

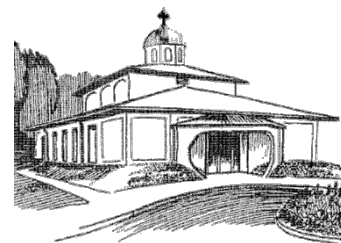


St Nicholas Orthodox Church

*A Parish of the Diocese of the Midwest
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Services for the Period of the Nativity & Theophany of our Lord Jesus Christ

- Sunday, Dec. 22 *The 26th Sunday after Pentecost & the Sunday before the Nativity*
9:35a Hours || 10a Prayers at the Making of a Catechumen & Divine Liturgy
5:30p Daily Vespers
- Monday, Dec. 23 9a Royal Hours || 6p Daily Vespers
- Tuesday, Dec. 24 *The Paramony (Preparation) of the Nativity*
9a Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great || 6p Vigil (*Great Compline, Lity, Festal Matins*)
- Wednesday, Dec. 25 ***THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (PASCHA OF THREE DAYS)***
9a Divine Liturgy
- Thursday, Dec. 26 *The Synaxis of the Theotokos*
9a Divine Liturgy (*followed by potluck and caroling—bring some of your favorites to share*)
- Saturday, Dec. 28 4:30p Confession || 5:30p Great Vespers
- Sunday, Dec. 29 *27th Sun. after Pentecost, Sun. after the Nativity, Commemoration of the Holy Righteous Ones*
9:35a Hours || 10a Divine Liturgy || 6–8p Teen Group (*Bowling*)
- Tuesday, Dec. 31 *Leave-taking of the Nativity*
6p Great Vespers
- Wednesday, Jan. 1 **Circumcision of our Lord & St Basil**
9a Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great with blessing of the *Vasilopita* (St Basil's Bread)
- Friday, Jan. 3 9a Royal Hours (*in preparation for the Theophany*)
- Saturday, Jan. 4 4:30p Confession || 5:30p Great Vespers
- Sunday, Jan. 5 *28th Sunday after Pentecost & the Paramony (Preparation) of the Theophany*
9:05a Hours || **9:30a** Churching, Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Waters (*Indoors*)
5:30p Festal Vespers with Lity
- Monday, Jan. 6 ***THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD***
9a Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great
- Tuesday, Jan. 7 *The Synaxis of John the Baptist*
9a Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, Jan. 11 4:30p Confession || 5:30p Great Vespers
- Sunday, Jan. 12 *29th Sunday after Pentecost & the Sunday after Theophany*
9:05a Hours || **9:30a** Divine Liturgy; after Coffee Hour: Great Blessing of Water
(*Outdoors—details TBA*)





BRIEF NOTES

Nativity to Theophany Eve: Fast-Free Period

In celebration of the great feast of our Lord's Nativity—this beautiful and joyous winter Pascha—there is no fasting in the Church from the Nativity until the eve of Theophany. In preparation for that feast, however, January 5 will be a day of strict fasting.

Sunday, January 12: Outdoor Blessing of Water

On Sunday, January 12, we will do a second outdoor Blessing of Waters at Fairport Harbor. We will drive over after Sunday Divine Liturgy and a brief coffee hour. More details will be sent via email as we get closer.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

NOTE: Starting with the next bulletin, I will reset the prayer list. So, if you want to keep a name on it, please communicate that request to me via email.

Perry Capitan, **Julian**, Sarah Crivella, Emily Finazzo, (friend of the Rendas), David Campbell (Debbie Clements' brother), Patrick Leahy (Dave K.'s brother-in-law), Joseph Chuppa, Mary Ann Sheranko, Kevin, Declan, and Teagon (husband and children of the reposed, Kristen), Andrew Dzura, Rich Cook (Cindy Renda's brother), Daniel Conger (friend of Jim Renda); **the residents of St Herman's House**, as well as those who serve them; our seminarian, Cole (Paul) Schlafer, and his family members: Sarah, Simon, Michael, & Nikolai; the members of the Bagley family, especially Joseph, Rosemary, Isaac, Lucia, & Julian; Jim Barkas; Delphine (mother of Sean Kiernan); Jennifer, Janice (Laurie Alexander's mother); Maria (friend of Anna Kozikov, wife of newly-repose Boris); Michael (cousin of Anna Kozikov); Katarina (relative of Natalie Antonoff); Aleksey Byltsov (son of Natalie Antonoff); Willie Gomer (in baptism: Alexander); Archpriest Jan, Matushka Jana, and the parishioners of St Theodosius Cathedral; Theodore Tollefson; James Horabik; Carol Lehman (Darlene Horabik's sister, wife of newly-reposed George); Joe Dzura (brother of Andy Dzura); Viktor and Dominik Povozaev; Vincent (Thomas Alexander's father); Renee Kirouac (goddaughter of Ruth Bede) & Tristan Scott (newly crowned); Hank & Diane (Jim Horabik's brother-in-law and sister); Julia & Iosif (newly crowned); Alexander (friend of Anna Kozikov) & his wife Olena; Dana Wagner; Bob Wick; Todd Parish (friend of Cindy Renda); Elaine (Adam Chongris'

cousin); the suffering Christians of Ukraine, the Middle East, and Armenia; all those affected by the recent hurricanes

Birthdays: 12/22: Viktor Povozaev; 12/23: Cindy Renda, Collin Rausch; 12/24: Darlene Horabik, Debbie Covelli; 12/27: Melanie Sherman; 12/29: Debby Boggess; 1/1: Deanna Covelli, Abrea Monda; 1/2: Brandon Murphy, Timothy Kozikov; 1/3: Isabelle LeMaster; 1/4: Zack Walker; 1/6: Katie Horabik; 1/7: Kevyn Roth; 1/8: Tess Cressman, Nicolina Hoover; 1/9: Michelle Ray; 1/10: Daniil Antonoff

Wedding Anniversaries: 12/27: Jenny & Shawn Cunningham; 12/29: Jim & Lisa Gordon; 12/30: TJ & Jessica Chongris; 1/6: Joseph & Rosemary Bagley

Expecting Parents: Elizabeth & Patrick

Catechumens: Dalton Moses, Scott Salzgeber, Erin (Xenia) Dull, Joshua Peter Tichel, Christina Rausch

Infants Awaiting Holy Illumination: Michael Roman (son of Brian & Katya); Elizabeth Irene (daughter of TJ & Jessica); Gianna Denise (daughter of Jake & Allison) (*who is soon to be illumined*)

Newly illumined: Kennedy Anne; Margaret Lee; Charlotte Xenia; Alex (John) Wittie

Serving in the military: Kenneth Hockenberry; Patrick Miller; James Chongris; Edward (Mat. Olena's father)

Deported: Joseph & Pauline Demanski, Cathy Ubancic (friend of the Rendas), Patricia (Michael Abernathy's grandmother), Nun Elizabeth (of Holy Transfiguration Monastery), Kristen (Michelle Hoover's cousin), Jane Hunt (great grandmother of Sofia Kiernan), Patricia Wilcoxson (Rosemary Bagley's mother); Joseph Naymik; Theodore Kisha (father of Ted Kisha); Daniel (infant son of Fr Peter and Matushka Sophie Ries); John (father of Sean Kiernan), Ronald (in baptism, Thomas) (Collin Moore's father); Priest James Bernstein; Carol Wright; Paul Webb (friend of Abby Goodell); George (Bim) Lehman (Darlene Horabik's brother-in-law); Anna Mae Sokol (Darlene Horabik's cousin); Janet Evans (friend of Ruth Bede); Olga (Nicholas Covelli's mother); Helen (Jan Ursinyi's mother); Rick Wagner (Merrick and Mia's grandfather); Boris (friend of Anna Kozikov); Dennis (newly-reposed brother of Claudia Moore); Joella (LuAnn Dzura's daughter); Gail (friend of Maureen Medakovich)

Annual Anniversaries of Repose: Helen Morton (12/24), Anna Gernot (12/24), Mary Muntian (12/29), Joseph Demanski (1/1), Ronald Bede (1/5)

