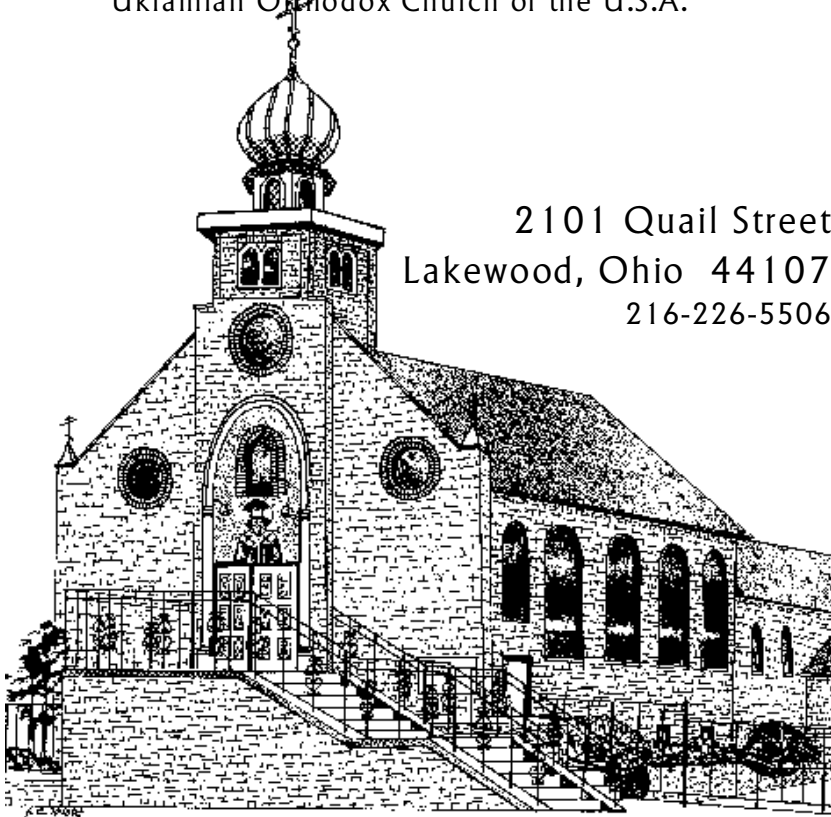


# The Wonderworker

The Weekly Bulletin for  
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Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.

Sunday, December 4, 2011

*Glory to Jesus Christ!*  
*Slava Isusu Khristu!*  
*Слава Ісусу Христу!*

*Glory Forever!*  
*Slava na Viki!*  
*Слава на вікі*

## Schedule of Services for December 4 - 11, 2011

### Sunday, December 4

**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 8;**  
**The Holy Great Martyr Barbara and Holy Martyr Juliana, at**  
**Heliopolis in Syria (ca. 306); Our Venerable Father John of**  
**Damascus (776)**

9:30 a.m. - The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Individual Absolutions

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

### Monday, December 5

**Our Venerable and God-Bearing Father Sabbas the Sanctified**  
6:00 p.m. - Great Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth for the feast of our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Nicholas The Wonderworker, Archbishop Of Myra In Lycea Lity & Holy Anointing with the Miraculous Manna of St. Nicholas

### Sunday, December 11

**The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 1;**  
**The Sunday of the Holy Ancestors (Forefathers) of Christ**  
**(Second Sunday before the Nativity); Our Venerable Father**  
**Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople (489-90). Venerable Nikon**  
**the Dry of the Kyiv Caves (Near Caves, 12<sup>th</sup> c.)**

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

This year's St. Nicholas celebration will take place this morning in the Parish Hall following services. Thank you to all who have contributed to the pot-luck dinner and raffle. Thank you also to all who decorated the temple and hall last Sunday.

### Second Annual Cookie Walk

This benefit for the **St. Panteleimon Orthodox Christian Outreach** will be this coming **Saturday, December 10**, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at North Olmsted United Methodist Church, 4600 Dover Center Rd. The Cookie Walk is your chance to stock up on some delicious, homemade cookies and pastries for the holidays, and to help a worthy cause at the same time! There will be a wide assortment of bakery, and customers can pick out exactly what they want. Prices will be determined on a per-pound basis. Cookies and pastries are perfect for any Christmas celebration and they also make great gifts! The COOKIE WALK will be held about a mile west of Great Northern Mall. Stop in and see us either before or after your Christmas shopping! All proceeds benefit the St. Panteleimon ministry. For more information please contact the St. Panteleimon office at 440-941-4850.

Subscribe to our monthly newsletter to receive \$1 off each pound of cookies you buy at the Cookie Walk.

## *Christmas Flower Memorial Donations*

Rosemary Adams

In memory of +Konstanlyn, +Mary, & +John Kuzda

Marge Kalenak

In memory +Charles & all the deceased of the Kalenak & Emery Families

Pani Barbara

In Memory of the departed members of the Lizanich & Kristof Families

Ilarion & Rita Jula

In Memory +Laurent & +Olga Nun

Kathy Roslan

Susan Stolitza

In memory of the departed of the Stolitza & Lockmonic Families

Jim & Lilli Valli

Natalie & Joshua Walsh

In memory of +Gerald,+Marcella & +David Largent, +Clara Simons, +Julia & +John Hendrick, +Walter ,+Ann, & +Diane Kucynda & +Michael Kuzemka

Torry Tustan

For the health of Lillian & Michael Tustan

### 2011 Nativity Concert

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual **Pan-Orthodox Nativity Concert** sponsored by the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy will be held next **Sunday, December 11 @ 5:00 p.m.** Host Parish: St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, 6306 Broadview Rd. in Parma. Free Entrance. Free Will Donation.

### Holiday Craft Fair at the Byzantine Cathedral

**Saturday, December 10** From 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and **Sunday, December 11** 11a.m. - 3 p.m. at the corner of Broadview and Snow in Parma. Holiday Crafts and Ethnic Foods! All are invited! For details or table rentals contact Lisa at (216) 570-8201.

### Food Collection

During this season of fasting in preparation for the feast of our Lord Birth in the flesh, we will be having a collection of nonperishable foods for the Lakewood Christian Service Center on Marlowe Ave. There will be a box in the vestibule for this purpose.

### Calendars

2012 Fund Raising Calendars from All Saints Camp are again available from Marge Kalenak for a donation of \$25. Remember, because it is a leap year, this calendar offers you 366 chances to win you money back and win even more!

The Church Calendars for 2012 are also available on the table at the entrance to the Pro-Cathedral. Please help yourself to as many as you would like. We thank the Joseph Misencik Funeral Home for once again sponsoring our calendars.

Church envelopes for 2012 are also available. If one has not been assigned to you, bring it to the attention of any member of the Parish Council, or Fr. Dennis.

**TODAY'S FEAST:** Though we are having our St. St. Nicholas celebration this morning, today is actually the feastday of two very important saints: The Holy Great Martyr Barbara and Our Venerable Father John of Damascus. The **Holy Great Martyr Barbara** lived and suffered during the reign of Emperor Maximian (305-311). After being brutally tortured for converting to the Christian faith, she was beheaded by her own father! In the Sixth Century her relics were transferred from Heliopolis to Constantinople. Six hundred years later, they were transferred to Kiev by Barbara, the daughter of the Byzantine Emperor Alexius Comnenos, who married the Prince Michael Izyaslavich. They rest even now at St. Vladimir Cathedral in Kiev where an Akathist to the saint is served each Tuesday.



St. John of Damascus was one of our greatest Church Fathers not only for his defense of the Holy Icons during the Iconoclastic controversy of the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Centuries, but especially for his compilation of in an encyclopedic manner of collating and epitomizing in a single work the opinions of all the great ecclesiastical writers who had gone before him. It was the first attempt at a summa theologica that has come down to us. But he is especially known to us because of the great hymns and canons he wrote for all the great feasts based on the homilies of the Fathers, and the beautiful and profound verses written by him that are chanted in the Orthodox funeral service. He also wrote an interesting critique of the religion of Islam.

