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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

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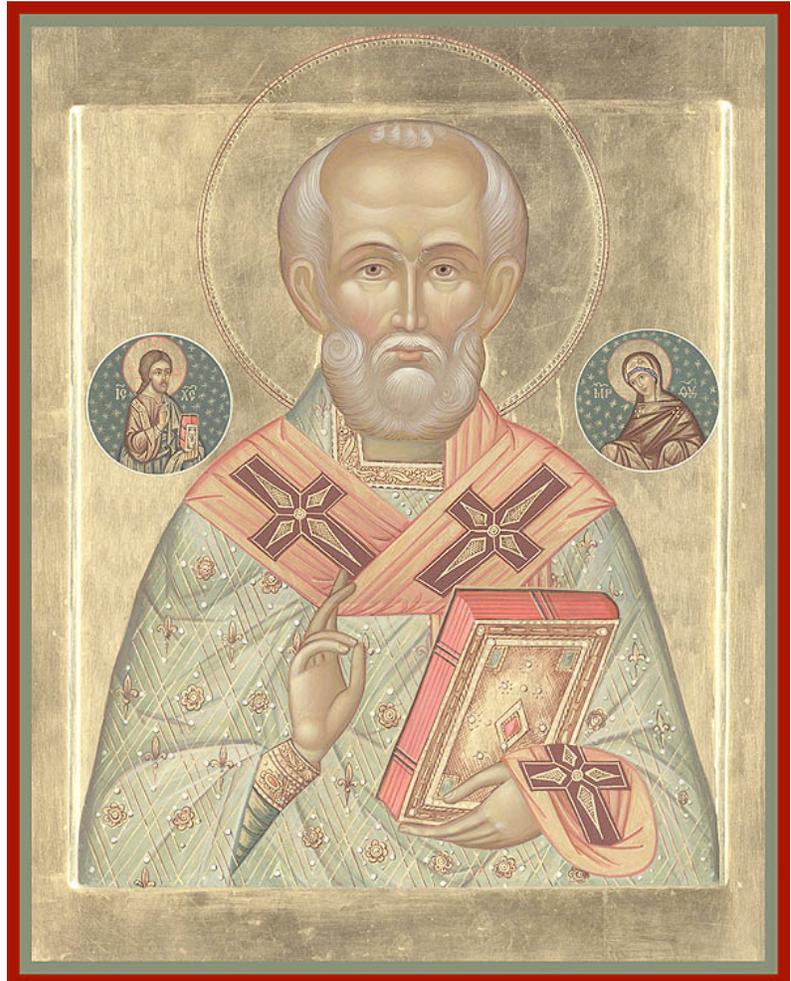
by Wednesday of each week
before noon.

* CALENDAR: Event dates
must be submitted by the
15th of each month.

DECEMBER 2, 2018

PROPHET HABBAKUK
MARTYR MYROPE

ST. NICHOLAS



DECEMBER 6

Saint Nicholas, the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia is famed as a great saint pleasing unto God. He was born in the city of Patara in the region of Lycia (on the south coast of the Asia Minor peninsula), and was the only son of pious parents Theophanes and Nonna, who had vowed to dedicate him to God.

As the fruit of the prayer of his childless parents, the infant Nicholas from the very day of his birth revealed to people the light of his future glory as a wonderworker. His mother, Nonna, after giving birth was immediately healed from illness. The newborn infant, while still in the baptismal font, stood on his feet three hours, without support from anyone, thereby honoring the Most Holy Trinity. Saint Nicholas from his infancy began a life of fasting, and on Wednesdays and Fridays he would not accept milk from his mother until after his parents had finished their evening prayers.

From his childhood Nicholas thrived on the study of Divine Scripture; by day he would not leave church, and by night he prayed and read books, making himself a worthy dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Bishop Nicholas of Patara rejoiced at the spiritual success and deep piety of his nephew. He ordained him a reader, and then elevated Nicholas to the priesthood, making him his assistant and entrusting him to instruct the flock.

In serving the Lord the youth was fervent of spirit, and in his proficiency with questions of faith he was like an Elder, who aroused the wonder and deep respect of believers. Constantly at work and vivacious, in unceasing prayer, the priest Nicholas displayed great kind-heartedness towards the flock, and towards the afflicted who came to him for help, and he distributed all his inheritance to the poor.

There was a certain formerly rich inhabitant of Patara, whom Saint Nicholas saved from great sin. The man had three grown daughters, and in desperation he planned to sell their bodies so they would have money for food. The saint, learning of the man's poverty and of his wicked intention, secretly visited him one night and threw a sack of gold through the window. With the money the man arranged an honorable marriage for his daughter. Saint Nicholas also provided gold for the other daughters, thereby saving the family from falling into spiritual destruction. In bestowing charity, Saint Nicholas always strove to do this secretly and to conceal his good deeds.

The Bishop of Patara decided to go on pilgrimage to the holy places at Jerusalem, and entrusted the guidance of his flock to Saint Nicholas, who fulfilled this obedience carefully and with love. When the bishop returned, Nicholas asked his blessing for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Along the way the saint predicted a storm would arise and threaten the ship. Saint Nicholas saw the devil get on the ship, intending to sink it and kill all the passengers. At the entreaty of the despairing pilgrims, he calmed the waves of the sea by his prayers. Through his prayer a certain sailor of the ship, who had fallen from the mast and was mortally injured was also restored to health.

When he reached the ancient city of Jerusalem and came to Golgotha, Saint Nicholas gave thanks to the Savior. He went to all the holy places, worshiping at each one. One night on Mount Sion, the closed doors of the church opened by themselves for the great pilgrim. Going round the holy places connected with the earthly service of the Son of God, Saint Nicholas decided to withdraw into the desert, but he was stopped by a divine voice urging him to return to his native country. He returned to Lycia, and yearning for a life of quietude, the saint entered into the brotherhood of a monastery named Holy Sion, which had been founded by his uncle. But the Lord again indicated another path for him, "Nicholas, this is not the vineyard where you shall bear fruit for Me. Return to the world, and glorify My Name there." So he left Patara and went to Myra in Lycia.

Upon the death of Archbishop John, Nicholas was chosen as Bishop of Myra after one of the bishops of the Council said that a new archbishop should be revealed by God, not chosen by men. One of the elder bishops had a vision of a radiant Man, Who told him that the one who came to the church that night and was first to enter should be made archbishop. He would be named Nicholas. The bishop went to the church at night to await Nicholas. The saint, always the first to arrive at church, was stopped by the bishop. “What is your name, child?” he asked. God’s chosen one replied, “My name is Nicholas, Master, and I am your servant.”

After his consecration as archbishop, Saint Nicholas remained a great ascetic, appearing to his flock as an image of gentleness, kindness and love for people. This was particularly precious for the Lycian Church during the persecution of Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Bishop Nicholas, locked up in prison together with other Christians for refusing to worship idols, sustained them and exhorted them to endure the fetters, punishment and torture. The Lord preserved him unharmed. Upon the accession of Saint Constantine (May 21) as emperor, Saint Nicholas was restored to his flock, which joyfully received their guide and intercessor.

Despite his great gentleness of spirit and purity of heart, Saint Nicholas was a zealous and ardent warrior of the Church of Christ. Fighting evil spirits, the saint made the rounds of the pagan temples and shrines in the city of Myra and its surroundings, shattering the idols and turning the temples to dust.

In the year 325 Saint Nicholas was a participant in the First Ecumenical Council. This Council proclaimed the Nicean Symbol of Faith, and he stood up against the heretic Arius with the likes of Saints Sylvester the Bishop of Rome (January 2), Alexander of Alexandria (May 29), Spyridon of Trimythontos (December 12) and other Fathers of the Council.

Saint Nicholas, fired with zeal for the Lord, assailed the heretic Arius with his words, and also struck him upon the face. For this reason, he was deprived of the emblems of his episcopal rank and placed under guard. But several of the holy Fathers had the same vision, seeing the Lord Himself and the Mother of God returning to him the Gospel and omophorion. The Fathers of the Council agreed that the audacity of the saint was pleasing to God, and restored the saint to the office of bishop.

Having returned to his own diocese, the saint brought it peace and blessings, sowing the word of Truth, uprooting heresy, nourishing his flock with sound doctrine, and also providing food for their bodies.

Even during his life the saint worked many miracles. One of the greatest was the deliverance from death of three men unjustly condemned by the Governor, who had been bribed. The saint boldly went up to the executioner and took his sword, already suspended over the heads of the condemned. The Governor, denounced by Saint Nicholas for his wrong doing, repented and begged for forgiveness.

Witnessing this remarkable event were three military officers, who were sent to Phrygia by the emperor Constantine to put down a rebellion. They did not suspect that soon they would also be compelled to seek the intercession of Saint Nicholas. Evil men slandered them before the emperor, and the officers were sentenced to death. Appearing to Saint Constantine in a dream, Saint Nicholas called on him to overturn the unjust sentence of the military officers.

He worked many other miracles, and struggled many long years at his labor. Through the prayers of the saint, the city of Myra was rescued from a terrible famine. He appeared to a certain Italian merchant and left him three gold pieces as a pledge of payment. He requested him to sail to Myra and deliver grain there. More than once, the saint saved those drowning in the sea, and provided release from captivity and imprisonment.

Having reached old age, Saint Nicholas peacefully fell asleep in the Lord. His venerable relics were preserved incorrupt in the local cathedral church and flowed with curative myrrh, from which many received healing. In the year 1087, his relics were transferred to the Italian city of Bari, where they rest even now (See May 9).

The name of the great saint of God, the hierarch and wonderworker Nicholas, a speedy helper and suppliant for all hastening to him, is famed in every corner of the earth, in many lands and among many peoples. In Russia there are a multitude of cathedrals, monasteries and churches consecrated in his name. There is, perhaps, not a single city without a church dedicated to him.

The first Russian Christian prince Askold (+ 882) was baptized in 866 by Patriarch Photius (February 6) with the name Nicholas. Over the grave of Askold, Saint Olga (July 11) built the first temple of Saint Nicholas in the Russian Church at Kiev. Primary cathedrals were dedicated to Saint Nicholas at Izborsk, Ostrov, Mozhaisk, and Zaraisk. At Novgorod the Great, one of the main churches of the city, the Nikolo-Dvorischensk church, later became a cathedral.

Famed and venerable churches and monasteries dedicated to Saint Nicholas are found at Kiev, Smolensk, Pskov, Toropetsa, Galich, Archangelsk, Great Ustiug, Tobolsk. Moscow had dozens of churches named for the saint, and also three monasteries in the Moscow diocese: the Nikolo-Greek (Staryi) in the Chinese-quarter, the Nikolo-Perervinsk and the Nikolo-Ugreshsk. One of the chief towers of the Kremlin was named the Nikolsk.

Many of the churches devoted to the saint were those established at market squares by Russian merchants, sea-farers and those who traveled by land, venerating the wonderworker Nicholas as a protector of all those journeying on dry land and sea. They sometimes received the name among the people of "Nicholas soaked."

Many village churches in Russia were dedicated to the wonderworker Nicholas, venerated by peasants as a merciful intercessor before the Lord for all the people in their work. And in the Russian land Saint Nicholas did not cease his intercession. Ancient Kiev preserves the memory about the miraculous rescue of a drowning infant by the saint. The great wonderworker, hearing the grief-filled prayers of the parents for the loss of their only child, took the infant from the waters, revived him and placed him in the choir-loft of the church of Holy Wisdom (Hagia Sophia) before his wonderworking icon. In the morning the infant was found safe by his thrilled parents, praising Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker.

Many wonderworking icons of Saint Nicholas appeared in Russia and came also from other lands. There is the ancient Byzantine embordered image of the saint, brought to Moscow from Novgorod, and the large icon painted in the thirteenth century by a Novgorod master.

Two depictions of the wonderworker are especially numerous in the Russian Church: Saint Nicholas of Zaraisk, portrayed in full-length, with his right hand raised in blessing and with a Gospel (this image was brought to Ryazan in 1225 by the Byzantine Princess Eupraxia, the future wife of Prince Theodore. She perished in 1237 with her husband and infant son during the incursion of Batu); and Saint Nicholas of Mozhaisk, also in full stature, with a sword in his right hand and a city in his left. This recalls the miraculous rescue of the city of Mozhaisk from an invasion of enemies, through the prayers of the saint. It is impossible to list all the grace-filled icons of Saint Nicholas, or to enumerate all his miracles.

Saint Nicholas is the patron of travelers, and we pray to him for deliverance from floods, poverty, or any misfortunes. He has promised to help those who remember his parents, Theophanes and Nonna.

Saint Nicholas is also commemorated on May 9 (The transfer of his relics) and on July 29 (his nativity).

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2

Dec. 2 Eph. 6:10-17
Luke 18:18-27

Dec. 4 2 Tim. 3:16-4:4
Luke 21:12-19

Dec. 7 1 Titus 1:15-2:10
Luke 21:37-22:8

Dec. 3 2 Tim. 2:20-26
Luke 20:27-44

Dec. 5 2 Tim. 4:9-22
Luke 21:5-7,10-11,
20-24

Dec. 8 Eph. 1:16-23
Luke 13:18-29

Dec. 6 Titus 1:5-2:1
Luke 21:28-33

Cathedral Cookie Bakers!

**Dust off your rolling pins and get ready for the
2018 Christmas Cookie Walk!**

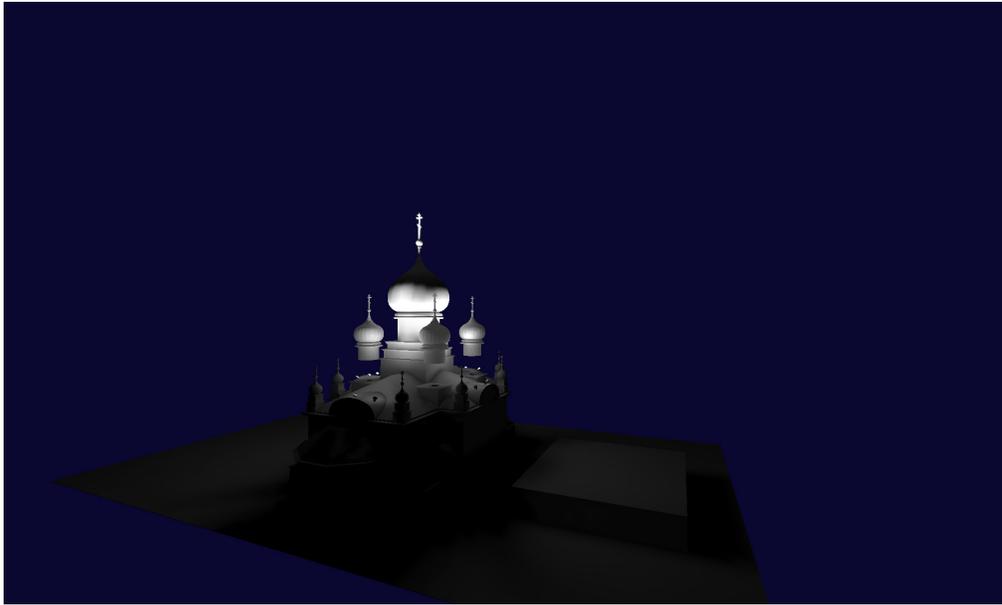
**This year's cookie walk will be held in conjunction
with December's Walkabout Tremont
Friday, December 14th from 6:00-9:00 PM
Saturday, December 15th from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**Cookies will need to be dropped off by 5:00 PM on
Friday, December 14th**

**Freezer space is available for those who
wish to bake early**

Please see Susan Lentz for more information





We are proposing to change the dome lighting on the Cathedral from standard fixtures to LED fixtures.

There are many advantages of LED fixtures over standard ones. LEDs are difficult to damage with external shock. LEDs have a significantly longer lifespan when compared to traditional lighting solutions. The average LED lasts 50,000 to 100,000 operating hours or more. Less frequent replacement means two big things: lower maintenance costs in terms of labor and lower costs for replacement parts. To change any existing lamp that has burnt out, we are required to rent a lift AND hire an operator adding additional cost to the life of the existing fixtures. LEDs generally consume very low amounts of power. Most LED lighting retrofit projects result in a 60-75% improvement in the overall energy efficiency of the facility's lighting.

We are working on getting pricing for installation. The cost for the 12 new fixtures is just under \$18,000. This includes mounting the fixtures at the existing location (off of a single point mounting with a horizontal bracket on which will be mounted three fixtures per side of dome). PLEASE NOTE: lead-time for fixtures is 6 weeks from date order is placed. This cost, as stated above, does NOT include costs for installation.

We are looking for contributions to accomplish this LED project. One idea that has been suggested is to break the cost down into a per fixture cost to aid those considering making a donation. For example, each fixture will be approximately \$1,500. Perhaps a family could go in together and further break it down into smaller portions. The possibilities are endless!

As always we consider donations as did the widow and her mite: Christ, in commenting on her unselfish contribution, was looking not at how much she gave, but on how much she had left over.

Both Michael Tabeling and Fr. John are available to answer any questions you may have.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Departed:

Protodeacon Dennis Lucak
11-10-18

Helen Lucak
11-10-18

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:

Fr. Basil Stoyka
Matushka Susanne Senyo
Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan
Archpriest Theodore Bobosh
Child Katie Repasky (*friend of Fr. John*)
Child Mary Kate Zweidunger
Melissa (*cousin of Mary Ann Kovach*)
Julia
Christopher Baymiller (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Paula Baymiller (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Debbie Bazelides (*Judy Schwind's cousin*)
Carol Bohurjak
Marie Borland
Sandra Brello
Gregory Cervo
Elsie Conrad
Arlene Czajkowski
Jerry Czajkowski
Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia Morris's brother*)
Debra Ellis
Gregory Galan
Joseph Gammalo

Aleksei Green
Don Hinkle
Matthew Hunly (*Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)
Tom Jacobson
Joy Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Stephen Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Diane Kearsley (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)
Lacey Kihn (*friend of Michael Udell*)
Mara Kilbane (*Melissa McCutcheon's granddaughter*)
John Kovalski (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)
Melissa McCutcheon
Michael McCutcheon
Marguerite Mihal (*Paul Mihal's mother*)
Paul Mihal
Natalya Miller (*Arlene Neale's great-niece*)
Andrew Mytrohovich
Bert Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's brother-in-law*)
Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)
Daniel O'Donnell
Pat O'Donnell
Patricia Owens
Debra Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)

Grace Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother*)
Tala Pavicic
James Peter Petkac
Anastasia Pogorily
James Marshall Prock
Elena Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)
Julia Sankovic (*Child*)
Andrew Sykaluk
Elaine Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)
Tony Sykaluk (*friend of Lydia Mytrohovich*)
Janice Tkacz
Gregory Verbick (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)
Robert Walsh (*friend of The Felons*)
Colleen Walsh (*friend of the The Felons*)
Elisabeth Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Malcolm Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Erin Zawolowycz
Theodore Zolikoff (*Nick Zolikoff's father*)

Jeremy (Nisi Pozderac's son) and
Yvonne Pozderac & Unborn Child



Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy. You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour:

12/2/18	Mat. Cindy Zdinak & Tammy Ponomarenko
12/9/18	Lauren Miklos & Chanda Czaruk
12/16/18	Cathy Weber & Mat. Jenn Boerio
12/23/18	Shawna Whitlock & Gayle Vidovich
12/30/18	Dan & Lavinia Morris
1/6/19	TBA
1/13/19	TBA

Greeters:

Mat. Jenn Boerio & Karen Felon
Igor Gajewsky & Linda Smotzer
Sonia Vorell & Virginia Medvec
Tammy & Eva Ponomarenko
Igor Gajewsky & Michael Tabeling
TBA
TBA



FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, \$10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris

Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

For the entire 2018 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey

from John & Ruth Fritskey





St. Vladimir Campground & Retreat Center
2795 Wakefield Creek Road
Farmdale, OH 44417

Maple Syrup Fund Raiser

Leon is selling maple syrup harvested by a commercial processor;
a close neighbor of St. Vladimir Camp.

\$15/two 8oz. Bottles
Keep one & give one for the holidays

Thank you for your consideration

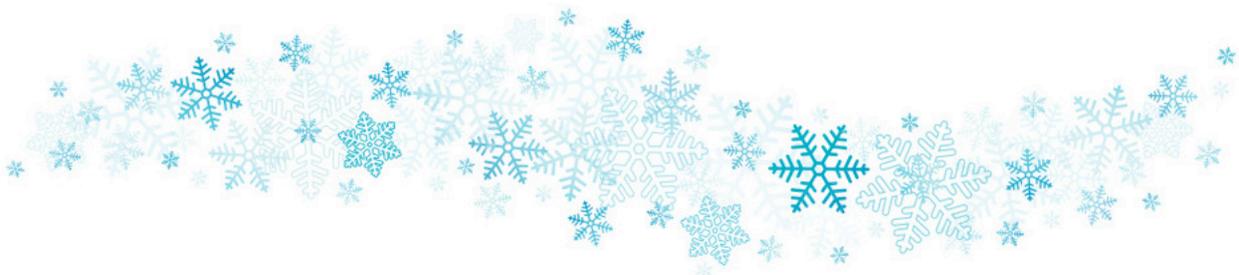
**Dear Brothers and Sisters: We
are looking for Greeters to add
to our Ministry. Please
prayerfully consider joining us
as we greet those who are
brought to us by Christ Himself!
We will provide the training
which is as simple as a smile
and a warm welcome! If you are
interested or have questions
please see Michael Tabeling or
any of the greeters you meet at
the front door of the Cathedral.**





Fr. John will be conducting a teaching series on the Divine Liturgy for the Sundays of the Nativity Fast beginning Sunday November 18th. The teaching sessions will be conducted during the Liturgy at points corresponding with the day's teaching. This is offered in hope that our Catechumens and all of us will gain a better understanding of what we do when we gather on Sunday mornings.

A five week series on Orthodox Worship will also take place beginning on Monday, November 12 at 7:00 PM. It will be conducted every Monday through December 10th.





Theotokos of Vladimir

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD
OF GREATER CLEVELAND
Unity Through Participation**

**Saturday, December 8, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

**Saint Andrew Orthodox Church
16029 Maple Park Drive
Maple Heights, OH 44137**

**Speaker: Fr. Emilian Hutnyan
Topic: Advent vs Secularism**



**The Cathedral FOCA group will be
having its Advent Lenten soup sale
TODAY, December 2nd. Proceeds
benefit the St. Nicholas Project**

BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY!



Holiday Buffet Includes: mixed greens salad, warm rolls and butter, two entrée(s), two side dishes, water, coffee, tea, soft drinks, house linen service and centerpieces.

ENTREES

- Sausage and Peppers Marinara
- Beer Battered Cod
- Keilbasa and Sauerkraut
- Hand Breaded Fried Cod
- Chicken Caprese
- Breaded Chicken Breast Cutlet
- Chicken Parmesan
- Sliced Roast Sirloin of Beef
- Pot Roast with Gravy
- Chicken Marsala
- Roast Pork and Pan Gravy
- Stuffed Cabbage Rolls
- Honey Baked Ham
- Chicken Paprikash
- Lemon Cod Amandine

SIDE DISHES

- Green Beans
- Honey Glazed Carrots
- Broccoli and Cauliflower Au Gratin
- Seasonal Vegetable Medley
- Herb Roasted Vegetables
- Oven Roasted Redskin Potatoes
- Mashed Potatoes
- Au Gratin Potatoes
- Wild and White Rice Pilaf
- Penne Marinara

DESSERTS

- Display of assorted Holiday Cookies


216-749-5509
\$ 18.95 per person
Plus 20% Service Chg
8% Tax

A new record was set on Sunday, November 18th - all the Angel Tree tags disappeared in one morning! Thank you all so VERY much, and may God bless you for your generosity. Gifts need to be at the Cathedral no later than Sunday, December 9th. Distribution will be at Merrick House on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend. Any questions, please see Dan Morris.





DECEMBER 23, 2018
CLEVELAND LANDMARK
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
42nd Annual Concert at 3:00 PM

Please join us for a special Christmas holiday program in the historic St. Theodosius Cathedral in the Tremont community on Cleveland's west side. Each year our program reflects the large repertoire of liturgical music from the Orthodox Christian Church. We sing a cappella, in English, and in concert format. Come experience the beauty of this national landmark and example of Eastern Orthodox Christianity in practice. Following the Cathedral Choir's program all are invited to participate in a sing-a-long of popular carols!

Tours: 1 PM
Concert: 3 PM

This year the
Cathedral Choir
is joined by the
*Greater Cleveland
Russian Male
Chorus.*

**FREE AND OPEN
TO ALL!**

Reception after
the concert.

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**Anyone willing to help out with the
reception following the Christmas Concert,
please see Susan Lentz. Thank you.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

2018

Sunday, Dec. 2

PROPHET HABBAKUK
MARTYR MYROPE
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
FOCA's Advent Lenten Soup Sale

Monday, Dec. 3

PROPHET ZEPHANIAH
VEN. SAVVA
OF ZVENIGOROD
7:00 PM Orthodox Worship
series @ Parish Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 4

GREATMARTYR BARBARA
GLORIF. HIEROMARTYR
ALEXANDER HOTOVITZKY

Wednesday, Dec. 5

VEN. SABBAS
THE SANCTIFIED
6:00 PM Great Vespers

REMINDER:



Please be sure
that cell phones
are turned off
before entering
the temple.

DECEMBER
Special Collection
THE DEANERY



Thursday, Dec. 6

ST. NICHOLAS
THE WONDERWORKER
ABP. OF MYRA IN LYCIA
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment @
Copper Stone

Friday, Dec. 7

ST. AMRBOSE, BP. MILAN
ST. PHILOFTHEIA

Saturday, Dec. 8

VEN. PATAPIUS OF THEBES
10:00 AM EOWG Meeting @ St.
Andrew Church in Maple Heights
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Dec. 9

CONCEPTION BY
RIGHTEOUS ST. ANNA
OF THE THEOTOKOS
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Deadline to bring gifts for Merrick
House Angel Tree

Nativity Fast
Nov. 15th - Dec. 24th



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