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9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

* AMBO: Articles for publication should be submitted to: sttheocemetery@yahoo.com by Wednesday of each week before noon.

* CALENDAR: Event dates must be submitted by the 15th of each month.

DECEMBER 13, 2015
SUNDAY OF
HOLY FOREFATHERS

MARTYR BONIFACE



DECEMBER 19

The Holy Martyr Boniface was the slave of a rich young Roman woman named Aglaida and he dwelt with her in an iniquitous cohabitation. But they both felt the sting of conscience and they wanted somehow to be cleansed of their sin. And the Lord granted them the possibility to wash away their sin with their blood and to finish their life in repentance.

Aglaida learned that whoever keeps relics of the holy martyrs in the home and venerates them receives great help in gaining salvation. Under their influence, sin is diminished and virtue prevails. She arranged for Boniface to go to the East, where there was a fierce persecution against Christians, and she asked him to bring back the relics of some martyr, who would become a guide and protector for them.

As he was leaving, Boniface laughed and asked, "My lady, if I do not find any relics, and if I myself suffer for Christ, will you accept my body with reverence?" Aglaida scolded him, saying that he was setting off on a sacred mission, but he was not taking it seriously. Boniface pondered her words, and during the whole journey he thought that he was unworthy of touching the bodies of the martyrs.

Arriving at Tarsus in Cilicia, Boniface left his companions at the inn and proceeded to the city square, where they were torturing Christians. Struck by the beastly horrible torments, and seeing the faces of the holy martyrs radiant with the grace of the Lord, Boniface marveled at their courage. He embraced them and kissed their feet, asking them to pray that he might be found worthy to suffer with them.

The judge asked Boniface who he was. He replied, "I am a Christian," and then refused to offer sacrifice to idols. They stripped him and hung him upside down, beating him so hard that the flesh fell from his body, exposing the bone. They stuck needles under his nails, and finally they poured molten tin down his throat, but by the power of the Lord he remained unharmed. The people who witnessed this miracle shouted, "Great is the God of the Christians!" Then they began to throw stones at the judge, and then they headed for the pagan temple, in order to cast down the idols.

On the following morning, when things had quieted down somewhat, the judge directed that the holy martyr be thrown into a cauldron of boiling tar, but this also caused the sufferer no harm. An angel came down from Heaven and bedewed him as he stepped into the cauldron. The tar overflowed the cauldron, splattering and burning the torturers themselves. St Boniface was then sentenced to beheading by the sword. Blood and a milky fluid flowed from his wounds. Beholding such a miracle, about 550 men believed in Christ.

St Boniface's companions, waiting for two days at the inn for him in vain, began searching for him, thinking that he had gotten drunk somewhere. At first their search was without success, but finally they came across a man who had been an eyewitness to the martyr's death. The man also led them to the place where the decapitated body lay. St Boniface's companions tearfully begged his forgiveness for their unseemly thoughts about him. After they ransomed the martyr's remains, they brought them back to Rome.

On the eve of their arrival an angel appeared to Aglaida in her sleep and told her to prepare herself to receive her former slave, now the brother and fellow-servant of the angels. Aglaida summoned the clergy, and she received the holy relics with great reverence. Then she built a church on the site of his grave and dedicated it to the holy martyr. There she enshrined his relics, glorified by numerous miracles. After distributing all her wealth to the poor, she withdrew to a monastery, where she spent fifteen years in repentance, then fell asleep in the Lord. She was buried beside St Boniface. The sins of the one were washed away by his blood, the other was purified by her

tears and asceticism. Both were found worthy to appear unsullied before our Lord Jesus Christ, Who desires not the death of a sinner, but that he should turn from his wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11).

We pray to St Boniface for deliverance from drunkenness.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13

Dec. 13 Col. 3:4-11
Luke 14: 16-24

Dec. 15 Heb. 4:1-13
Mark 8:22-26

Dec. 18 Heb. 7:18-25
Mark 9:33-41

Dec. 14 Heb. 3:5-11,17-19
Mark 8:11-21

Dec. 16 Heb. 5:11-6:8
Mark 8:30-34

Dec. 19 Eph. 2:11-13
Luke 14:1-11

Dec. 17 Heb. 7:1-6
Mark 9:10-16



St. Theodosius Men’s Mixer

**Come out and join us on Thursday,
January 14th at Agostino’s for an
evening of fellowship and discussion
about how we can support our church
and church community.**

**6:30 PM at Agostino’s
Pizza, Wings, and Beverages
\$5.00 donation at the door**

**Please RSVP to
waynevidovich@gmail.com via text @
440-989-6165 by January 10th, 2016 if
possible. If it is not possible to RSVP,
please come regardless.**





PRAYER REQUESTS

Departed:

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:

Father John Udics
Matushka Catherine Jula
Archpriest Theodore Bobosh
Mother Anna
Mary
Michael
Betty Balasz
David C. Baringer (*friend of Karen Felon*)
Judy Baughman
Carol Bohurjak
Frank Byndas
Elsie Conrad
John Conrad
Metodije Damljanovic (*Child*)
Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia Morris's brother*)
Cindy Durkalski
Nadine Ellis
Nashwa Fam
Leonora Felon
Dorothy Fowler
Vladimir Fowler
Julia Grabowski

Roger Haupt (*Lisa Theodore's cousin*)
Janet Hennig (*friend of Judy Schwind*)
Sandee Holod
Matthew Hunley (*Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)
Donna Jacak
Victor Jacak
Kevin Jackam (*Sonia Vorell's cousin*)
Patrick Jacobson (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Joy Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Stephen Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)
Maher Khalil
Thomas Khalil
John Kovalski (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Dorothy Laskovich
Paul Laskovich
Susan Lentz
Ralph Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's father*)
Paul Mihal
Anna Mysiw (*friend and neighbor of Helen Antonik*)
Lydia Mytrohovich

Maude Palumbo (*Michelle Rajisch's mother*)
Debra Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)
Grace Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother*)
Daria Petrokowski
Debby Pinta
Cindy Powkowski
Cheryl Regrut (*Deb Ellis's sister-in-law*)
Valerie Rolls (*Fr. John's cousin*)
Dorothy Romig
Julia Sankovic (*Child*)
Elaine Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)
Janice Tkacz
Elisabeth Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Erin Zawolowycz
Theodore Zolikoff (*Nick Zolikoff's father*)
Alice Zdinak (*Fr. John's Mother*)

Douglas & Kaitlyn Evans
& Unborn Child

Gabriel & Shyanne Tabeling
& Unborn Child

Please note that names will remain on the list for approximately one month and then removed. If you would like a name to be relisted, please contact the office at 216-741-1310.

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy. You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour:

12/13/15	Steve Rusnak
12/20/15	Joyce Tabeling & Judy Schwind
12/27/15	Joy & David Pfeiffer
1/3/16	TBA
1/10/16	TBA
1/17/16	TBA
1/24/16	TBA

Greeters:

Linda Smotzer & Michael Tabeling
Mat. Jenn Boerio & Tammy Ponomarenko
Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
TBA
TBA
TBA
TBA



GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses:	\$ 6,538.00
Last week's collection	<u>\$ 6,649.00</u>
Over/Under	< \$ 111.00 >

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, \$10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris



Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

For the entire 2015 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey
from John & Ruth Fritskey

For the weeks of Dec. 6 - Dec. 27th

In memory of all deceased members
of the Laskovich Family
from Dorothy & Paul Laskovich

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD
OF GREATER CLEVELAND
53rd Anniversary Year**



Unity Through Participation



DECEMBER



**Monday
December 14, 2015**



6:30PM

**CHRIST THE SAVIOUR
10000 State Road
North Royalton, OH 44133**



*****Gloria Zabala will speaking on Healing Oils of the Bible*****



DECEMBER 20, 2015 **CLEVELAND LANDMARK** **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

39th Annual Concert at 3:00 PM

Please join us for a special Christmas holiday program in the historic St. Theodosius Cathedral in the Tremont community on Cleveland's west side. Each year our program reflects the large repertoire of liturgical music from the Orthodox Christian Church. We sing a cappella, in English, and in concert format.

Come experience the beauty of this national landmark and example of Eastern Orthodox Christianity in practice. Following the Cathedral Choir's program all are invited to participate in a sing-a-long of popular carols!

Tours: 1 PM
Concert: 3 PM

Visit the "Mother"
Church of the
many Orthodox
Churches in
northeast Ohio!

**FREE AND OPEN
TO ALL!**

Reception after
the concert.

We keep "Christ"
in Christmas!

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Help the Orthodox Christian Mission Center provide the means for priests in Kenya to “make the rounds” in the new year!

Diocese of the Midwest Nativity Fast fundraiser



■ Please send all donations to the **Diocese of the Midwest, 927 North LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60610** by **January 1, 2016**.

■ Please make checks payable to the **Diocese of the Midwest**, with “**Motorbikes for Kenya**” noted in the memo line.

■ Once **all donations** have been received, they will be **forwarded to OCMC**, with our **prayers** for the **ongoing ministry** of the Kenyan clergy and the **faithful they serve**.



Unlike the clergy of our Diocese, Orthodox Christian **priests in Kenya** must serve several far-flung and remote parish communities – a **difficult ministry** to pursue **without proper transportation!**

With the blessing of **His Grace, Bishop Paul of Chicago**, the **Diocese of the Midwest** is partnering with the **Orthodox Christian Mission Center** to raise funds to **provide motorbikes** for the clergy in Kenya. **With your help**, we can ensure that they will be able to **serve their flocks** more regularly while bringing the **Good News of Jesus Christ** to far more people.

Parishes, organizations and individuals are asked to **raise funds** during this year’s Nativity Fast to **make it easier** for the Kenyan clergy to “**make the rounds**” in **2016!**



Holy Youths and Faithful Children

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at <http://dce.oca.org>.



December 17 is the feast day of the Prophet Daniel and his companions, the three Holy Youths Ananias, Azarias and Misael.

The four boys lived at the time of a great tragedy—the conquest of the Kingdom of Judah by the Babylonian Empire. They were among the masses of Jews who were taken away into exile, in what we know as the "Babylonian Captivity." Attractive and intelligent, they were chosen to be trained to serve in the court of King Nebuchadnezzar.

But in spite of intense indoctrination in the language and philosophy of their captives, these four refused to worship the gods of the Babylonians. They were given beautiful clothes, food from the royal table, and other special privileges. Nothing could make them abandon their faith in the God they knew.

Our children and young people face their own challenges. In our culture, full of temptations to abandon that faith, are there ways in which parents and families can help children be strong in the Orthodox faith? A recent book answers "yes."

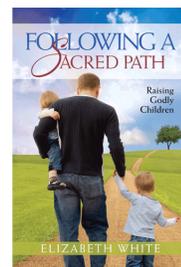
Elizabeth White's "Following a Sacred Path: Raising Godly Children" (Ancient Faith Publishing, Chesterton, Indiana 2013) presents methods and activities to nourish a strong faith in a child, so that he or she will stay on that "sacred path" for life. The author is a Montessori teacher, and is also trained in the use of the "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" program. As she writes, the parable of the Good Shepherd is an especially appealing and important one for young children, who need to feel that they are loved and protected by someone they can completely trust.

Each chapter of the book begins with a quotation from an educator or from Scripture. This is followed by a list of three or four objectives—things the reader should realize after finishing the chapter. At the end of the chapter are suggested activities, based on the content of the chapter.

One chapter's content is a discussion of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit enumerated in Isaiah 11: 1-2. The author offers ways to present them to a child. In another chapter, she gives examples of questions that will encourage children to think and work out answers, rather than cutting off thinking by giving answers.

The book reflects admirable compassion for all kinds of people. For example, the author writes that her church school class creates Christmas cards to be given to homeless people at the parish's Christmas dinner. She asks her young students not to include a cheery message in their cards because writing something like "Have a great Christmas" would "only serve as a reminder that Christmas is not so great" for the homeless. Instead, she writes a note that tells the recipient, "We are keeping you in our prayers."

Elizabeth White took a survey as she began her writing, asking Orthodox parents what they felt was their primary goal. Her personal favorite response is this one: "To help the child fall in love with God." Her book can help parents and teachers accomplish that beautiful goal.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

2015

Sunday, Dec. 13

VEN. HERMAN OF ALASKA
WONDERWORKER
OF ALL AMERICA
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Presents due TODAY for Merrick
House Angel Tree

Monday, Dec. 14

MARTYRS THYRUS,
LEUCIS AND CALLINICUS
6:30 PM EOWG Talk on
'Healing Oils of the Bible' @
Christ the Savior in North
Royalton

Tuesday, Dec. 15

HIEROMARTYR ELEUTHERIUS
VEN. PAUL OF LATROS
No Orthodoxy 101

Wednesday, Dec. 16

PROPHET HAGGAI
BL. EMPRESS THEOPHANO
(THEOPHANIA)
6:00 PM Akathist to the Nativity
of Christ
**Please consider staying after
Akathist to help decorate the
Christmas tree**

REMINDER:



Please be sure
that cell phones
are turned off
before entering
the temple.

ADVENT FAST
Nov. 15th - Dec. 24th

DECEMBER
Special Collection
THE DEANERY



Thursday, Dec. 17

HOLY PROPHET DANIEL
3 HOLY YOUTHS: ANANIAS,
AZARIAS & MISAEL
No Faith Enrichment
7:00 PM Merrick House Angel Tree
present distribution

Friday, Dec. 18

MARTYR SEBASTIAN
AND HIS COMPANIONS AT
ROME

Saturday, Dec. 19

MARTYR BONIFACE
AND RIGHTEOUS AGLAIDA
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Dec. 20

HIEROMARTYR IGNATIUS
THE GOD-BEARER
ST. JOHN OF KRONSTADT
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
3:00 PM Cleveland Landmark
Christmas Concert
6:00 PM Daily Vespers & 1st
Royal Hour



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