## ARCHANGEL MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, December 17, 2023

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V. REV. FR. JOHN MEMORICH (C) 216.548.8757 frjohn@stmichaelscleveland.org Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us in worship this morning.

If you desire any information about our parish, our diocese, or the Orthodox
Church and Faith, please contact Fr. John Memorich. Check us out online or visit
our Facebook Page which is updated regularly!



#### **GHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!**

Sunday of the Forefathers.

\*Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths:
Ananias, Azarias and Misael (500 B.G.).

28th Sunday after Pentecost (13th of Luke). Tone 3.

EPISTLE READING
Col: 3:4-11

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 14: 16-24

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, December 17

9:30 am Divine Liturgy – Live Stream Yolka / Brunch w/Santa

Monday, December 18

10:00 am Prosphora Baking

#### Wednesday, December 20 - Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ.

\*Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch.

7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, December 21 – Virgin-Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia and her Companions

Friday, December 22 - Greatmartyr Anastasia and her Companions

Saturday, December 23

5:00 pm Vespers / Confession

Sunday, December 24 – Sunday of the Holy Fathers. Eve of the Nativity of Christ

9:30 am Divine Liturgy – Live Stream

4:00 pm Vespers

# STAIRS AT REAR OF CHURCH TO THE LOWER LEVEL AND CHURCH ARE TEMPORARILY CLOSED DUE TO REPAIRS

Please use the ramp doors for entry to the lower level, and front entrance doors to the church.

https://www.youtube.com/ArchangelMichaelOrthodoxChurch https://stmichaelscleveland.org https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelsCLE

#### CANDLES, 7-DAY VIGILS & FLOWERS

#### FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

#### FOR THE REPOSE AND BLESSED MEMORY OF:

Annette Lapso (Departed; 7-d)..... by The Lapso Family

#### Sunday, December 17 - Altar Servers & Readers

Altar Servers: Silas Foster, Isaac Foster, Andrew Kovalak, Michael Gaborick, Danny Reilly, Nicolas Gaydos, Joshua Gaydos, Augustin Mindala

Reader: Tim Klembara

#### Sunday, December 24 - Altar Servers & Readers

Altar Servers: Joseph Kormos, Jacob Kormos, Justin Kormos, Connor Noll, Andrew Hanchuk, Nikolai Hanchuk, Gavin Lynagh, Charlie Herzak, Thomas Visocky

Reader: Nick Kormos

#### Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day - Altar Servers & Readers

ALL Altar servers are requested to serve.

Reader: Rdr. Michael Herzak

#### KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED / RECUPERATING

• Andrew Buswell - Parma Hospital

#### **NEWLY DEPARTED**

Please remember in your prayers the newly departed servant, David Deyling, father (in-law) of Brett and Maryann Deyling. Memory eternal!

#### **ADULT EDUCATION**

- Tuesday, January 9 Topic TBA
- Tuesday, January 23 Topic TBA

#### **CONFESSION NOTE**

Confession is in order for all during the Advent Season. Please approach in a timely manner.

#### **DELIVER HAPPINESS IN A BOX!**

Boxes of cookies are available for delivery. Please feel free to take a box (or two, or more) if you are able to deliver them to those in our community.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- December 25 Christmas Day Festal Liturgy @ 9:30 am
- December 27 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm
- December 28 55+ Christmas Lunch (RSVP by 12/17)
- January 14 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off
- February 25 Annual Parish Meeting

#### THANK YOU TO THE COOKIE BAKERS

Thank you to all of you who helped bake and prepare the boxed cookies to be distributed to the shut-ins who live at home and at nursing homes. This truly means a lot to them and reminds them of our love for them and that they are not forgotten during this Nativity season.

#### THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who helped set-up, organize and prepare for last Sunday's Pan-Orthodox Christmas Concert. Special thank you to Ben for doing such an outstanding job leading our choir; to Melissa Tesar for a wonderful job of live-streaming the concert so professionally; and to Marge Dzmura and to the "R" Club and all the others who were involved in setting up for this event. Such a fantastic out-pouring of our hospitality with such a wide variety of refreshments provided. We also collected over \$2,000 for charity! Our parish should be proud of how well this event went!

#### **PLEDGE LETTERS and CARDS**

All pledge cards and letters have been mailed out. To date we have received 137 pledges from over 270 distributed. **Please** return those ASAP! Food for thought – instead of contributing to McDonald's or Starbuck's bottom line – donate to your church.

#### The impact is significant!

To meet your 2023 pledge, the last Sunday to submit checks is December 24th. Any checks or cash received AFTER Dec. 24 will go towards your 2024 pledge. Thank you for your prayers and financial support to the parish.

NOTE: Direct payments can be made thru your bank via an on-line banking service where the bank can send the check directly to the church in a given amount on a specific date offered for FREE vs using PayPal, which charges a 3.48% fee on each transaction you make. Contact your bank or go online to initiate this service.

#### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FLOWERS**

Deadline is today 12/17/23



Donations for flowers can be made in honor of/or in memory of a loved one. Please note that names to be included in the December 24<sup>th</sup> bulletin **must be submitted by Sunday, December 17**<sup>th</sup>. Names submitted after the 17<sup>th</sup> are not guaranteed to be listed. Please complete

the order form and return to the Church before the deadline; flyer is attached.

## St. James Prayer List — December

"The prayer of the righteous has great power in its affects" (St. James 5:1)

For the complete St. James Prayer List, please see the most recent issue of the Archangel.

Please add: Janet Teebagy (Health)

Stewardship									
Thank you for your Stewardship.		•	r your generosity.						
Collection for Sunday GENERAL FUND		12/10	Dec Wk-T-D						
Pledge **	\$	6,458.00	9,703.00						
PayPal / Pledge	\$	148.06	244.58						
PayPal/Other	\$	0	0						
Candle Desk		\$ 182.00 342.00							
Candles/Vigils – Prayers	\$	140.00	230.00						
Offering	\$	200.00	300.00						
Children's Offering	\$	2.00	3.00						
Christmas Flowers	\$	220.00	220.00						
Christmas Offering	\$	95.00	95.00						
Loose Cash	\$	42.00	71.00						
Special Occasion	\$	145.00	165.00						
OTHER INCOME	\$								
EOWG – 12/10 Donation	\$	0	100.00						
IMO J Memorich Incense	\$	0	100.00						
Weekly INCOME	\$	7,632.06	11,893.58						
Weekly EXPENSE *	\$	6,778.00	13,556.00						
(UNDER) / OVER SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME	\$	854.06	-1,662.42						
Charity	\$	120.00	120.00						
Improvement	\$	95.00	95.00						
Renovation	\$	0	0						
Grave Sales	\$	0	0						
Liturgical	\$	1,000.00	1,000.00						
Endowment	\$	150.00	150.00						
Craft Fair	\$	0	20.00						
Weekly Total /									
Deposit to Spec Fund	\$	1,365.00	1,385.00						

<sup>\*</sup>Weekly expenses are based on the current year's approved budget, divided by 52 weeks in the year. \*

#### **Bulletin Information Deadline**

#### Deadline – is Thursday – 12 pm / Noon

Please forward any information you would like to have added to the bulletin to the church email – info@stmichaelscleveland.org

OR call 440-526-5192, Mat. Lu Timko.

Thank you!

<sup>\*\*</sup>Pledge total may include donations towards the 2023 Pledge Campaign

\*\*\*Transfer from Special Funds (SF) covers expenses which have been

earmarked for payment from the Spec Funds Acct.

#### **55+ CLUB MEMBERS**

Please remember to let MaryJane Lucak know by Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> (440-237-6284) if you will be attending the Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 28 to be held at Woodside @ 11:00 am. The cost of the Lunch for Members is only \$5.00!

If you would like to bring a guest, their cost will be "lunch price" of approximately \$15-20 per person. Also, if you want to participate in "Gift Exchange." Value of gift should be \$10.00 and appropriate for Male or Female member.

Thanks, and hope you can attend!

#### R CLUB EVENT - CLEVELAND MONSTERS HOCKEY

All are welcome to join the Cleveland 'R' Club for Pucks & Pierogies Day with the Cleveland Monsters Hockey Team. The Monsters will be taking on the Chicago Wolves on Saturday, February 3 at 1:00 pm. Tickets are only \$19 each, so get yours now by texting or calling Melissa Tesar at 216-509-2573, or by emailing <a href="mailto:mjtesar@gmail.com">mjtesar@gmail.com</a>. The ticket deadline is Friday, January 5.

#### **HOUSE BLESSINGS**

If you wish to have your house blessed during the season of Theophany. PLEASE contact the Church Office to set up a date and time. House Blessings are done by request only.

#### THANK YOU!

I would like to thank and congratulate our Choir members' participation in last Sunday's Pan-Orthodox Nativity Concert: Kathy Kovalak, Sarah Mindala, Monica Visocky, Debbie Geletka, Anysia Wharton, Helen Gaborick, Joy Pfeiffer, Cindy Henry, Christine Arkutik, Denise Louie, Dennis Lapso, Mike Herzak, Reader Michael Herzak, and John Mindala II. I would like to thank and congratulate Archpriest John Memorich and the parish for a very welcoming atmosphere and refreshment hour after the concert. Also, a thank you to Melisa Tesar and Nick Rolin for a well-presented live stream, by all accounts and comments, it was a wonderful experience for all who participated and all who watched - in person or via stream. Thank you all!

In Christ, Subdeacon Benjamin

#### **ZOE HOUSE NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Cold weather is coming and ZOE House needs winter coats for children. Gently used or new coats in sizes 12-month, 18 months, and 2T would help us to help those in need. If you are able to assist, age-appropriate (newborn-2 yrs.) toys are also needed, as well as diapers, wipes, and new and used clothing (up to 2T). Donations can be placed in the church narthex (vestibule). Thank you for your support.

#### **2024 R CLUB DUES**

Dues for 2024 are \$60 and are being collected. Please pay your dues promptly to Karen Visocky, you have three options:

- 1. Venmo: @Cleveland-RClub
- 2. Give cash or check directly to Karen on Sunday's
- 3. Mail checks payable to CLEVELAND R CLUB to Karen Visocky, 115 Valley Brook Blvd, Hinckley, OH 44233

#### AMOC SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR**

- December 24 No Church School
- December 31 No Church School
- January 7 Understanding Theophany
- January 14 Choir Practice (MLK Weekend)

#### **Littlest Angels Registration:**

https://bit.ly/LittlestAngels

#### Our NEW Sunday School GroupME link:

https://bit.ly/AMOCSSGroupMe

We also need our Highschool students to serve, as well as other helpers on the day of our celebration! Please sign up here for anything you can!

https://bit.ly/Brunch2023Help

#### **COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS - 2024**

Below are our upcoming sponsors for January thru June 2024. Thank you to those who have sponsored a coffee!

January – Samaritans April – Junior "R" Club February - HALOS May – 55+ Club

March - Senior "R" Club June - BOT (Board of Trustees)



## December 30th (Saturday) - Caroling

Halos and Teens invited to go Caroling with the Choir Join the church choir as we sing carols at the Danbury Assisted Living Facility in Broadview Heights. The residents love seeing the joy and energy children and teens bring! We are meeting at the facility 10:30 AM. (9500 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights)

#### January Event – Get Air

Friday, Jan 5 - 5:45 pm to 8:00 pm Get Air Trampoline Park located at 7204 Pearl Road, Middleburg Hts.

Jump into the New Year – feet first at our annual Get Air

• RSVP by Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> so we can order enough pizza, etc. Our Party Area is scheduled from 6-8 pm, but feel free to arrive 15 minutes early!

- \$10 per Jumper (includes: socks, pizza; and adults can jump too, if so inclined). Let Sarah Mindala know the number of jumpers and non-jumpers when you RSVP.
- Go online to complete the release waiver at <u>www.trampolineparkclevelandoh.com</u> (Waivers need to be updated annually).

#### **Don't forget** to use the GroupMe app!

Please join for an easier way to stay in the loop with our activities / events / announcements! Activity on the app will send you a direct text (choose to accept notifications during setup) so you do not have to check the app unless you are prompted to by the text! I can create polls and events in there too, so you never miss a Halos announcement. Halos is for the whole family beginning with your toddler up to Jr. High.

Thanks for your help! Here is the link:

You are invited to my new group 'Archangel Michael Halos' on GroupMe. Click here to join:

Archangel Michael Halos groupme.com

#### **ANNUAL PARISH REPORT**

An email has been sent out to everyone who provides a report for the Annual Parish Report (Vikas). This booklet will be produced and distributed for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on **Sunday, February 25, 2024**. If you are one of the individuals who submits a report, please do so as soon as it is ready. Thank you!

#### **VIDEO STREAMING**

The Video Streaming Team is looking to add a few more producers/operators to our regular rotation.

**NO VIDEO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.** Our entire team can train anyone who is interested - all ages are welcome! It would be great to have people who would be available to help with weekday funerals or weekday liturgies - as well as Vespers and Sunday Liturgies.

If interested, please contact Phil Tesar at 216.210.9825 or at <a href="mailto:philtesar@gmail.com">philtesar@gmail.com</a>. A monthly signup has been created, and you are free to sign up for what fits your schedule.

#### **ZOE FOR LIFE!**

If anyone would like to volunteer at Zoe House, please contact Kathy Kovalak at 440-842-6639 or email — babaof08@gmail.com. Most volunteers work one day a week for about 3 hours, but any amount of time you can give would be greatly appreciated.

#### **NEW LITURGICAL ITEMS NEEDED:**

There are a number of liturgical items needed to help replace those which are old and worn. We are looking at replacing some clergy vestments, altar cloths, altar covers, as well as some new chalice sets and other liturgical pieces.

Over the years some of you mentioned that you had monies left over from relatives' funerals that you wanted to purchase something for the church. However, at that time we didn't need anything. Here is an opportunity to now use that money and donate in a loved one's memory.

If you have existing funds that you wish to utilize, or if you simply wish to donate items yourself, or in memory of your family, please see Fr. John and let him know so that these new liturgical items may be purchased.

#### ATTENTION:

**St. Herman's** is currently in need of food items, shelf stable items – vegetables, canned fruit, pasta/tomato sauces, mac & cheese, canned meats (tuna or chicken).

- 10-12 oz. Paper coffee cups (not styrofoam)
- Kool-Aid or Iced Tea Drink Mix
- Bottled WaterAluminum Foil

 Powdered coffee creamer

link: <a href="https://a.co/d2ayNm3">https://a.co/d2ayNm3</a>

Plastic shopping bags

They also have an Amazon Wish List. Here is the

CHURCH MOBILE DIRECTORY INSTRUCTIONS

Do not forget that you can access our Church Directory on your mobile device! The instructions are at the back of your directory OR:

Schedule.mychurchdirectory.com/mobile

Church Name: Archangel Michael Orthodox
Church

Username: 33579Password: 42854

There are instructions to add the directory to iBook, also.

#### **CANDLES & PRAYERS**

Have your loved one(s) remembered or prayed for during the Liturgy by requesting Candles & Prayers. Each request includes a listing in the bulletin, the name read during the service and the specific candle you would like. A \$3 candle burns during the service; a \$15 Seven-Day candle burns all week. There are specialty candles as well (i.e., Tetrapod Candles, High Place, Altar Table, etc.). Prices for those range from \$20-\$30. Call or email the church office to submit your request — or leave your request in the collection basket or at the candle desk. Call the church office with any questions!

#### **Health & Well-Being**

Health \* Birthdays \* Anniversaries \* Name Day \* Traveling

#### **Repose & Blessed Memory**

Newly Departed \* Death Anniversary \* Birthday of the Departed

# Happy Birthday to those celebrating this week December



Ligia Yurch 17
Dawn Kormos 20

No Anniversaries in December.

## May God Grant you many years!





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



Join the Cleveland 'R' Club for a Cleveland Monsters' Hockey game

It's Pucks & Pierogies Day with the Cleveland Monsters! Join us as they take on the Chicago Wolves of the AHL





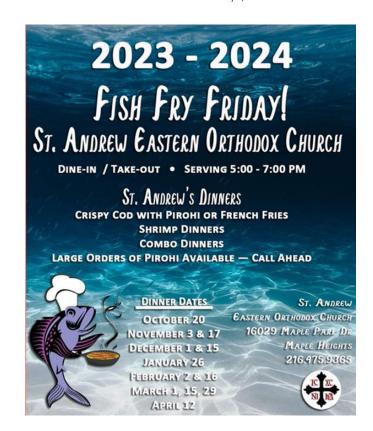
When: Saturday, February 3, 2024

e: 1:00 pm

Where: Rocket Mortgage Field House

Cost: \$19/ticket

Contact Melissa Tesar for tickets 216-509-2573 or mjtesar@gmail.com Ticket Deadline is January 5, 2024



## 2023 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Once again, we will be decorating the church for the Holiday Season with Poinsettia flowers.

Please consider a donation in honor or memory of your loved ones. Flowers will remain in the church until the New Year – and your donation helps defray the cost of the flowers.

All names will appear as printed below in the bulletin on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NAMES/DONATIONS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

(Names submitted after December 17 are not guaranteed to be included.)

Please complete this form and return it to the Church Office with your donation check/cash (made out to Archangel Michael Orthodox Church) – marked as Christmas Poinsettia Flowers.

Orders can be returned in the Sunday Collection basket or mailed to the church office.

Be sure to note "Poinsettia" on your donation check.



#### PLEASE PRINT

Name:	Envelope #:	Check #:	Amount:						
Phone: ( )	Email:								
Donated By:									
(how it will be listed in the Bulletin, i.e. The Memorich Family or Bob & Mary Jane Lucak)									
In Honor Of	<u>In N</u>	In Memory Of							
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ONLY INFORMATION LISTED ON THIS SHEET WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th.

(attach a separate sheet if necessary)

## ARCHANGEL MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

## December

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					6-8 pm - HALOS	5 pm – Great Vespers
3	4	5	St. Nicholas 6	7	8	9
9:30am – Divine Liturgy Church School			9:30am – Divine Liturgy			3 pm – Baptism / Isaac Cook
		7pm – Great Vespers				5 pm – Great Vespers
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30am – Divine Liturgy Church School		6pm – Woodside Board	9:30 am – Molieben / Samaritans			
		Meeting				5 pm – Great Vespers
4pm – Pan Orthodox Concert		7pm – Adult Education	7pm – Choir Rehearsal			
Sunday of the Forefathers 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30am – Divine Liturgy	10am – Prosphora					
Yolka/Brunch	Baking		7pm – BOT Meeting			5 pm – Great Vespers
24	Nativity of the Lord 25	Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos 26	St. Stephen 27	28	29	30
9:30am – Divine Liturgy	Fast Free	Fast Free	Fast Free	Fast Free	Fast Free	Fast Free
No Church School	9:30am – Festal Divine Liturgy	9:30am – Divine Liturgy	7pm – Choir Rehearsal	11am – 55+ Christmas		5pm – Great Vespers
4pm – Great Vespers	2.10.97		/pm = Choir Renearsal	Lunch		5pm – Great Vespers
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9:30am – Divine Liturgy No Church School						
Parastas – Eugene &						
Mary Quidort						