

where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. (Matthew 6:21)

Christmas Flower Donations

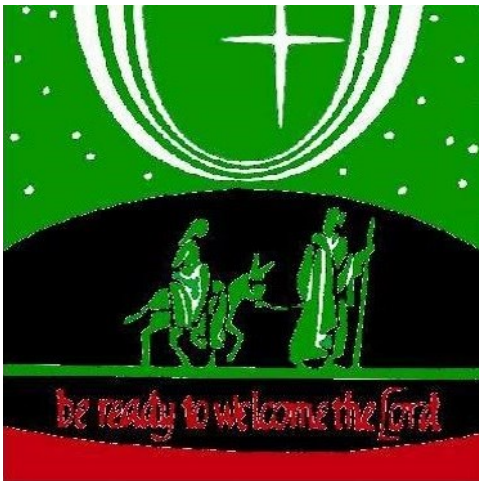
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In Memory of: _____

The importance of the feast of Christ's Birth is emphasized by the spiritual preparation the Church calls us to undertake it. The Church calls us to fast, and not feast, as the rest of world does.

The two Sundays prior to Christmas remind us that throughout the ages God planned for His entrance into the world, the Incarnation, through the prophets, patriarchs and the various events and trials recounted in the Old Testament. Echoing this understanding during Philip's Fast is the commemoration of the Holy Prophets Obadiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah (Sophonias), Haggai, Daniel and the Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias and Misael. The antiquity of these celebrations is reflected in the Divine Liturgy after the invocation of the Holy Spirit to sanctify the Holy Gifts (*epiklesis*), into the Most-Holy, Most-Pure Body and Blood of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ when we commemorate the Forefathers, Fathers, Patriarchs, Prophets, etc. The commemoration of the Birth of Christ on December 25 did not become firmly established in the Orthodox Church in the Eastern Roman Empire until the end of the Fourth Century. Once the Christmas celebration became universal in the Orthodox Church, the 40 day period of fasting before Christmas quickly followed

The second Sunday prior to the feast is dedicated to the Holy Ancestors, or Forefathers, of Christ. Because this commemoration grew out of the commemoration of the Holy Fathers celebrated the Sunday before the feast, the two commemorations are nearly indistinguishable. The distinguishing characteristics of these two Sundays are special troparia, kontakia, prokeimena, communion hymns and specific readings prescribed for these Sundays as we leave the Post-Pentecost cycle of readings.



Consult the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, the Parish Facebook Page or the Parish website (www.StNicholasLakewood.org) for the latest breaking announcements. The bulletin for the month is always printed and available on the final Sunday of the previous month.



The Wonderworker

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Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.

December, 2021

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

Schedule of Services

(November 28, 2021—January 2, 2022)

November 28

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 6; The Holy Venerable-Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New of Mt. Athos

10:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth
Panakhida for +Charles Kalenak offered by Margaret Kalenak

Sunday, December 5

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 7; 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. - 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 6

Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Nicholas The Wonderworker, Archbishop Of Myra In Lycea

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

Sunday, December 12

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 8; Sunday of the Holy Ancestors; Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus

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

Sunday, December 19

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional

Tone 1; The Sunday of the Holy Fathers; The Holy Martyr Boniface at Tarsus in Cilicia, and Righteous Aglae of Rome
10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Friday, December 24

Eve Of The Nativity of Christ. The Holy Nun-Martyr Eugenia of Rome

8:00 p.m. - Great Compline with Lity The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for the Nativity According to the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ; The Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar, and the Shepherds in Bethlehem Holy Anointing Мирowanie

*****No Services on Saturday, December 25****

Sunday, December 26

The Sunday after the Nativity in Which the Holy Righteous Ones are Commemorated: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord, Resurrectional Tone 2; The Second Day of the Feast of the Nativity, the Gathering for the Most-Holy Birthgiver-of-God

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

Sunday, January 2, 2022

The Sunday before the Divine Manifestation (Theophany); The First Prefestive Day of Theophany; Resurrectional Tone 3; Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Sylvester, Pope of Rome (335); Repose of our Venerable Father Seraphim, Wonderworker of Sarov; The Sunday before the Divine Manifestation

9:30 a.m. - 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

Thursday, January 6

The Holy Divine Manifestation (Theophany) of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Baptism in the Jordan)

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

Sunday, January 9

The Sunday after the Divine Manifestation, Resurrectional Tone 4; Fourth Day of the Divine Manifestation; The Holy Martyr Polyeuctus of Melitene in Armenia (259); Hieromartyr Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1570)

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth
Blessing of the new Valli home, 28530 Hunters Ridge Lane, Olmsted Twp. All are invited

December Milestones, Birthdays: 1, Nicole Hartman; 5, Nina Don Kristof; 14, Michael Grechny; 17, Brett & Kendall Epple; 18, Susan Stolitza & Daniel Stolitza; 23, Olivia Anderson; 27, Kerrie Ann Cooney. May God grant them and their families peace, health, salvation and longevity for many, blessed years, на многая і благая літа!

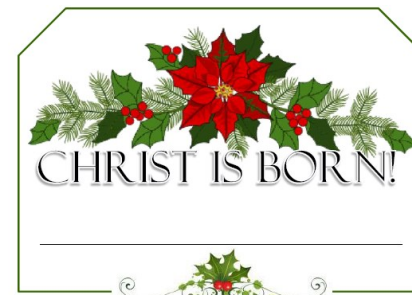
House Blessing Open House

Jim and Lillian Valli are inviting everyone to their House Blessing Open House on Sunday, January 9, 2022, right after Church services. A hot lunch will follow the House Blessing. Both Jim and Lillian are triple vaccinated. The address again is 28530 Hunters Ridge Lane, Olmsted Twp. Street parking ok. Plan to spend the afternoon with them, to pray, eat and talk and have a good time.

The **Church Calendars for 2022** are 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.

Christmas Flowers

When you come across this envelope in your envelope box, remember that you have a choice: Either poinsettias for the church and hall, or embellishing the Parish Christmas tree by purchasing this ornament



For a donation of \$10 or more we will put your name, your family name, or the name of someone else you wish to commemorate, and we will hang them on the Christmas tree that will be decorating the temple. Any free will donation will be accepted. Limit of

four (4) names per ornament.

You can mail your donation to the Parish: 2101 Quail St. Lakewood, OH 44107. Here's what last year's tree looked like by Christmas.

My Christmas Gift to St. Nicholas

It is estimated that the average American spends over \$500 on gifts alone for Christmas. This doesn't count food, decorations and other things associated with the season. Figuring that in would put it well over \$1000! I have made the challenge in the past to tithe (Donate 10%) of what you spend on Christmas and give it to your parish of St. Nicholas. For

