



February

Calendar & Events at Nativity

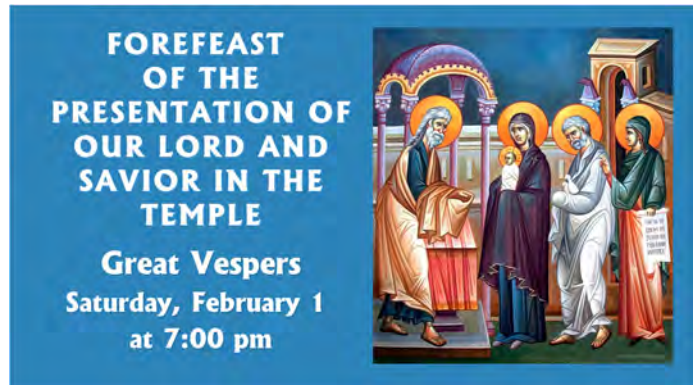


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Saturday February 1, 2025 - Forefeast of the Presentation of our Lord and Savior in the Temple

6:00pm Basketball Practice
7:00pm Great Vespers for The Presentation of Our Lord



Sunday, February 2, 2025 - The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple

All day Godparent Sunday
All day Memorials and Trisagion (Dedakis and Kallis Family)
8:45am Orthros
10am Divine Liturgy
11:30am Church School & Catechism
12:30pm GOYA Meeting



Monday, February 3, 2025

6:00pm Philoptochos Meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

7:00pm Youth Greek Classes
6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (on Zoom)

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

7:00pm Paraklesis

Thursday, February 6, 2025

6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (on Zoom)

Friday, February 7, 2025 - International Greek Language Day

7:00pm AA Meeting in Social Hall

Saturday, February 8

1pm Baptism
6:00pm Basketball Practice
6:00pm GOYA Apokriatiko Glendi /Lamb Roast



Sunday, February 9, 2025 - Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Triodion Begins Today

8:45am Orthros 1
0am Divine Liturgy
11:30am Church School & Catechism
12:00 pm Oratorical Festival Practice
6:00pm Superbowl Party

READY FOR THE BIG GAME?

Come for the Annual Superbowl Party in the Parish Hall @ Nativity

FEBRUARY 9 @ 6 PM

Bring an appetizer, salad or dessert share.






**SUPPLICATIONS
TO THE
THEOTOKOS**
Wednesday Evenings
February 5, 19 and 26

PARAKLESIS



**TUESDAY
MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**
Offered in person or
on Zoom at 11:00 am

**GOYA Meets on
Sunday, February
2 at 12:30 pm**




**TUESDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY ZOOM LINK**



*Philoptochos Meeting
Monday, February 3
at 6 pm*

Watch your email for details.



**TUESDAY
EVENING
BIBLE
STUDY**
Offered in person
or on Zoom at 7:00 pm



*Schedule your Epiphany
**HOUSE
BLESSING!***

*Contact Kathy in the
Church Office*



**TUESDAY EVENING
BIBLE STUDY ZOOM LINK**

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Tuesday, February 11, 2025

- 11:00am Morning Bible Study with Fr. Nick
- 12:00pm Senior Lunch Group
- 7:00pm Youth Greek Classes
- 6:30pm Adult Greek Classes 101 (on Zoom)
- 7:00pm Evening Bible Study with Fr. Nick

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

- 7:00pm Holy Unction at Holy Cross, 25225 Middlebelt Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Thursday, February 13, 2025

- 6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (on Zoom)

Friday, February 14, 2025

- All day Dayton Basketball Tournament
- 7:00pm AA Meeting in Social Hall

Saturday February 15, 2025

- All day Dayton Basketball Tournament

Sunday, February 16, 2025 Sunday of the Prodigal Son

- All day Dayton Basketball Tournament All day
- 8:45am Orthros
- 10am Divine Liturgy
- 11:30am Church School & Catechism
- 12:30pm Love Luncheon

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

- 11:00am Morning Bible Study with Fr. Nick
- 12:00pm Tuesday Lunch Group
- 7:00pm Youth Greek Classes
- 6:30pm Adult Greek Classes 101 (on Zoom)
- 7:00pm Evening Bible Study with Fr. Nick

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

- 7:00pm Paraklesis

Thursday, February 20, 2025

- 6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (on Zoom)
- 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Friday, February 21, 2025

- 6:00pm Hope/Joy Family Night



OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2025

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS		THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 9th		<i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 16th		The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 23rd FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY		The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 2nd FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY		Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 9th		<i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 16th		ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 23rd		VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 30th		ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 6th		ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 13th GREAT WEEK BEGINS		<i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 18th		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 20th NO FASTING!		<i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

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Saturday, February 22—1st Saturday of Souls

9:00am Orthros and Divine Liturgy

6:00pm Basketball Practice

Sunday, February 23, 2025—Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

8:45am Orthros

10am Divine Liturgy

11:30am Church School & Catechism

12:00 pm Nativity Oratorical Festival

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

11:00am Morning Bible Study with Fr. Nick

12:00pm Tuesday Lunch Group

7:00pm Youth Greek Classes

6:30pm Adult Greek Classes 101 (on Zoom)

7:00pm Evening Bible Study with Fr. Nick

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

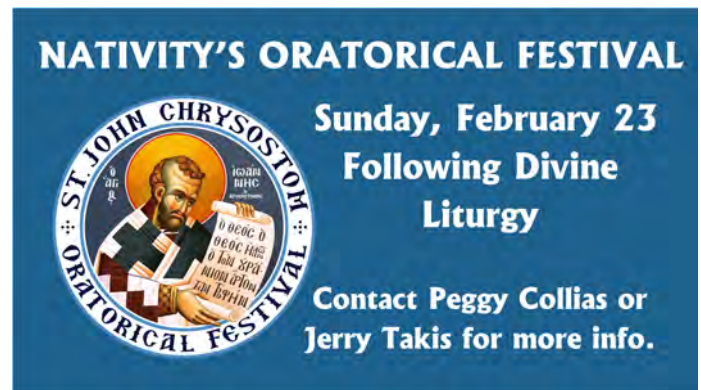
7:00pm Paraklesis

Thursday, February 27, 2025

6:30pm Adult Greek Classes (on Zoom)

Friday, February 28, 2025

7:00pm AA Meeting in Social Hall



**WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR**



- Blankets**
- New Underwear**
(Men's and Women's)
- New socks**
- Feminine Hygiene items**
- Oral Care items**
- Personal Hygiene items**
- New or gently used coats**
- Hats, gloves and scarves**
- New or gently used men's shoes**

**GOYA AND OUR SUNDAY CHURCH
SCHOOL YOUTH WILL ASSEMBLE**



**WATCH FOR DETAILS IN THE COMING
WEEKS ABOUT WHAT WE ARE
COLLECTING.**



USHER SCHEDULE

Date	Opening Usher	Closing Usher
2/2/25	John Petrou	Jerry Takis
2/9/25	Anne Randall	Marios Lambi
2/16/25	Nancy Kurys	Lynn Perakis
2/23/25	John Petrou	Christina Tzilos



Coffee Hour

Sponsors and Servers

Date	Sponsor/Event	Servers
2/2/25	GODPARENT SUNDAY—Memorial Coffee Hour for Dedakis and Kallis Families	GOYA
2/9/25		Hope/Joy
2/16/25		Philoptochos
2/23/25	Oratorical Festival	Presv. Liza & Maria K



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THE CHURCH IS HERE FOR YOU!

In times of need or times of celebration, there are a number of pastoral situations that warrant contacting Fr. Nick.

- Any Hospital Stay: Illness, surgery, etc.
- Death - Call when a person is dying and at the actual time of death, regardless of the hour!
- Substance abuse involving you or a loved one.
- Domestic problems of any sort, marital or children.
- When you desire spiritual direction.
- Birth of a child, (naming, and 40 day blessing)
- When you become engaged and are planning a Wedding.

HOW TO CONTACT THE PRIEST

Non Emergency situations:

- Contact Fr. Nick or church office by telephone or email to schedule and appointment.

Emergencies - try this order:

- Call the church office during normal business hours.
- Contact Fr. Nick on his mobile phone 616-328-3143.