olmsted Township, Ohio 44138) on Saturday, 07 December 2024. The doors open at 1:30pm, with the activity to begin at 2:00pm and run until roughly 4:30pm.

It is called Brushstrokes and Balance, and it will be a free opportunity for young adults aged 20 to 30 to explore "the intersection of art, faith, and mental wellness" through painting. I will be present to help her facilitate as needed, and she just asks that the local clergy and other Orthodox leaders pass the attached flyers along to the relevant individuals in their parishes so that participants can RSVP by 01 December 2024.

Here is the link to use: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLKMZYA45jbX0HM38KZYEpWBJOosmdCyoAT-lvDG1dedrngA/viewform>

Hilary and I would both be greatly appreciative if you could encourage your young adults (especially those who may be dealing with mental health and wellness concerns) to consider attending. Thank you very much, and if you have any questions, you can reach out to me or Hilary ([hilary.ries@gmail.com](mailto:hilary.ries@gmail.com)).

In Christ,

>>>Father Peter Simko

**Brushstrokes  
and  
Balance**

*Exploring the Intersection of Art, Faith, and Mental Wellness*

<https://tinyurl.com/25fhkn6x>

**PAINT SESSION AND DISCUSSION**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 1:30 | PAINTING 2 - 4:30**  
**AGES 20-30**

*Please scan the QR code and RSVP by December 1st*



*Theotokos of Vladimir*

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD  
OF GREATER CLEVELAND**

**UNITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION**

**Saturday, December 14, 2024  
@ 10:00 A.M.**

**Archangel Michael Russian Orthodox Church  
5025 Mill Road  
Broadview Hts., OH 44147**

Matthew 25:35-36, 40

For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me... as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.



**INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX  
CHRISTIAN CHARITIES**

*Helping others help themselves*

- Fellowship and Advent Brunch
- **Presentation by Diane Hastings**
- **IOCC – Cleveland Chapter and domestic missions**

*Enjoy time with other EOWG members as Diane presents a power point showing the missions that the IOCC is providing here in the States.*

# 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE RUSSIAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF CLEVELAND



Friday, January 24, 2025

St. Michael's Woodside Party Center  
5025 E. Mill Rd, Broadview Heights, Ohio



Scan the QR code  
to order tickets online!

- COCKTAILS FROM 7:30-8:00 PM
- DINNER FROM 8:00-9:00 PM
- DANCING FROM 9:00-12:30 AM

**OPEN BAR**

Formal Attire Requested

**MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT BY  
MOSCOW NIGHTS  
WITH DJ AFTER DINNER**



**Adult: \$100**

(\$120 after January 10th)

**Student: \$70**

(\$90 after January 10th)

Tickets will not be sold at the door

Raffle lottery to benefit the  
St. Theodosius Restoration Fund

For questions and to pay by check/cash  
contact Nick Rodzianko  
nrodzianko@gmail.com  
216-509-1897

# PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 11/24/2024

## *Deceased*

**Donna** Fabris (*Jerry Czajkowski's friend*)

**Margaret** Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

## *Special Intentions:*

**Archpriest Jason** Kappanadze

**Subdeacon Theodore** Lentz

**Subdeacon Roger** Pinta

**Subdeacon Leon** Felon

**Subdeacon Peter** Nicholas Zolikoff

**Reader Frank** Tkacz

**Reader Daniel** Morris

**Stephan** Chwalyk

**Horia** Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

**Janice** Tkacz

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

**Rachel** Ohlin (*relative of Tatiana*)

**Erin** Zawolowycz

**Jeffrey** Parhamovich

*(brother of Karen Felon)*

**Margaret** Parhamovich

*(sister-in-law of Karen Felon)*

**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)*

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

**Robert** Martin Prock

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

**Child McKenna** Kranek

**Elizabeth** and **Michael** Prendergast and their **unborn child**

**Betty** Balasz

**Jeremy, Yvonne, and Unborn Child**

**Herman** Leslie Levin

**Russell** Schafer

**Sonia** Vorell

**Ivan** Lavrisiuk

**Elisabeth** Lavrisiuk

**Elena** Rich

**Beth** Carson

**Gregory** Jakubisin

**Phyllis** Gindlesperger

Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to **Fr. Jan Cizmar**  
[st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com](mailto:st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com)

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



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**St. Botolph (also Botulf)** is one of the most venerated saints in Eastern England and one of the greatest English missionaries in the 7th century. This wonderful saint has for many centuries been venerated not only throughout England but also in many other European countries. Over 70 ancient churches in England are dedicated to St. Botolph and this fact indicates a special love of the English faithful for the saint.

## Sunday, December 1

23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
Venerable Botolph of Iken (7th c.)  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

## Monday, December 2

Ven. Alexei (Kabalyuk) (1947)

## Tuesday, December 3

Prophet Zephaniah  
(Sophonias—635-605 B.C.)

## Wednesday, December 4

Glorification of Hieromartyr Protopresbyter  
Alexander (Hotovitzky) (1994)

## Thursday, December 5

Ven. Savva the Sanctified (532)  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

## Friday, December 6

**St. Nicholas the Wonderworker,  
Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (ca. 345)**  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

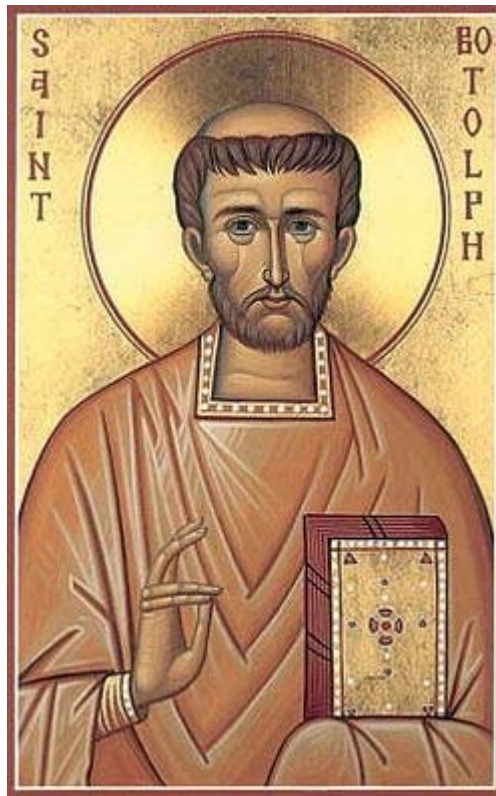
## Saturday, December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397)  
4:45 PM Church School  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

## Sunday, December 8

24th Sunday after Pentecost  
362 Martyrs of Africa  
(62 Clergy and 300 Laypeople) (475)  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour  
Informational Meeting and Diocesan Ministry  
Meeting to follow

# BIWEEKLY SCHEDULE 2024



Venerable Botolph of  
Iken (7th c.)  
(December 1)

## Monday, December 9

Conception of the Most Holy Theotokos by  
Saint Anna

## Tuesday, December 10

Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and  
Eugraphus, of Alexandria (ca. 313)

## Wednesday, December 11

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

## Thursday, December 12

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

## Friday, December 13

**Repose of Ven. Herman of Alaska,  
Wonderworker of All America (1837)**  
*Divine Liturgy at St. Herman House*  
5:00 PM—8:00 PM Christmas Cookie  
Walk

## Saturday, December 14

Martyrs Thyrsos, Leukios, and Kallinikos  
(249-51)  
11:00 AM—1:00 PM Christmas Cookie  
Walk  
6:00 PM Great Vespers

## Sunday, December 15

25th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday of the Forefathers  
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour