

# ARCHANGEL MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH


Sunday, December 14, 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!**  
Sunday of the Forefathers.  
Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucis, and Gallinicus  
27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 2.

<b>EPISTLE READING</b> Col. 3:4-11	<b>GOSPEL LESSON</b> Luke 14:16-24
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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**  
*Nativity Fast*

**Sunday, December 14**  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy – LiveStream  
Sunday School  
Samaritans Cookie pick up for delivery  
4:00 pm Nativity Concert @ Holy Trinity OC

**Monday, December 15**  
5:30 pm Dinner/Serve @ St. Herman’s

**Tuesday, December 16**  
7:00 pm Adult Education – Matthew Ch. 10 & 11

**Wednesday, December 17**  
7:00 pm Board of Trustee Meeting

**Thursday, December 18**  
10:00 am Adult Education – Matthew Ch. 8 & 9

**Saturday, December 20**  
5:00 pm Vespers/Confession

**Sunday, December 21** Virgin Martyr Juliana  
and her companions  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy – LiveStream  
Yolka / Brunch

**DECEMBER COFFEE HOUR**  
Board of Trustees

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FLOWERS**



Donations for flowers can be made in honor / or in memory of a loved one. **Deadline is today, Sunday, December 14.** See attached flyer.

**PRAYERS, CANDLES, 7-DAY VIGILS  
and FLOWERS**

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

Holly Cook (Birthday) ..... by John/Laurie Cook

Dn. Noah Klembara (1 yr Anniv. of his ordination) .....  
..... by Board of Trustees

George Kormos (Health/Birthday; 7-d) .....  
..... by Helen Sekerak and daughters

Kim and Theodore Weaver (Health; 7-d) by Belinda/Jeff Weaver

The **Tetrapod Candles** are given in honor of the newly baptized **Sophia Olga Klembara** by Pdn. Anthony & Mat. Dianna Kall, Albert, Bridget, and Henry Tran.

The **Altar Table Candles** are given in honor of **Dn. Noah Klembara’s** one year anniversary of his ordination by Pdn. Anthony & Mat. Dianna Kall.

The **Table of Oblation Candles** are given in honor of **Dn. Noah Klembara’s** one year anniversary of his ordination by Julia and Sophia Klembara.

The **Flowers on the Tetrapod** are given in honor of **Candace Carter’s** birthday by Andrew, Mom, and Dad.

**OR THE REPOSE AND BLESSED MEMORY OF:**

Ruth Flewelling (Departed; 1 yr anniv. of repose) .....  
..... By Rebecca Timko & Gabrielle Palladino

Valerie Kall (Newly Departed; 7-d)..... by the Tesar Family

Annette Lapso (Departed; 7-d) .....by Dennis Lapso

Andrew & Katherine Uhrin, Marianne Kormos (Departed;7-d)  
..... by the Family

**Sunday December 14 - Altar Servers & Readers**

**Altar Servers:** Augustin Mindala, Kai Tesar, MJ Herzak, Charlie Herzak, Lance Louie, David Visocky, Thomas Visocky, Xavier Visocky

**Reader:** Reader Michael

## Sunday, December 21 - Altar Servers & Readers

**Altar Servers:** Connor Noll, Silas Foster, Isaac Foster, Alex Foster, Nicholas Gaydos, Andrew Ropchock, John Kormos, Jacob G Kormos

**Reader:** Nick Rolin

## AS MANY AS HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST!

Congratulations to the newly Baptized and Illumined servant of God **Sophia Olga Klembara**, her parents, **Dn. Noah & Mat. Jennifer**, and her Godparents! Many Years!

## GIFTS FROM GOD

Congratulations to **Jeffrey & Melissa Schlek** on the birth of their son, **Avery Michael**, who was born Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 lbs. 10 oz., 20-1/2in.

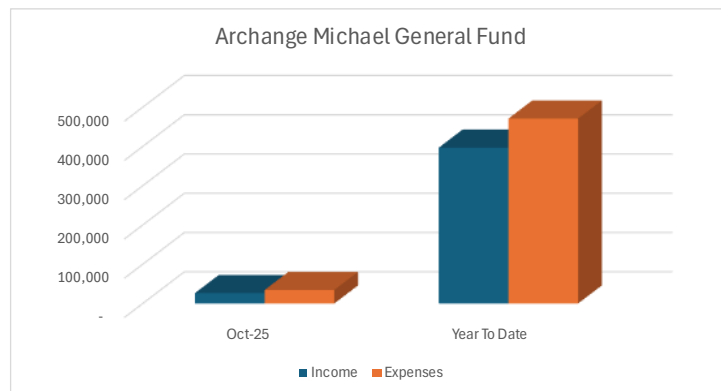
Congratulations to **Andrew and Kim Weaver**, (Jeff & Belinda Weaver's son and daughter-in-law) on the birth of their son, **Theodore Elliot**, who was born Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 lb. 14 oz., 20 in.

## 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.

### 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](mailto:info@stmichaelscleveland.org) or call 440-526-5192.

*Thank you!*

## 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.

## CONFESSION DURING THE NATIVITY FAST

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 21 – YOLKA / Brunch
- Jan 25 – ZOE For Life @ Holy Trinity OC

## December

*Happy Birthday to you who  
are celebrating this week*



Holly Cook

14

Ligia Yurch

17

*No anniversaries this week*

*May God grant you many years!!*

## 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.

**Congratulations to our raffle winner,**

**Donna Tesar!**

It's not too late to join in! Tickets are still available for purchase, and every entry helps support **St. Vladimir's Camp**. To date, we have raised **just under \$7,000** (before bank fees and raffle prize costs).

Tickets can be purchased **online** or by **check payable to St. Michael's**. If you prefer to enter by check, please give your check to **Darlene Dimitrijevs**.

**Our next drawing will take place on Sunday, January 11, 2026.**

Good luck, and thank you for your continued support!

## HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you wish to have your house blessed during the season of Theophany (January 6). PLEASE contact the Church Office to set up a date and time. House Blessings are done by request only.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> – Culpability by Bruce Holsinger –  
Lunch at 12 noon @ Michael Angelo's Winery
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Gone Before Goodbye by Reese Witherspoon and Harlan Coben
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – The French Agent by Belinda Alexandra

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

## YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2026

To date we have 119 pledge cards MISSING – have you turned yours in?? if not, please do so, they are PAST DUE. To date we have received 138 pledges from over 265 distributed. Food for thought – instead of contributing to McDonald's or Starbuck's bottom line ONCE A WEEK – pledge this amount to the church – you will be rewarded in more ways than you know .....  
..... **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.

## 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 15, 2026**. If you are one of the individuals who submits a report, please do so as soon as it is ready. **Deadline is Sunday, January 11.** Thank you!

## R CLUB DUES

We are excited to announce that the R Club dues have been reduced to \$45 per person! Dues for 2026 are now being collected. Please submit your payment to Karen Visocky at your earliest convenience via one of the below 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

*We also encourage non-members to consider joining the club – it's a great time to get involved!*

## 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.



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](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](mailto: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

### Holiday Greetings to Shut-Ins

#### or in Nursing Homes

Please consider sending a greeting to our parish members who are not able to be in church with us during this holiday season to brighten their holiday! Below is a listing of those in nursing homes; if you wish another individual's address, please contact the church office – thank you!

#### **BARTLETT, Marie**

The Renaissance  
26376 John Road, Apt. 227  
Olmsted Twp, OH 44138

#### **KSENYAK, Helen**

Danbury Senior Living  
9500 Broadview Road #213  
Broadview Hts., OH 44147

#### **BUSWELL, Andrew**

The Arbors at Streetsboro  
1645 Maplewood Drive  
Streetsboro, OH 44241

#### **MIKULICZ, Alexandra**

Independence Village  
Senior Living  
505 S. Chillicothe Rd.,  
Apt. 265  
Aurora, OH 44202

#### **KOGLER, Ray**

The Atrium of Aurora  
800 N. Aurora Rd.  
Aurora, OH 44202

#### **POLLOCK, Irene**

Enclave of Newell Creek  
7900 Center Street - Box #12  
Mentor, OH 44060

#### **KORMOS, Marge**

Danbury Senior Living  
9500 Broadview Road,  
Room #102  
Broadview Hts., OH 44147

### 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 19



Get Ready To Dance The Year Away!



Wednesday, December 31, 2023

Ring in the New Year at Woodside Event Center this year!  
Doors open at 7:00 pm.  
TICKETS ON SALE NOW

BUY BEFORE DECEMBER 16th at 11:59PM and  
Save \$5 on Your Tickets!

[Buy Tickets Now](#)

Email or call with questions:  
440.526.9696  
events@woodsideeventcenter.com



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## 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	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)