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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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SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

15TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

SUNDAY AFTER THE
ELEVATION OF THE CROSS



The Holy Prophet Jonah (September 22) lived in the eighth century before the birth of Christ and was a successor of the Prophet Elisha. The Book of the Prophet Jonah contains prophecies about the judgments on the Israelite nation, the sufferings of the Savior, the downfall of Jerusalem, and the end of the world. Besides the prophecies, the Book of Jonah relates

how he was sent to the Ninevites to preach repentance (Jon. 3: 3-10).

Our Lord Jesus Christ, addressing the Scribes and the Pharisees who demanded a sign from Him, said that no sign would be given except for the

sign of the Prophet Jonah, "As Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so also shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights" (Mt. 12: 40). From these words the Lord shows clearly the symbolic meaning of the Book of the Prophet Jonah in relation to Christ's death on the Cross, descent into Hell, and the Resurrection.

Reproaching the lack of penitence and recalcitrance of the Jews, the Lord said, "The Ninevites shall rise in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and one greater than Jonah is here" (Mt. 12: 41).

CONCEPTION OF THE HONORABLE GLORIOUS PROPHET, FORERUNNER AND BAPTIST JOHN (September 23)

The holy Prophet Malachi prophesied that before the Messiah's birth His Forerunner would appear, and would indicate His coming. The Jews therefore in awaiting the Messiah also awaited the appearance of His Forerunner.

In a city of the hills of Judea in the land of Palestine lived the righteous priest Saint Zachariah and his wife Saint Elizabeth, zealously observing the commandments of the Lord. The couple, however, had a misfortune: they remained childless in their old age, and they prayed unceasingly to God to grant them a child.

Once, when Saint Zachariah took his turn as priest at the Temple of Jerusalem, he went into the Sanctuary to offer incense. Going be-



hind the veil of the Sanctuary, he beheld an angel of God standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

Saint Zachariah was astonished and halted in fear, but the angel said to him, "Fear not, Zachariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John." But Zachariah did not believe the words of the heavenly messenger, and then the angel said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God;

and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you the good news. Behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words...."

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zach-

ariah and they were astonished that he had not come out from the Sanctuary after so long a time. And when he did come out, he was supposed to pronounce a blessing upon the people, but could not do so because he had been struck speechless. When Zachariah explained by gestures that he was unable to

speak, the people then understood that he had experienced a vision. The prophecy of the Archangel was fulfilled, and Righteous Elizabeth was delivered from her barrenness, and gave birth to John, the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

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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"Wine that makes glad the heart of man, Oil to make his face shine, And bread which strengthens man's heart." (Psalm 104:14-15)

You are invited for a

St. Theodosius Wine Tasting Event!

Bring your family and friends and join us for a Wine Tasting and Appetizer Open House at our Parish Hall

Thursday October 5, 2023

5:30-8:30 PM

\$20.00 per person

Reservations required by October 02, 2023

Please pay Mary at the Parish Office



Consider Sponsoring Coffee Hour!

For those who would like to HELP with Coffee Hour but don't cook, you can now sponsor a Coffee Hour! By donating \$65 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.

Q4 2023 Coffee Hour Sign-Up

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

Oct 1 Georgi and Lina Galeva

Oct 8 Sponsored by: Igors and Natalia

Oct 15 Gayle/Wayne/Shawna

Oct 22 Joyce and Judy

Oct 29 Cathy and Tammy

Nov 5 CHILI COOKOFF (Sponsored by event committee)

Nov 12 Sarah and Mike Brennan 330-620-0365

Nov 19 (Fast Week) M.Jana

Nov 26 (Fast Week) Dan & Lavinia

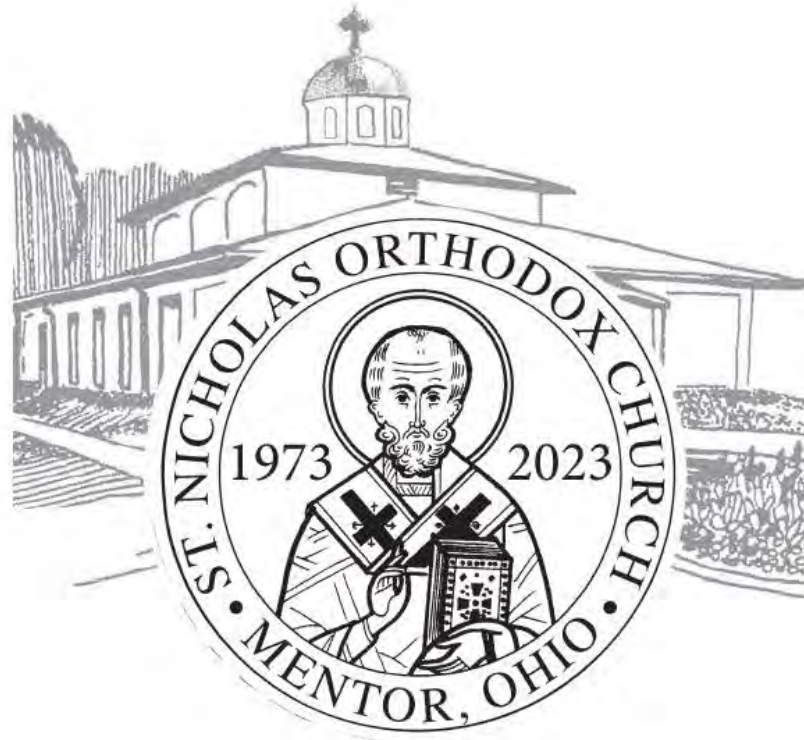
Dec 3 (Fast Week) Joyce and Judy

Dec 10 (Fast Week) Nikol and M.Cindy

Dec 17 (Fast Week) Gayle/Wayne/Shawna

Dec 24 (Fast Week) Sponsored by: Una Alexandrovic

Dec 31 M.Jana



*Celebrating our 50th Year witnessing
to the Apostolic Faith in Lake County for 50 Years*

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Divine Liturgy

with Archbishop Daniel beginning at 9:30 am

Grand Banquet at 1:00 pm

Father Kline Social Center
St John Vianney Church
7575 Bellflower Rd
Mentor, OH 44060

Tickets: \$30.00, Children 4 -12 - \$10.00

Contact: Darlene
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Deadline is October 1st while Tickets last

Archpastoral Message of the Most Reverend DANIEL

Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest

For the Annual Seminarian Appeal 2023

September 7, 2023

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. (John 10:11)

Beloved Sons and Daughters in Christ,

In the well-known Gospel verse cited above, the Lord Jesus likens His relationship to His people to that of a shepherd to his sheep. He reveals himself as the Good and True Shepherd sent from God to care for the Flock, to protect and guide us in such a way that we are confident in His care. Because the Lord is our Shepherd, we have nothing to fear: as the anaphora of Saint John Chrysostom reminds us, this Shepherd was not “given up ... [but] rather, *gave Himself up for the life of the world.*” He is the Good Shepherd who knows His own sheep, and lays His life down for them (*cf.* John 10:14-15).

Christ has continued His work as the Shepherd of our souls from one generation to the next. He guides us with His voice as He speaks to us in the Holy Gospels. As our Good Shepherd, He gathers us so that we can be nourished with the sacred nourishment of His most Pure Body and Precious Blood. He protects us as we turn to Him in our time of need. He leads us and calls us to follow Him into the Kingdom He has prepared for us. Yet to guide, gather, nourish, and protect us, the Lord calls others to continue His work of caring for and pasturing His Flock. These faithful shepherds, called to minister in the Name of Christ, are recognizable on the local level in the bishop with his priests and deacons.

The Diocese of the Midwest has a long and blessed history of episcopal and priestly service. Throughout the past century and more, the Lord has provided faithful clergy to shepherd the faithful flock of God in our Diocese and across the vast expanse of the American Midwest. Some of these servant-shepherds are now listed among the saints: Saint Tikhon of Moscow, Saint John of Chicago, Saint Alexis of Minneapolis, Saint Raphael of Brooklyn, Saint Madarije of Libertyville, Saint Varnava the New Confessor, and Saint Nikolai of Žiča. In addition to these saints, we can add a long list of other holy bishops, priests, and deacons who have served the Lord and His Church faithfully, sacrificially, and with honor and dignity. Their efforts have borne fruit: they shepherded the flock to Christ the Door, through Whom the sheep have found salvation and green pastures (*cf.* John 10:9).

As we reflect upon the past service of clergy in our Diocese, we should also acknowledge the present. In our own day, the Lord continues to care for His flock in the faithful clergy who are now serving in our parishes and mission communities. And He also continues to provide for the future by calling individuals from our parishes to prepare themselves for ordained ministry. I am grateful to God for the eleven men who are now enrolled in the seminaries of the Orthodox Church in America: Saint Tikhon’s Orthodox Theological Seminary and Saint Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary. These seminarians are men from our own parish communities. They have heard the voice of the Shepherd to follow Him and to prepare themselves, through prayer, study, and service, to take their place as servant-shepherds caring for the flock of Christ.

These men, and others who will follow them, are to be educated in Orthodox Theology and formed in the image of the Good Shepherd so that, God willing, they will one day take their place in the history of the ordained ministry in the Diocese of the Midwest. They sacrifice and make special efforts to that end: most of them are married family men, and their wives and children sacrifice along with them. Just as each one of us needs the support of the clergy now serving in our parishes, so too we need to support our seminarians, so

that they may one day stand at the Holy Altar, preach the Gospel, and offer pastoral care to us, our families, and our parishes. They need our fervent prayers, certainly, but they and their families also need our equally sacrificial financial support.

To that end, each September, our Diocese of the Midwest promotes a project known simply as “Support our Seminarians.” During this month, I ask of all our clergy to increase our common liturgical prayers asking the Good Shepherd to raise among us more servant-shepherds to participate in His work of caring for the flock. I also invite each community and every individual not only to join in these prayers to Christ, the Door of the Sheep (*cf.* John 10:7), but to give generously to our Seminarians’ Fund, as we seek to show our appreciation and support for our diocesan seminarians—present and future.

Yours in Christ,

+DANIEL

Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest

Wine Tasting

TO BENEFIT IOCC

Monday, October 16, 2023

6:00 to 10:00 pm

Enjoy a four-course dinner with wine pairings, a silent auction, a wine cork pull for a chance to win an expensive bottle of wine, and learn how your gifts help families around the world.

St. Michael’s Woodside Event Center
5025 Mill Road
Broadview Heights, OH 44147

Early Bird Tickets by September 30 – \$60

Tickets after October 1 – \$70



For Tickets: <https://support.iocc.org/site/Ticketing?view=Tickets&id=102181> Or contact Frank Tkacz 216 789-3267

PRAYER REQUESTS

as of 9/17/2023

Deceased

Helen Kuklisin (*Mother of Sharon Grechny*)

Matushka Priscilla Shirley

Special Intentions:

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Subdeacon Roger Pinta

Subdeacon Leon Felon

Reader Paul Pangrace

Reader Frank Tkacz

Stephan Chwalyk

Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

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 Felon*)

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*)

Lonnie Ellis (*Husband to Debra Ellis*)

Robert Martin Prock

Valentina Zawolowycz (*mother of Paul Z*)

Mark

Michael Kapeluck (*friend of Cathy*)

Jack Zimmerman (*Uncle to Cindy Zdinak, Nisi Pozdarec and Father John Zdinak*)

Robert McKay (*friend of Andrew Myrtrohovic*)

Gwyneth Seddon (*daughter of Eric and Elisa*)

Paul Eppelle (*father-in-law of Lauren Eppelle*)

Elena Richv (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)

Aaron and Nadine Drummond (Ellis) & unborn child

Wasył Miroewski (*Uncle of Tim Closs*)

Amelia Thombs (*Sister of Ethan*)

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

Scripture readings are listed in the calendar. They are also available on the OCA website at <https://www.oca.org/readings> (clicking on a reading expands it for reading—very convenient)



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS



- October 5th—Wine Tasting Event (in our parish hall, not the IOCC one!)
- November 5th—Chili Cook Off
- December 17th—Annual Christmas Choir Concert

Sunday, September 17

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross
Sunday after Elevation
Martyr Sophia, and her three daughters
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

Monday, September 18

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross
St. Eumenes, Bishop of Gortyna (6th c.)

Tuesday, September 19

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross
Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon of Synnada (276)
6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross
Greatmartyr Eustáthios (Eustace) Placidas, his wife, Martyr Theopistes, and their children, Martyrs Agapius and Theopistus, of Rome (ca. 118)
6:00 PM Akathist to the Holy Cross

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2023

Thursday, September 21
Leavetaking of the Elevation of the Cross
Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy
(ca. 130)

Friday, September 22
Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinopè
(117)

Saturday, September 23
The Conception of the Honorable
Glorious Prophet,
Forerunner and Baptist John
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, September 24
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly (ca. 1796) and Peter the Aleut (1815)
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour



Martyr Sophia and her three daughters at Rome