

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, November 30, 2025

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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!



CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!

Holy and All-Praised Apostle Andrew
the First-Called

25th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 8.

EPISTLE READING Eph. 2:14-22	GOSPEL LESSON Luke 12:16-21
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Nativity Fast

Sunday, November 30

9:30 am Divine Liturgy – LiveStream
Sunday School
5:00 pm Akathist at St. Andrew’s (see flyer)

Deadline for Seminarian Wish List is today!

Thursday, December 4 Greatmartyr Barbara

10:00 am Adult Education

Friday, December 5

5:30 pm – Vespers
6:00 pm HALOS Event at Ropchock home

Saturday, December 6 St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

9:30 am Divine Liturgy
5:00 pm Vespers/Confession

Sunday, December 7

9:30 am Divine Liturgy – LiveStream
Sunday School
Cookie Drop off / Samaritans
SOLOS – White Christmas Play

NOVEMBER COFFEE HOUR

Thank you to the Sunday School for sponsoring coffee hour during the month of November!

DECEMBER COFFEE HOUR

Board of Trustees

PRAYERS, CANDLES, 7-DAY VIGILS and FLOWERS

FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Chris Arkutik (Birthday)..... by Len/Darlene Dimitrijevs
Meredith Blum (Birthday) by John/Laurie Cook
Andrew Hanchuk (Health)..... by Grandma Pat
Mat. Gayle Karaffa (Birthday – 7-d) by Christine Arkutik
Darlene Dimitrijevs (Health/Birthday; 7-d)
..... by The Dimitrijevs Family
Darlene Dimitrijevs (Health; 7-d) by Christine Arkutik

OR THE REPOSE AND BLESSED MEMORY OF:

Helen Arkutik (Departed; 7-d)..... by Christine Arkutik
Annette Lapso (Departed; 7-d)..... by Dennis Lapso
John Sekerak (Departed; 7-d).....
..... by Helen Sekerak, Natalie Boyd, and Lisa Lyon
David, Ann, Michael, Thomas, Tina, Christina, Catherine,
Nicholas, and Nicholas (Departed; 7-d)
..... by George & Ann Strongosky

Sunday, November 30 - Altar Servers & Readers

Altar Servers: Connor Noll, John Kormos, Jacob G Kormos, Lance Louie, Jackson Young, Mathias Hoffman, Nikolai Hanchuk, Augustin Mindala, Joseph Zvara

Reader: John Mindala, Sr.

Sunday, December 7 - Altar Servers & Readers

Altar Servers: Michael Gaborick, Jacob W Kormos, Nicholas Gaydos, Gavin Lynagh, Lance Louie, Andrew Ropchock, Danny Reilly, Justin Kormos, David Hayes

Reader: John Mindala II

CONFESSION DURING THE NATIVITY FAST

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

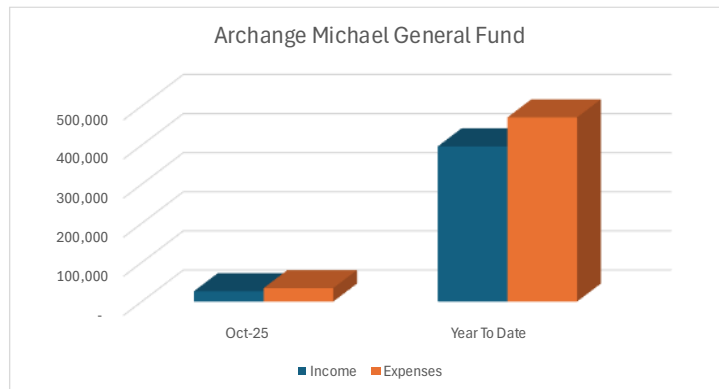
St. James Prayer List – November/December

"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.*

Month End September 2025 – YTD



	October	Year-to-Date
Collected	\$ 26,506	\$396,933
Required for Expenses Paid	\$ 34,468	\$470,998
Surplus/(Short)	\$ (7,962)	\$ (74,065)

As we work together to address our financial deficit, we invite all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on stewardship. Every act of support—financial, volunteer service, prayer, or advocacy—strengthens both our parish and our witness to the world.

Let us continue to be a parish that gives even in challenge, that serves even in sacrifice, and that loves without counting the cost. For it is in giving that we truly receive.

Bulletin Information (Deadline)

Deadline for the bulletin is Wednesday - 12/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.

Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 9 – Adult Education
- Dec 11 – FOCA Convention Meeting
- Dec 13 – EOWG @ Buna Vestire ROC – 10am
- Dec 14 - 4 PM – Nativity Concert @ Holy Trinity OC
- Dec 21 – YOLKA / Brunch

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FLOWERS



Donations for flowers can be made in honor of/or in memory of a loved one. Please see the attached flyer.

November

*Happy Birthday to you who
are celebrating this week*



Meredith Blum

30

December

Michael Schmidt	1	Michael Rolin	3
Haley Hrestak	2	Robert Lucak	5
Aleaxander Chamberlin	2	Rosemary Andrews	5
Barbara Neilsen	2	Darlene Dimitrijevs	5
David Pfeiffer	3		

No anniversaries this week

May God grant you many years!!

NATIVITY FAST

The Nativity Fast according to the practice of [the OCA](#), it is a strict fast: We refrain from meat, dairy products, and eggs. Fish, wine, and oil are allowed on certain days; these are marked on the wall calendar (e.g., if a day says "fish, wine, & oil," that means that those three foods are allowed on that day.

THANK YOU – Baba's Kitchen

Thank you to those who planned, cooked, and baked for Baba's Kitchen! The event was well attended and included 22 raffle baskets donated by our parishioners!

We had over 50 volunteers to work the event including children who bussed and cleared tables, cleaned trays, and ran water and soda to our guests! We ran out of halupki and sausages first, and then slowly depleted all of our hot dishes in the serving line before the event ended at 4:00. A wonderful event!

WE ARE SO THANKFUL!!

The Charities Committee and HALOS would like to thank all who baked and to all who supported our parish youth by purchasing bakery or by donating funds \$\$\$ this past Sunday. Thank you for supporting our parish youth.

In Christ, Sarah Mindala & Monica Visocky

CHARITY RAFFLE to benefit ST. VLADIMIR'S CAMP

Raffle tickets can be purchased online or by check. If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket with a check, please see Darlene Dimitrijevs. The next drawing will be held on December 7th and will continue monthly through October 2026. The total amount raised to date is just under \$7,000.

SAMARITANS – BAKING COOKIES

The Samaritans will be distributing cookies to shut-ins and members over 80+ (let us know who you are). Any questions, reach out to Kathy Kovalak – 440-842-6639.

- **Please** bring your delicious homemade cookies to church on Sunday, Dec. 7th.
- The cookies will be boxed on Wednesday, Dec. 10th.
- Pick up boxed cookies on Sunday, Dec. 14th.
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CALLING All Book Lovers!

Our Bookclub has selected the first three books for 2026. If you are a reader and would like to take an hour or two every other month to discuss a book with other book lovers, please join us! We typically meet at church starting at 7pm and end by 9 (annual luncheon in January and summer meeting at Fr. John and Jani's house). Our schedule will be listed in the church calendar but if you want to get on our email list, please provide your email address to Matushka Jani.

- January 16th – Culpability by Bruce Holsinger
- March 20th – Gone Before Goodbye by Reese Witherspoon and Harlan Coben
- May 15th – The French Agent by Belinda Alexandra

Happy reading and see you in 2026 (or sooner 😊)

PLEDGE LETTERS and CARDS

All pledge cards and letters have been mailed out. To date we have received 1263 pledges from over 265 distributed, **due date is December 1st**. **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 2025 pledge, the last Sunday to submit checks is December 28th. Any checks or cash received AFTER Dec. 28 will go towards your 2026 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 on-line to initiate this service.

ST. NICHOLAS SEMINARIAN FAMILY WISH LIST PROGRAM

The *Cleveland R Club* is once again supporting the FOCA's **St. Nicholas Seminarian Family Wish List Program**—but with a few changes this year.

Many of our seminarian families live on extremely limited incomes and **qualify for government assistance programs like SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)** to

help feed their families. With the current government shutdown extending into November and the future of SNAP benefit distribution uncertain, these families are facing even greater financial stress. As a result, our parish has been assigned **one family from St. Tikhon's Seminary** instead of the usual two.

While their St. Nicholas Day wish list includes just a few gifts, we hope to go a step further by providing a **cash gift** to help them purchase **fuel for heating their home**—a critical need as their limited resources are stretched to cover other essentials. The seminary is also working with the local community to provide food assistance.

How You Can Help:

- 🌲 **The Giving Tree** will be set up in the church basement with tags for a few wish list gifts.
- 📦 **Amazon Wish List:** Visit <https://bit.ly/AMOCWish2025> to purchase additional wish list items that will ship directly to Becky Tesar.
- 💵 **Monetary Donations:**
 - Cash or checks (payable to *Cleveland R Club*) can be given to **Becky or Melissa Tesar** at church
 - Or mailed to: 4967 Berkshire Dr., North Olmsted, OH 44070
 - Or sent via **Venmo** to @Cleveland-RClub

Additionally, we will have tags available for **Walmart gift cards**, which will be sent to **St. Herman's Seminary in Alaska**.

Deadline is November 30th. Thank you for your continued generosity. Our parish has always been a strong supporter of this meaningful initiative, and we are grateful for your help in making this season brighter for our seminarian families.

ZOE HOUSE TOY DRIVE

Christmas is around the corner and sometimes Zoe House is the only resource for moms of young children to “shop” for gifts. Currently the toy shelf is pretty empty. We try to accommodate children from newborn to size 5T with gently used toys, clothing, coats, books, as well as strollers, highchairs, swings, beds (bassinets to toddler) and more.

If you have toys that your children have outgrown, or if you need to make space for the new items, they may receive this Christmas, please consider donating the no longer used toys to Zoe House.

Donations can be brought to the church and left at the front door or can be delivered directly to Zoe House, 5454 State Rd. (call for an available time 216-465-9030). If you have any questions, feel free to call Zoe House. Or you can talk to Kathy Kovalak, Donna Tesar, Liz Herberth, Mary Hoffman, or Judi Wienclaw - AMOC's Zoe volunteers.

HALOS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Get ready for some festive fun! It's just around the corner, and we can't wait to celebrate with you!

- Host: Mark Ropchock's Home
(6600 East Wallings Rd Brecksville)
- Date: Friday, December 5th
- Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- What to Expect:
- Food: Pizza will be provided for everyone!
- [Sign-up Genius link](#) for desserts and sides.
- Partnering with the church for the Christmas Charity —St Herman's non-perishable Food Drive.
- Activities: We have a fun evening planned, including a craft, a festive game, and a visit from a very special guest!
- RSVP on the GroupMe app or to Sarah at 330-592-7153



Please join us for our Yolka and Brunch with Santa 🎅!!!
Registration is required. Brunch tickets will be \$10/person, any additional donations are welcome.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeX53LIEIzifBpPaDfwMORihJTAfcE3RbcOV6RmGMUYA7GLPQ/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=104498079422332712115>



Check out this Gift List – items for church school.

https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/Y4L3U2W8RSGD?ref=cm_sw_r_apin_ggr-subnav-share_88D3XRX35226PGJB837D&language=en-US

Any questions, please reach out to
Angelika Mindala, AMOC Sunday School Director
(609) 500-2696 - theangellines@gmail.com

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 it 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

OUTREACH – COOKING & SERVING MEALS

We will be cooking and serving dinner at St Herman's the 3rd Monday of every month. If you can donate a few hours each month to cook and/or serve dinner for the men at St. Herman's, please contact Kathy Kovalak, 440-842-6639.

Also we will be starting a list of people willing to cook a meal or 2 for one of our parishioners who might be ill, in hospital, wonderful it would be to help each other. Please contact **Kathy Kovalak** at 440-842-6639 if you are interested.

Saint Herman's Food Drive-

It's the Season of Giving!

The Charities Committee will host a parish food drive starting 11/30 and ending 12/21. The list looks a little different because the kitchen at St. Herman's is currently being renovated. Please consider supporting St. Herman's this holiday season!!

Drop off your donations in the vestibule- Thank you!

- 10 fl oz water bottles - 24 packs
- Small bags of chips (for bagged lunches)
- Granola Bars
- Cookies (variety pack)
- Brown paper bags
- Zip lock bags for lunches
- Plastic sandwich bags
- Planters salted peanuts (grab and go bags)
- Skinny pop popcorn (grab and go bags)
- Snyder's pretzels (grab and go bags)
- Variety Keebler sandwich crackers
- Nabisco Variety Packs
- Rice Krispy Treats
- Frito Lay Boxed Variety Pack
- Welch's fruit snacks
- Goldfish crackers variety pack
- Quaker chewy granola bars

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord, your labor is not in vain."

Save the Date(s)

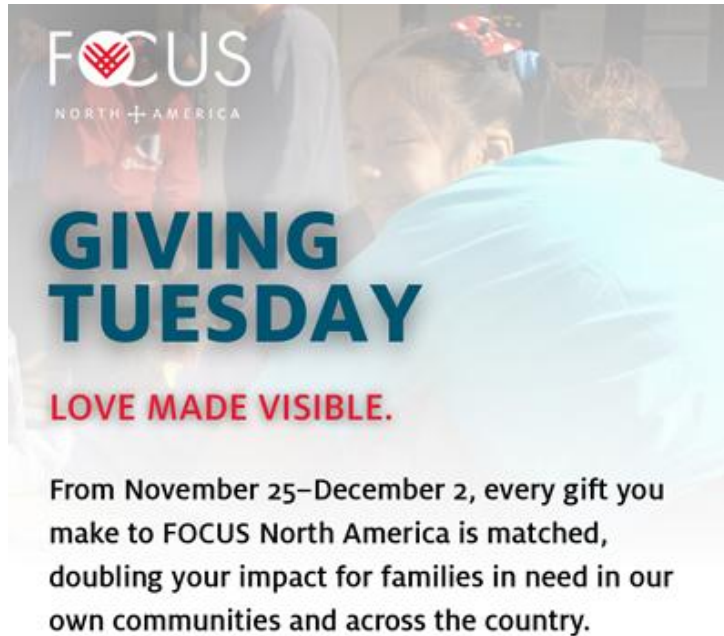
Dine-in / Take-out Fish Fry

St. Andrew EOC

16029 Maple Park Dr., Maple Hts., OH

Friday's – 5pm – 7pm – December 5 & 19

November 25 – December 2 – Giving Tuesday



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GIVING TUESDAY

LOVE MADE VISIBLE.

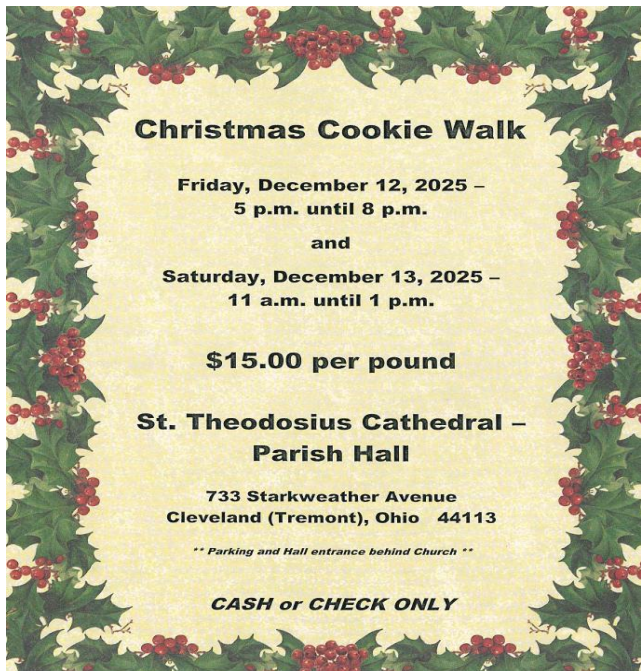
From November 25–December 2, every gift you make to FOCUS North America is matched, doubling your impact for families in need in our own communities and across the country.

National reach. Personal impact.

focusna.org/givingtuesday



Friday, December 12 – Saturday, December 13



Christmas Cookie Walk

Friday, December 12, 2025 –
5 p.m. until 8 p.m.
and
Saturday, December 13, 2025 –
11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

\$15.00 per pound

**St. Theodosius Cathedral –
Parish Hall**

733 Starkweather Avenue
Cleveland (Tremont), Ohio 44113

** Parking and Hall entrance behind Church **

CASH or CHECK ONLY

Saturday, December 13



Theotokos of Vladimir

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD OF GREATER CLEVELAND

Unity Through Participation

"BEHOLD THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH
CHILD, AND BEAR A SON, AND THEY
SHALL CALL HIS NAME EMMANUEL",
WHICH IS TRANSLATED, GOD WITH US.
~MATTHEW 1:23

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD



Saturday, December 13, 2025 @ 10:00AM

Buna Vestire Romanian Orthodox Cathedral

7140 Fitch Road

Olmsted Township, Ohio 44138

- ❖ Presented by Dorothy Winovich
- ❖ Learn Unique Customs of the Serbian Orthodox Church
- ❖ Share/Bring Customs of YOUR Church
- ❖ Bring 2 Dozen of Your Favorite Baked Good, Chocolate Candy or Cookie for a...



Sunday, December 14

2025 Nativity Concert



December 14th, 2025
4:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be
served in fellowship hall
after the concert.

Holy Trinity
Orthodox Church

6822 Broadview Rd, Parma, OH 44134

An event of the
GREATER CLEVELAND COUNCIL OF
Orthodox Clergy

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

December - 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	Greatmartyr Barbara 4	5	St. Nicholas 6
				10am-Adult Education	5:30pm-Vespers 6:00pm-HALOS @ Ropchock Home	9:30am-Divine Liturgy 5pm – Vespers/Confession
7	8	9	10	11	12	Repose of Ven. Herman of Alaska 13
9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School Cookie Drop Off SOLOS – White Christmas Play		7pm-Adult Education	9:30am- Molieben/Samaritans Pack Cookies	6pm-FOCA Convention Meeting		5pm – Vespers/Confession
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School 4 pm – Nativity Concert @ Holy Trinity/Parma	5pm-Dinner/Serve @ St. Herman's	7pm-Adult Education	7pm-Board of Trustee Mtg	10am-Adult Education		5pm – Vespers/Confession
Virgin Marty Juliana 21	GrtMartyr Anastasia 22	23	Nun Martyr Eugenia 24	Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ 25	Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos 26	St. Stephen 27
9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School YOLKA / Brunch			4pm-Vespers	Fast Free 9:30am-Divine Liturgy Coffee hour sponsored by the R Club	Fast Free 9:30am-Divine Liturgy	Fast Free 5pm – Vespers/Confession
28	29	Virgin Martyr Anyisia 30	Ven. Melania of Rome 31			
9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School	Fast Free 10am–Prosphora Baking	Fast Free	Fast Free	Fast Free until Jan 5		

(Names submitted after December 14 are not guaranteed to be included.)



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

In Memory Of

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(attach a separate sheet if necessary)