# ARCHANGEL MICHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, December 28, 2025

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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!**

Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ.

Sunday after Nativity

Holy righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed,

David the King, and James,

the Brother of the Lord.

29th Sunday after Pentecost. Tone 4.

**EPISTLE READING** 

**GOSPEL LESSON** 

Gal. 1:11 - 19

Matt. 2:13-23

#### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Fast free until Jan 5

Sunday, December 28

9:30 am Divine Liturgy – LiveStream

Monday, December 29

10:00 am Prosphora Baking



Tuesday, December 30 Virgina Martyr Anysia

Wednesday, December 31 Ven. Melania of Rome 12:00 pm/noon Lunch @ Fosters Tavern of Hinckley

Thursday, January 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

Friday, January 2 Ven. Seraphim of Sarov 6:00 pm HALOS – Sledding Event & BW3s Night

Saturday, January 3 Prophet Malachi

5:00 pm Vespers/Confession

Sunday, January 4 Sunday after the Nativity

**Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles** 

9:30 am Divine Liturgy – LiveStream

**FASTING NOTE** There is no fasting from Christmas until the eve of Theophany on January 5th. However, the eve of Theophany, Jan. 5th is a **strict fast day** and should be observed like Christmas Eve.

# PRAYERS, CANDLES, 7-DAY VIGILS and FLOWERS

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

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

Annette Lapso (Departed; 7-d) .......by Dennis Lapso Carol Milla (Departed; Birthday; 7-d)......by Christine Arkutik Gregory Misichko (Departed; 7-d) ......by Mike & Kathy Kormos Joseph Sekerak (Departed; 7-d) ......by Helen Sekerak, Natalie Boyd and Lisa Lyon Janice Timko (Departed; 7-d) ......by Rebecca Timko & Gabrielle Palladino

#### **Sunday December 28 -** Altar Servers & Readers

**Altar Servers:** Joseph Zvara, Jacob G Kormos, John Kormos, Danny Reilly, Augustin Mindala, Andrew Ropchock, Mathias Hoffman, Lance Louie

Reader: Monica Visocky

#### Sunday, January 4 - Altar Servers & Readers

**Altar Servers:** David Visocky, Connor Noll, Nicholas Gaydos, David Hayes, Thomas Visocky, Charlie Herzak, MJ Herzak, Xavier Visocky,

Kai Tesar

Reader: Sbdn. Timothy

#### As Many Have Been Baptized Into Christ

Congratulations to **Dennis Macko** who was brought into the Orthodox faith through Holy Chrismation.

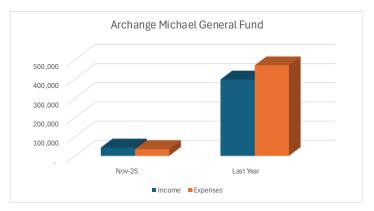
**Congratulations and Many Years!!** 

### <u>St. James Prayer List — December</u>

#### "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 November 2025 – YTD



	November	Year-to-Date
Collected	\$ 43,222	\$397,233
Required for Expenses Paid	\$ 35,490	\$470,998
Surplus/(Short)	\$ (7,733)	\$ (73,65)

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, which 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 Tuesday 12/30 - 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**

- Jan 5 7pm Vigil for Theophany
- Jan 6 Divine Liturgy Theophany / Blessing of Water
- January? Chili Cook Off Date TBD
- Jan 13 55+ Luncheon
- Jan 16 Book Club Lunch 12/noon @ Michael Angelo's
- Jan 25 ZOE For Life @ Holy Trinity OC

### Thank you!

To all who contributed/donated goods/food towards St. Herman's Food Drive! Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Monica Visocky, The Charities Committee

# December / January

## Happy Birthday to you who are celebrating this week



#### December

Sarah Blum	28	Brian Supina	31
Kristine Chamberlin	28	Marina Miklos	31
Timothy Klembara	28		

#### January

Anna Hayes	1	William Zubenko	2
Nina Kovalak	2	William Matyas	3
Susan Righy	2		

### Happy Anniversary to you!



Fred & Catherine Radwanski 1

# May God grant you many years!!

#### Calling all Men!

Come and join us New Year's Eve - Wednesday, December 31 at 12 noon at Fosters Tavern of Hinckley (1382 Ridge Rd., Hinckley, OH) for our traditional bologna sandwich lunch. Contact Dennis Schlekie - 440-829-9999 for details.

### 🞉 Raffle – Help support St. Vladimir's Camp 🎉



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!

#### 55 Plus Club – Christmas Lunch

The 55 Plus Club will hold their annual Christmas Luncheon on January 13, 2026, 11:30 AM at Woodside. Cost for members is \$10.00, plus bring a \$10 exchange gift. We welcome all 55 Plus members of the church to join our club. We meet once a month for a short meeting, lunch, and fellowship. The dues are \$10 a year. Please RSVP to Mary Jane (440-237-6284) by January 4th.

#### **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  $\mathfrak{S}$ )



#### **YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2026**

To date we have 95 pledge cards MISSING – have you turned yours in?? if not, please do so, they are PAST DUE. To date we have received 170 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 online 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!



Sliding into the New Year with the Halos Youth Group -Sledding & BW3s Night!

Friday, January 2nd • 3:00–4:45 PM (weather permitting)

Bundle up and kick off the new year with some snowy fun! We'll be meeting at Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park for sledding and tubing from 3:00-4:45ish PM. After we're done on the hills, we'll head over to Buffalo Wild Wings (just 1 mile away) around 5:00 PM to celebrate the new year together on a fast-free Friday!

#### Locations:

- Sledding: Carolyn Ludwig Mugrage Park -4985 Windfall Rd, Medina
- Dinner: Buffalo Wild Wings 5050 Eastpointe Dr, Medina

#### What to Bring:

- Your own sleds and tubes (we'll have extras available)
- Snow gear! (We may have a few extra snow bibs to share—please message me if you need some.)

Come for the fun, the food, and the fellowship—hope to see you there! 🔆 🔙 🍗

Contact Sarah Mindala with questions 330-592-7153.



Check out this Gift List – items for church school. https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guestview/Y4L3U2W8RSGD?ref =cm sw r apin ggr-subnavshare 88D3XRX35226PGJB837D&language=en-US

Any questions, please reach out to

Angelika Mindala, AMOC Sunday School Director (609) 500-2696 - <a href="mailto:theangellines@gmail.com">theangellines@gmail.com</a>

#### **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** 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 III, in hospital, wonderful it would be to help each other. Please contact **Kathy Kovalak** at 440-842-6639 if you are interested.

#### **COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS – 2026**

Thank you to those who have sponsored a coffee hour!

January – Samaritans

February – HALOS

March – Senior 'R' Club

April – Junior 'R' Club

July – Senior 'R' Club

August – Junior 'R' Club

September – Samaritans

October – HALOS

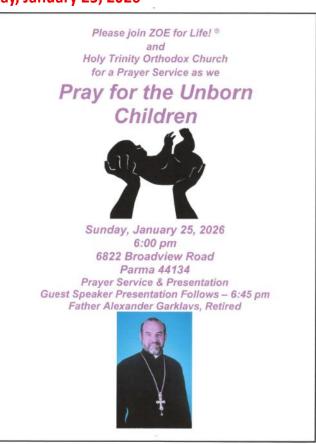
May – HALOS November – Sunday School
June – 55+ Club December – BOT (Board of Trustees)

## Save the Date(s)

Wednesday, December 31



#### Sunday, January 25, 2026



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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		9:30am-Divine Liturgy
					5:30pm-Vespers 6:00pm-HALOS @ Ropchock Home	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				10am-Adult Education		
4 pm – Nativity Concert @ Holy Trinity/Parma	5pm-Dinner/Serve @ St. Herman's	7pm-Adult Education	7pm-Board of Trustee Mtg			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 Anysia 30	Ven. Melania of Rome 31			
9:30am-Divine Liturgy	Fast Free 10am–Prosphora Baking	Fast Free	Fast Free	Fast Free until Jan 5		

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# **JANUARY - 2026**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Ven. Seraphim of Sarov	3 Prophet Malachi
				Circumcision of Christ		
				St. Basil the Great		
				Happy New Year!	6pm-HALOS	5pm – Vespers/Confession
4	STRICT FAST DAY	Theophany	Synaxis of St. John	8	9	vespers/contession 10
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9:30am-Divine Liturgy		9:30am-Festal Liturgy w/Blessing of Water				5pm –
	7pm-Vigil					Vespers/Confession
Ven. Theodosius the Great 11	Martyr Tatiana of Rome 12	13	St. Nina of Georgia 14	15	16	Ven. God-bearing Anthony the Great 17
9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School	10am-Deanery Meeting @ St. Theodosius	12noon-55+ Christmas lunch	9:30am-Molieben / Samaritans	10am-Adult Education		12noon-Book Club Lunch @ Michael Angelo's Winery
				7pm-FOCA Convention Mtg		5pm = Vespers/Confession
18	19	Ven. Euthymius the Great 20	St. Maximus the Confessor 21	22	23	Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg 24
9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School	10am-Deanery Youth Day					
	5:30pm-Dinner/Serve @ St. Herman's	7pm-Adult Education	7pm-Board of Trustees			5pm – Vespers/Confession
St. Gregory the Theologian 25	New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia 26	Trans. Relics of St. John Chrysostom 27	28	29	30	31
9:30am-Divine Liturgy Church School				10am-Adult Education		
6pm-Akathist – ZOE for Life @ Holy Trinity						5pm – Vespers/Confession

# 2025 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

## IN HONOR OF

By Natalie Boyd and Lisa Lyon	Helen Sekerak
By John & Laurie Cook	The Cook Family, The Blum Family, The Sipko Family,
	The Malinowski Family, The Laverack Family
By Family	Donna Tesar, Phil & Judi Wienclaw
	Our Children and Grandchildren
By Pat Hanchuk	Fim & Lisa Hanchuk & Family, Tom & Charity Hanchuk & Family,
	Greg Hanchuk & Sons, Ryan & Larissa Young & Family
By Liz Herberth	Kristy, Steve, Nina, Andy, Ali, Mark, Jack, Libby, Monica
By Tim & Patti Klembara	Matushka Olga, Julia Marie, Sophia Olga
By Dn. Noah & Mat. Jennifer Soph	nia Klembara, Julia Klembara, Michael Rolin, Henry George Tran
By Raymond F. Kogler, Jr	Robert Kogler, Sr., Richard Kogler, Russell Kogler, Sr.,
Renee Kogler Karwoski, Randall k	Kogler, Robert Kogler, Jr., Russell Kogler, Jr., Dawn Renee Kogler
	Jennifer Pishko, Chris, Greg, Robin & Nick Lucak,
	Patrick, Elizabeth, William Matyas
By John & Kathy Mindala	Children and Grandchildren
By The Reilly Family	Matushka Olga Klembara
By Mark Ropchock	Andrew & Gabriel Ropchock
By Donna TesarMelissa, Becky, I	Phil, Natalie, Malakai, and Malia; Michelle Michaels; Judi & Phil;
	Cathy, Adam, Norah & Brett; Liz, Abie & Harley
The Turk Family Grego	ory, Gregory, David, Nicholas, Christina, Ludmila, Nicholai, Gust,
	Michael, Linda, Sofia, George, Danielle, Margaret, Jerome, Allen
By Marty & Sandy Uhrina	Uhrina and Linden Families

### **IN MEMORY OF**

	Anthony (Tom) Andrews, Helen Lucak, Michael & Jean Lucak, Vera & Ann Kormos
By Mike & Sandy Bohurjak	John & Margaret Bohurjak, Janet Connor, Stephan Ausra, Laurie Castanza, Christy Brown, Chris Ronk,
	Catherine & Annie Chernesky, George & JoLana Obernesky, Tom Bohurjak,
	Alex & Julie Chernesky, Nick & Anna Bohurjak, Kenny Cuglewski
By John & Laurie Cook	
	Judi McMullen, Brigitte Sipko
	sWalter Dimitrijevs, Mary Dimitrijevs, Inese Dimitrijevs, ,and Joan & Ronald Arhar
-	Margaret, John, Joe, Michael, John & Mary Bilovecky, Michael, Ann & Andrew Kyovsk, Peter,
-	Helena, Anna, JoLana & Joe Dzmura
	Frances & Michael Kopchak
•	Gaborick Family: John, Helen, William, Ida, Delight, Rick, Michael & Mary Soroka, George & Mary
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	John & Eunice Chulack
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D. Tana O Carda Klish	Archpriest Stephen & Matushka Emily Shuga, Mike & Ann Klembara, Don & Patricia Grossmyer
	Elaine Kogler, Raymond & Sophie Kogler, Sr., Lillian (Nana) Oberst, Eva (Baba) Yerega,
	Mary Ann Kogler, Connie Lee Kogler, Steve & Betty Balog, John & Helen Sopko, Eva Yerega Szabo
	amily Richard Kowalchik, Mary Kowalchik, Richard Kowalchik, Sr., Ann Rusnak, Leo Rusnak,
	Michak: Andrew, Mary, Helen, Joseph, Anna; Lucak: Joseph, Helen, Michael; Pishko: Gale, Ann.
	Friends: Dick, Tim, Joe, David, Peter, Andy, Mary, Judy, Mary Ann, Joan, Dorothy, Evelyn
	Pdn. Dennis & Mat. Helen Lucak, Mary & Joseph Lucak, Ann, Joseph, & Peter Kostura
•	John & Ola Mindala, Michael & Pauline Mehalik, Sam Noah
	Michael & Barbara Supra, Charles & Elizabeth Muzic, Romaine Clevinger, Annie Chernesky,
	nesky, George & JoLana Chernesky, David & Anna Ramsay, Alex & Julia Chernesky, Peter & Anna Supra
By Barbara Neilsen	Mary & Gene Quidort, The Lucak Family: Joseph, Margaret, Agnes & Veronica
	V. Rev. John Klembara, Rodney Reilly
By Dave & Sue Rigby	Andrew & Mary Benyo, George & Emily Rigby, Diana Rigby, Debbie Smith
	George and Helen Ropchock
	Joseph & Mary Samuhel, Nicholas & Katarina Dorko
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•	<b>byd and Lisa Lyon</b> Joseph Sekerak, The Kormos, Kundrat, Sekerak and Macko Families
	The Danchisin Family, The Groholy Family, The Severns Family
By Pat & Terrie Sima / Hornf	feck Family
By The Tesar Family	Frank, Don & Pauline Harley, John & Anna Morilak, Stephan Morilak, Michael & Mildred Herzak,
	Jerry & Marie Michaels, Karen Harley-Reynolds
By Rebecca Timko & Gabriel	le PalladinoKoban/Timko Family, Millie/Monak Family, French/Palumbo Family;
	Argie/Palladino Family
By Thomas, Fedonhk, & Leib	old Family Anna, Anthony, & John Fedonhk
By The Turk Family	
-	Gust, Dorothy, Nicholai
By Marty & Sandy Uhrina	John & Ola Mindala
	Elaine Kogler
	Michael & Erma Kalinich
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