Beloved Parishioners,

Have you ever woken up and tried to thank God for everything you’re grateful for? Not just the big things, but everything? It’s not so easy. You could start by thanking Him for the fact that you woke up, and then for the fact that you woke up in a house. Next, you could thank Him that you were able to get out of bed, or that you have a mirror to look into when you brush your teeth. Then, you could thank Him for your teeth, that you know enough to take care of them, and that you have food to eat and then brush off! You could thank God for the water you use to shower and thank Him with special fervor that it is hot!

You could thank God for anyone who is ever helped you, for anyone you’ve ever, at any time, been able to call a friend. You could thank God that you have a family, no matter how big; small, beautiful, or broken. You could say thank you for any job you have ever had, any trip you have ever taken, and any smile that you have ever seen.

I hope I am not exhausting you. The reality is, however, that the number of things that we have to be thankful for—the length of the list of our gratitude—can itself be exhausting. This is probably why we end up taking so many things for granted. Counting our blessings can be so tiring to us that we learn to categorize them as “normal,” “essential,” and “basic.”

Now, here’s the problem: in avoiding the life-giving exhaustion of gratitude, we open ourselves up to a different, more debilitating, exhaustion—the exhaustion of ingratitude. Though it can indeed be tiring to consciously thank God for all His blessings, it is endlessly more tiring, and entirely more detrimental, to spend our day thinking about what we don’t have than what we do. Gratitude can tire us out, but ingratitude can absolutely drain us, poking a hole in the bottom of our cup and ensuring that we can never drink our fill. Gratitude is an exhaustion that satiates, opening our eyes and filling our hearts with the wonder of how much we already have; ingratitude is an exhaustion that hollows us, leaving us in a state of perpetual starvation.

If you think about the words above and find some truth in them, if you find yourself determined to grow in gratitude, then the month of November provides two wonderful opportunities to do so. The first is well-known, and probably on our mind. The Thanksgiving holiday is a wonderful time to step back from the anxiety of our everyday ritual, and to thank God for the big picture. If we engage in this holiday actively, we can learn from it and allow it to permeate every other day of our lives. Another opportunity for gratitude this month is the beginning of the Nativity Fast. This fast begins on November 15th, and leads us into the wonderful anticipation of God coming to meet us in the person of Jesus Christ. In encouraging us to use more self-control in our daily lives, the fast also teaches us to take more time and realize how little we really need to get by. It’s a time of voluntary poverty, in which we learn to trust in God’s help, and gain a renewed appreciation for even the smallest bite of bread, or the simplest glass of water.

Upon all the gifts that God has given us, may He stack one more—the gift of gratitude!

Fr. Michael Manos
**Council Report**

**Council Calendar 2020**

**Coronavirus Protocol**
There is no change to the Coronavirus protocols in place, despite recent news from the State of Michigan on some changes in containment actions. The check-in remains present at the admin area entry. The protocol of temperature check, masks and social distancing in the church also stays in place. We await any new direction from His Eminence. Thank you to all who have supported this protocol during Sunday Divine Liturgy and other Church events. Our caterer is open for business and is following all county and State requirements. Catered events are managed separately from Church events by Ernie’s Catering and are subject to the State of Michigan executive orders plus any Oakland County orders. All catered events require masks and social distancing.

**General Assembly**
Our Fall General Assembly is scheduled for Nov 8 and will be held in-person in church following the Divine Liturgy, with Zoom availability for those who prefer to attend virtually.

**Parish Council Elections**
Elections will be Dec 13 for the next two-year term. Nomination forms have been mailed. Please consider joining Council as we are always welcome to new members.

**Office Staff**
Maggie is officially onboard as a direct employee of our parish. Welcome Maggie!

**Sacrament Information Packets**
All three packets – wedding, baptism, funeral – are now posted to our parish website stnicholastroy.org

**Facilities Update**
Council last month approved an expenditure to replace two HVAC units at a cost not to exceed $16,000. Both are 6-ton units and date back to 1992. They are the last of the original HVAC units for our facility. Multiple quotes were received and Tech Mechanical’s quote is in line with the cost of recent replacements. Tech Mechanical is also the company we use for regular maintenance and repairs.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FUNERALS**
JoAnn A. Voletti + (September 17)
Anastasia Cavas + (September 23)

**BAPTISM**
September 4, 2020 Anthony Thomas Son of Pete and Gayane Karnaros Godparent is Karine Frangulyan
September 19,2020 Stefanos Koupparis Son of Charalambos and Angeliki Koupparis Godparent is Maria Chronis

**WEDDINGS**
September 11, 2020 Bryan John Macek and Stephanie Sarah Founteas Kumbara is Anastasia Krentz
October 2, 2020 Tyler Andrew Corrigan and Olivia Rose Souphis Kumbara is Andrew James Souphis
October 3,2020 Nowar Dimitry and Andreana Masters Kumbara is Eve Theotharis
October 10, 2020 Theodore Simos and Theresa Lee Kumbara is Angela Karachristos
October 10, 2020 Jacob Simon and Stephanie Garris Kumbara is Sophia Garris
October 11,2020 Aaron Brown and Alexandra Crosson Kumbara is Katherine Constand

Congratulations!

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**Parish Council Calendar**

Nov 8 General Assembly
Nov 22 Feather Party – cancelled
Dec 6 St Nicholas Feast Day
Breakfast/Brunch – cancelled
Dec 13 Parish Council Elections 2021-2022
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Reception
Catechism is well under way for the 2020-2021 year with 120 students enrolled. Our present enrollment is less than last year’s, mainly due to virtual classes rather in classroom presence.

We have provided each student with the necessary material based on their class. However, with this being the 2nd month we still have student material that has not been picked up. If you have not picked up the material, the office is open from 10:00am -2:00pm for pick up in the office or Sunday after Divine Liturgy.

Your child should have received their new stewardship envelope boxes. Please do not use past year’s envelopes as they will not receive credit towards their Award Pins.

On October 4 following the Divine Liturgy we recognized several of our 2019-2020 students who even in the face of the COVID-19 virus achieved the number of points for their pins. We recalculated the points based on events and projects. Attendance, Class participation and Stewardship played a major role in their points. 2020-2021 will be no different in being unable to offer many of our activities and fundraisers.

Attendance, Stewardship, and class participation will still be a major factor.

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The Officers and Membership of the Argonauts hope that you are well. Hopefully, we can soon see you in Church, pray together, and resume our monthly luncheons. We have to follow the directions of His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas. Let’s keep in mind those who may need help during these difficult times. Please feel free to contact us at argonauts@stnicholastroy.org. We are in process of updating our mailing list. Stay Healthy!

Catechism Continue

We also recognized many of our St. Nicholas Catechism staff. We have been blessed for many years with the following staff members who have devoted their time, knowledge, and energy to educating our students in our faith, and we thank them for their continued service.

Maria Balcoff          5 years
Gina Lobes            5 years
Irene Pervolarakis    5 years
Vasiliki Michalakis   10 years
Angie Lisnek          15 years
Kaethe Economos       15 years
Joann Kefelas         20 years

The Catechism staff is looking to having some activities this year, taking into consideration the CDC and Metropolis guidelines. Our first Community Service project (CSP) “Children Reaching Out “ …. Bringing Warmth to Children in Our Community will again be our Hats, Scarfs, Gloves & Mittens Giving Tree. The tree will be set up in the administration lobby. Please stop by and take a mitten off the tree and purchase for the age and gender on the mitten. Again, this year we will be working with Focus Detroit to supply warmth to the children of our community.

Watch your emails for further information on events. Because all our correspondence with the parents will be by email, it is imperative that the Catechism office have the correct emails.
**Philoptochos**

**Philoptochos General Meeting:** Philoptochos will host its October General Meeting on Wednesday, October 14, at 7PM via Zoom. All are welcome to attend and learn about the important philanthropic work we are doing in our community. Please email philoptochos@stnicholastroy.org to receive the Zoom link.

**Sunshine Committee:** During the months of October and November, Philoptochos is asking for monetary donations for our Sunshine Committee, which helps those in need by providing donations to Troy People Concerned, Focus Detroit, The Salvation Army Bed and Bread Program of Detroit and the Forget-Me-Not holiday packages to our St. Nicholas Parishioners who are confined to a nursing home, hospital, or their home. Checks should be made out to ST NICHOLAS PHILOPTOCHOS with SUNSHINE in the memo and mailed to St. Nicholas Philoptochos at 760 W Wattles Rd, Troy, MI 48098.

**ST. COSMAS & DAMIAN:** November 1st is the Feast Day of Saints Cosmas and Damian, the patron saints of the Ladies Philoptochos Society. These two holy men offered their lives and their skills so that God might be glorified. To the sick and suffering they brought solace and compassion. To the poor they offered their gifts with no thought or request for payment. By the grace of God they were given the ability to heal, and freely they gave in return so that bodies and souls could find care and rest through faith in the power of grace. **On Sunday, November 1,** St. Nicholas Philoptochos will place a basket in the Narthex for donations to benefit the philanthropic programs and charities of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Those unable to attend church services on November 1st can mail their donation to St. Nicholas Philoptochos at 760 W Wattles Rd, Troy, MI 48098. Checks should be made out to ST NICHOLAS PHILOPTOCHOS with STS COSMAS & DAMIAN in the memo.

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**Kalamata Tapenade a la Petro’**

6 garlic cloves peeled and chopped  
1 jar roasted sweet red peppers medium chopped  
3 small Roma tomatoes seeded and medium chopped  
1 large red onion chopped  
36 or so Kalamata olives pitted and medium chopped  
1 cup Greek olive oil  
3 tablespoons oregano (fresh if you can find it, chopped)  
2 tablespoons fresh parsley chopped  
4 tablespoons of red wine vinegar  
Juice of ½ large lemon

Mix all ingredients together and marinate in refrigerator for at least 24 hours. Once it has been refrigerated, drain some of the liquid so it is not too runny. Save the liquid, it makes good salad dressing. If you want smaller pieces chop the items smaller. Serve on crostini or sliced baguette.  

*This is a great appetizer for those who need dairy free.*
SUNDAY SERVICES REMAIN THE SAME!

Orthos 8:30 am | Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

G.O.Y.A.
2020-2021

This month, we had our first GOYA event of the year! We had a Q & A with Father Michael, and a bonfire (following all of the necessary COVID-19 rules). We also discussed possible future events, and did many ice-breakers. A spirit wear link will be sent to parents emails and in the GroupMe group chat! We look forward to our next event!

Golf League

Even during a pandemic, the St. Nicholas golfers enjoyed a fun season! We played at Sylvan Glen on Monday afternoons.

Congratulations to the 1st half winners: Tula Hatz & Ron Normiewicz!
Congratulations to the 2nd half winners: Kaethe Economos & Jim Caralis!

We thank Fr. Paul who lead us in prayer on our opening day.

LIGHT A VIGIL CANDLE REMOTELY

Following the directives of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the State of Michigan in response to COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Saint Nicholas complex is closed to both parishioners and visitors. ALL Divine Services will be broadcast and can be viewed online at www.stnicholastroy.org.

Everyone is adjusting to these challenging circumstances and are seeking ways to maintain some normalcy. With this understanding and intent, the Parish Council can accommodate the requests of people who want to light a vigil candle or candles at Saint Nicholas Church. Please visit the Parish’s website, www.stnicholastroy.org, and click on “Candles Online” to make the request and complete your donation of $5 (USD five dollars) per candle.

OR, a donation check can also be mailed, writing vigil candle on memo line, again for $5 (USD five dollars) per candle. A Parish Council member will light the vigil candle at the next Divine Liturgy, after the request is received.

I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

DAUGHTERS OF PENEOLOPE

IPHTHIME #66
The annual Daughter’s November Pita sale has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.
Stay Well and Keep Healthy!
The Church plans on holding elections to the Parish Council. Below is a list of parishioners who have filled out a pledge card in 2020. In order to vote and/or run for the Parish Council you must be a parishioner in “good standing”, the meaning of which includes that you have fulfilled an appropriate financial payment towards your current commitment.

**List accurate as of time of Publication**

- GEORGIA & JOHN ANTHONY AGRUSA
- HELEN ALBERS
- DIANE ALEXANDER
- THEODORA ALEXANDER
- MICHAEL & KATHERINE ALIOTO
- KALEOPE ALLEN
- PATRICIA ANAGNOS
- LOUIE & ROSEMARY ANDREOPoulos
- NICHOLAS ANDREWS
- ANTHY ANGELOS
- TIMOTHY & SANDRA ANGELOS
- JOHN ANTON
- DARLYNE ARETAKIS
- HELEN ARETAKIS & BRIAN MAHON
- MICHAEL & ANDREA ARETAKIS
- EFFIE ARGEROPOULOS
- JOHN ARGEROPOULOS
- STEVE & ANITA ARSMAN
- PETER & CYNTHIA ARVANT
- ARISTEA ATHANS
- SAMANTHA BAGERIS
- PETER & ALICE BAKALIS
- VIRGINIA BARR
- WILLIAM & EMILY BARTZ
- DIMITRA BASHAKES
- MIKE & SUE BASHAKES
- IVAN & ANGELINE BAYCI
- EVA MARIE BICKMANN
- NINIKA BITSOUNIS
- STEPHEN & EUGENIA BLACHFORD
- JOBEL BOLLAS
- JAMES & PATRICIA BOLOGNA
- GEORGINA BONNIS - HITCHCOCK
- CONSTANTINOS & MARY BOUGDANOS
- CONSTANTINE BOULOS & PAIGE KRATT
- JAMES & ANGIE BOURNIAS
- MARY BOURNIAS & Family
- KENNETH & CONNIE BRYSON
- TOM & ALICIA BRYSON
- NEAL & CALLIE BUDMAN
- WILLIAM & PATRICIA CARDASIS
- CHRYSLIA CARSON
- JAMES & PAULA CARSON
- HELEN CATSIMPRIS
- JESS CHALKER
- JOHN CHALLON
- CHELSEA CHAMBOS & HUNTER JAMES
- JOHN & EVA CHARBONEAU
- MICHAEL & IRENE CHATZ
- FILITSA CHIMPOURAS
- DIKRAN & ANGIE CHOKOURIAN
- JOHN & GLORIA CLARK
- AARON & KATINA CLOUTIER
- DAVID & CHRISTINA CODEN
- CHAD & VICTORIA CONKLIN
- THOMAS G & VIVIAN CONKLIN
- MATTHEW & STEPHANIE CONWAY
- CHRISTOPHER & PAULA CORNWALL
- MARK & MOLLY COROMBOS
- KAREN COSMOS
- PATRICK & CYNTHIA CROSSON
- THOMAS & MARLYN CUPELIS
- CHRIS & NIKI DALAMANGAS
- CONSTANTINE & JOANNE DALLIS
- STRATOS & ERIN DALLIS
- STEPHANIE & JOHN D'ANNUNZIO
- HELEN DE AVILA
- MARY DE TOMASO
- TONY DE TOMASO
- JAMES & EVANGELIA DEKADIS
- ALEX & PAT DEMOS
- CAROL DEMOS
- JOHN & ELENI DILIS
- DAVID & ELIZABETH DOLINAR
- NINA DROLIAS
- GEORGE & DARRA DROSIS
- MARGARITA DROSIS
- SPERO & CHRISTY DROSIS
- STEPHANIE DYE
- CHRISTINE DZEDZIE
- ANGELINE ECONOMOS
- EUGENIA ECONOMOS
- FRANCES ELDIS
- LOU & FRAN ELIADES
- LEE ELIOPOULOS
- AGAPE ENTHEOS
- CLARA & JOHN ERMANN
- DEAN & KLEO EVANS
- MICHELLE EVANS
- CHARLES FAULL & ANTONIA
- MIMIKOS-FAULL
- NICHOLAS & MELANIE FELES
- PAUL FELES
- HELEN FILIAS
- DOROTHY FOUNTEAS
- STEPHANIE FOUNTEAS & BRYAN MACEK
- WILLIAM & CAROL GAGGOS
- BESSIE GANOS
- GUS & CLAIRE GEBARA
- DEAN & STEFANIE GEORGE
- ZACHARIAS & HELEN
- GEORGIADIS
- TERRY GEOTTES
- ANDREAS & DIAMANTOULA
- GLAVAS
- ATHANASIOS GLAVAS & CHERYL ANN
- REVENIS-GLAVAS
- LEWIS & DEMETRA GLOSS
- ERIC & KATINA GORMAN
- DANAE GROSS
- ROBERT & MARRIA GURZICK
- MILTON & IRENE GUST
- MICHAEL & CORRY HADDAD
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St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos Society

Giving Tree
Making Wishes Come True in Our Community

Christmas Wishes For

Judson Center
The Judson Center provides expert comprehensive services in Southeastern Michigan that strengthen children, adults and families impacted by abuse and neglect, autism, developmental disabilities and mental health challenges so that they are successful in their communities.

Giving Trees are located in the Administrative Lobby

FOCUS DETROIT
- CHOOSE a Child’s TAG from the Giving Tree
- PURCHASE the Gifts
- RETURN the gifts, with the TAG

JUDSON CENTER
- TAKE a TAG from the Giving Tree
- PURCHASE the Gifts
- RETURN the gifts, unwrapped, in a gift bag with the TAG

Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please make your check payable to:
St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos with GIVING TREE in the memo line.
Checks may be mailed to St. Nicholas Philoptochos, 760 W. Wattles Road, Troy MI 48098
Sunshine Committee

October marks the 45th year of the Philoptochos Sunshine Committee, bringing SUNSHINE to those in need. We provide meals to families in our community for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Pascha/Easter. The Sunshine Committee helps those in need throughout the year including donations made to Troy People Concerned, The Salvation Army Bed and Bread Program of Detroit and Forget-Me-Not holiday packages to our St. Nicholas Parishioners who are confined to a nursing home, hospital, or their own home.

Our aim is to provide the same this year and more!

Together, with your generosity and love, we can help fight hunger and help bring SUNSHINE into the lives of others.

The Holidays are quickly approaching and many are relying on our assistance. We are asking for your help again this year.

We will be accepting monetary donations from October through December 2020

My Contribution to the Philoptochos Sunshine Committee to help those in need is

☐ $100  ☐ $50  ☐ $25  ☐ _______

Name ____________________________________________

Address __________________________________________

City & State _______________________________________

Please make checks payable to St. Nicholas Philoptochos with SUNSHINE on the memo line

...spread a little Sunshine today!
St. Nicholas Catechism
Focus Detroit
“Mittens, Scarves & Hats”

We are asking the children of the St. Nicholas Catechism to participate in our Community Service Project

“Children Reaching Out“ .... Bringing Warmth to Children

Once again this year we will have our “Mitten, Scarfs, & Hats ” drive for Focus Detroit.

Please stop by our Christmas “Mitten Tree” in the Administration Lobby and take a mitten on or after November 9th. Attached is the age & gender of the child. Take the mitten off the tree and return it in a gift bag with the mitten attached so we may distribute them to the correct children. Return your mittens gifts to the Catechism office and we will record that your child did participate in the project for credit toward their award pin.

We thank you in advance for your support and kindness in keeping these children warm during the winter.
ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Would like your help in decorating our Church!

2020 POINSETTIA DONATIONS ARE $25.00
PLEASE ADD MY FAMILY TO THE LIST
Deadline: Friday, December 11, 2020

POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Return this portion to St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church | 760 W. Wattles RD. | Troy, Mi 48098 | 248-362-9575

How would you like name listed?

________________________________________________________________________

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YOUR NAME WILL APPEAR IN THE CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETIN!

PLEASE PRINT ALL CHARACTERS

The cost is $25.00 to participate. Please make checks payable to:
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church please write in the memo “Poinsettia Donation”

Your First & Last Name: ______________________________________Stewardship #______

Your Address: _______________________________________________________

For any questions, please contact Maggie in the Administration office at 248-362-9573
Or Email office@stnicholastroy.org
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Would like for you to join us in extending Christmas Greetings to our parish friends!

2020 Christmas Cards

Deadline: November 20, 2020

Keep above portion for your records

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Christmas Cards
Please add my family to the Christmas Card Donation List.
How do you want your family name listed on the card?

Please Print CLEARLY!
38 Character Maximum

Cards must be turn in no later than the deadline.
Your Name will appear on the card as printed Please Print Clearly!

Deadline: November 20, 2020

The cost is $25 to participate

Please make checks/ money orders payable to St. Nicholas Church in memo section

"Christmas Card"

Your First/Last Name: ____________________________
Stewardship: ____________________________
Your Address: ____________________________

Please contact the Maggie for any questions at 248-362-9575 or email: office@stnicholastroy.org
RE-OPENING of our Beloved St Nicholas Church

Please refer to our Church website for the latest information and links associated with this pandemic.

Dear Saint Nicholas Family,

His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas, has provided us with guidelines for the 1st Phase in the reopening of our Church. They are within the guidelines offered by our Archdiocese, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the State of Michigan directives. The continued safety of you, your loved ones, and our staff is of paramount importance. We ask that you share the link with anyone who may not receive our Eblasts.

### Phase 1 Reopening - June 21st

| How can I attend church on June 21st in person? | Once you arrive at church, we will have mini health stations led by licensed health care professionals to scan your temperature and ask you a few COVID-19 health questions.  
**Wearing a mask in church is MANDATORY** (except for medical reasons, i.e. COPD which then must be accompanied by a note from a licensed healthcare provider, MD/DO, NP, PA)  
Please try and arrive promptly by 10 AM to limit disruptions to the Liturgy |
|---|---|
| How will church look like when I arrive? | Once you arrive at church and pass the COVID-19 mini health assessment, you will proceed to the Narthex.  
A central tray will be provided in the Narthex for your offering, as no basket will be passed in church.  
Please light your candle. Venerate the icon, please do not kiss the icons.  
Our ushers will guide you to a designated seating area based on our social distancing policies and the number of members in your family.  
Please follow posted entry points, aisles and designated seating areas. |
| How will my family be seated at church? | A family can be seated together if they have been quarantining together.  
Special care must be made to ensure that the family is 6 feet from other parishioners.  
Please follow the guidance of our users so we adhere to the social distancing guidelines. |
Can I take communion?  Father Paul and Father Michael will provide direction on how communion will be distributed following guidelines offered by His Eminence and Archbishop

What happens after divine liturgy?  Antidoron will be distributed by our Priests in individual plastic bags
  Please do not kiss Father Paul or Father Michael’s hand
  Upon exiting, please follow the directions of our ushers maintaining proper social distancing guidelines while respectfully exiting church.

**Additional information for attendees:**
- At risk persons (those with pre-existing health conditions and those over the age of 65) are strongly encouraged to stay at home
- Anyone who is currently experiencing any symptoms of illness must stay at home or will be refused entry into church
- The cry room will only be available for the use of the restroom, which will be the only one available.
  - If it is occupied, please wait in the Narthex area
- The choral duties will continue to be performed by chanter singing opposite sides of the Church
- Until further notice, coffee hour will be suspended.
- We will continue cleaning and sanitizing our Church after every service
- Until further notice, all printed materials and liturgical books will not be used.

**For those of you in attendance, you acknowledge that while the Church has taken the necessary safety measures, we cannot guarantee the safety of everyone present**

Please be patient, kind and respectful and we’ll get through this together as our St. Nicholas family

**Important Contact Information:**

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Please continue praying to our Lord during these challenging times.
Your patience and continued understanding are greatly appreciated.
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Grey indicates Divine Liturgy for the major Feast Days and Saints Days of our Church.
Beginning on November 15th till December 25th your priests will be offering the Sarantaleitourgo (Forty Days of Divine Liturgies) for the Christmas Lent. Please do not feel obliged to attend every Liturgy. Feel free to attend whichever Liturgy you would like.

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