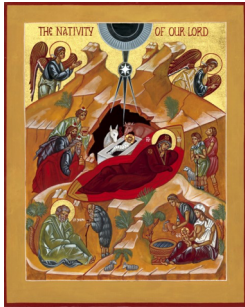




Saint Michael's Romanian Orthodox Church



Southbridge, Massachusetts
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December 2021



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday

10:00am Divine Liturgy
11:00am Memorial Service
5:00pm Vespers

Sunday

9:00am Matins
10:00am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday

6:00pm Paraklesis

Feast days

Dec. 2nd – St. Porphyrios

Dec. 6th – St. Nicholas the
Wonderworker

Dec. 7th – St. Filofteia of
Romania

Dec. 12th – St. Spyridon the
Wonderworker

Dec. 20th – Bishop Ignatius the
Godbearer of Antioch

Dec. 25th – Nativity of Our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ

Dec. 26th – Synaxis of the Most-
Holy Theotokos

Dec. 27th – St. Stephen the First
Martyr

The Nativity Sermon of St. John Chrysostom

Behold a new and wondrous mystery. My ears resound to the Shepherd's song, piping no soft melody, but chanting full forth a heavenly hymn. The Angels sing. The Archangels blend their voice in harmony. The Cherubim hymn their joyful praise. The Seraphim exalt His glory. All join to praise this holy feast, beholding the Godhead here on earth, and man in heaven. He Who is above, now for our redemption dwells here below; and he that was lowly is by divine mercy raised. Nature here rested, while the Will of God labored. O ineffable grace! The Only Begotten, Who is before all ages, Who cannot be touched or be perceived, Who is simple, without body, has now put on my body, that is visible and liable to corruption. For what reason? That coming amongst us he may teach us, and teaching, lead us by the hand to the things that men cannot see. For since men believe that the eyes are more trustworthy than the ears, they doubt of that which they do not see, and so He has deigned to show Himself in bodily presence, that He may remove all doubt. For this He assumed my body, that I may become capable of His Word; taking my flesh, He gives me His spirit; and so He bestowing and I receiving, He prepares for me the treasure of Life. He takes my flesh, to sanctify me; He gives me His Spirit that He may save me. Come, then, let us observe the Feast. Truly wondrous is the whole chronicle of the Nativity. For this day the ancient slavery is ended, the devil confounded, the demons take to flight, the power of death is broken, paradise is unlocked, the curse is taken away, sin is removed from us, error driven out, truth has been brought back, the speech of kindness diffused, and spreads on every side, a heavenly way of life has been planted on the earth, angels communicate with men without fear, and men now hold speech with angels. Why is this? Because God is now on earth, and man in heaven; on every side all things commingle. He became Flesh. He did not become God. He was God. Wherefore He became flesh, so that He Whom heaven did not contain, a manger would this day receive. He was placed in a manger, so that He, by whom all things are nourished, may receive an infant's food from His Virgin Mother. So, the Father of all ages, as an infant at the breast, nestles in the virginal arms, that the Magi may more easily see Him. Since this day the Magi too have come, and made a beginning of withstanding tyranny; and the heavens give glory, as the Lord is revealed by a star. To Him, then, Who out of confusion has wrought a clear path, to Christ, to the Father, and to the Holy Spirit, we offer all praise, now and forever. Amen.

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Parish News & Events

Happy Birthday!! God Grant You Many More Years!!

December 4th – Maria Rapsomanikis
December 7th – Maria Mironidis
December 10th – Matthew Dowling
December 14th – Carol Porra
December 16th – Michael Pitsillides
December 18th – Thomas Richard Burren
December 20th – Scott Burren
December 23rd – Luke Yanka and Eva Pitsillides
December 31st – Anthony Rapsomanikis

Happy Name Day

Dec. 5th – **St. Savvas** – Savvia Pitsillides
Dec. 6th – **St. Nicholas** – Nick Thomo, Nicholas Goulas
Dec. 12th – **St. Spyridon** – Spiro Thomo, Spiro Kelly, Spiro Kelly Jr.
Dec. 27th – **St. Stephen** – Stephen Giavara, Stephanie Rapsomanikis
Dec. 31st – **St. Melania Romana** – Melania Collazo

Ladies Society Luncheon

Saturday, December 4th, 12pm
Publick House
Contact Sandra Nasto for reservations.



**Thank you to all who
donated to the school snack
drive!**

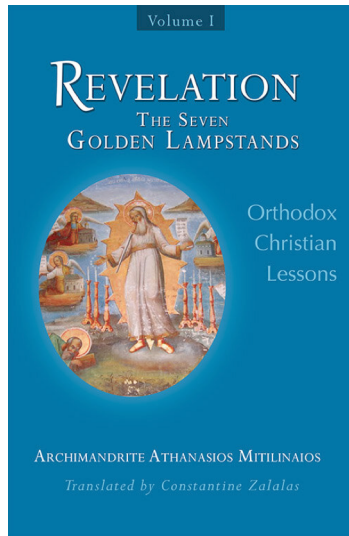
Please Pray for:

George
Elpiniki-Sophia (health)
Loukas, Mary, Eliza



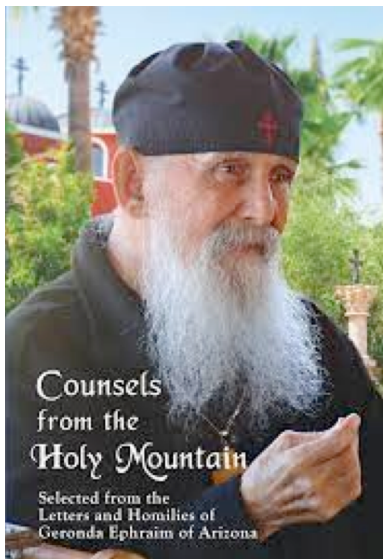
**Please join us for our Christmas party
after the Divine Liturgy on December
12th. We will have a potluck and Santa
Claus will be there to bring presents to
the children.**

~ Book Corner ~



Book: Revelation - The Seven Golden Lampstands (Volume 1)

Revelation – The Seven Golden Lampstands - Orthodox Christian Lessons (Volume 1) by Archimandrite Athanasios Mitilinaios is the special 2nd edition of Homilies on the Book of the Revelation including a revised text, an updated easy-read layout, full color icons and photographs. Grounded in Scripture and the teachings of the Church Fathers, volume 1 contains 23 of the 104 one-hour lessons given by a holy elder in Greece during the early 1980's. Archimandrite Athanasios Mitilinaios (1927-2006) drew thousands of the faithful to hear these spirit filled lessons each week over the course of several years. This volume covers chapters 1-3 of the Revelation. Fr. Athanasios presents an in-depth yet easy to understand patristic interpretation of the Revelation touching upon the problems of modern day life. Translated and adapted by Constantine Zalalas. Volumes 2 -5 have been published by Zoë Press. Audio is available on Saint Nicodemos Publications website.



Book: Counsels from the Holy Mountain

This book is a treasury of personal counsels and homilies given by Geronda Ephraim that clearly delineate the patristic path to sanctification. He gives advice on every aspect of the spiritual struggle with insight acquired from his monastic life and from his experience as the spiritual father of countless clergy, monastics, and laypeople from around the world. By expertly intertwining stories from the Holy Mountain with teachings of the Holy Fathers, he weaves a divine garment for souls desiring to enter the wedding feast of the Lord. An invaluable contemporary classic for all who wish to live Christian spirituality in its fullness, *Counsels from the Holy Mountain* presents the choicest gems from the precious spiritual treasury of a contemporary saint.

Parish Life

Metropolitan Nicolae's Visit



Photos in top row courtesy of Bockmos Photography

Presidents Corner

12/01/2021

Hey guys! Hope everyone is doing well adjusting to the Fall and the cold weather; we are very much looking forward to closing out a great year for our church and our community. We want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas season. It has been a couple months since I wrote to you, so let's get caught up! In October, we were very excited to see several new baptisms over the course of the month, and we also reached the end of our church renovation project. Thank you to everyone who has been instrumental in the completion of this project, and to everyone who has taken the opportunity to donate towards it as well. We were very excited for the arrival of the Metropolitan for our Feast Day Banquet where we unveiled the newly improved St. Michael's Church. Without everyone's constant support and hard work, this project would not even be remotely possible. Special thanks to Nick and Spiro Thomo, along with Fr. John and Camelia for carefully watching over this project, and for painting in the church as well as painting the accent wall in the church hall. We also want to express how grateful we are to the Mironidis family for planning and putting on our amazing banquet meal. As we begin December, we are looking forward to heading into another great year of 2022, and 2022 also marks the beginning of a new 2-year term for our parish committee. Several long-standing members have decided to step-down to make way for some new faces, and specifically we would like to thank the Dowling family (Tom, Mary, and Matt) for their contributions to the church committee over the years they have served on it, God bless you guys! We hope to see everyone at the church Christmas party on December 12th! Thank you all for your constant support, we are so grateful and thankful for everyone! God bless you!!

-Luke Yanka, Parish Council President (508)958-4144

"But I say to you," the Lord says, "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who persecute you." Why did he command these things? So that he might free you from hatred, sadness, anger and grudges, and might grant you the greatest possession of all, perfect love, which is impossible to possess except by the one who loves all equally in imitation of God.

— St. Maximus the Confessor

Pictures from the Church Construction Project



Romania's National Day December 1st – 1918-2021

La multi ani tuturor romanilor! La multi ani, Romania!



Sister Parish Project

Our Metropolia has asked that we partner with a parish in Romania to help each other with various church projects. We have been paired with Holy Theotokos Church in Micsunesti, Romania, under the care of Fr. Caesar Cranta. The church, built in 1743, is a historical monument. It was built in the Brancoveneau style on the site of a wooden church and was founded by King Mihai Viteazul. It is a very active church that runs many different projects, including:

- Free summer and spring camps for children
- Church pharmacy – available for people in need
- Ready for school project – donations of school supplies for parish children
- Pregnant women and new born children project – support for pregnant women and donations for new borns – whatever is necessary
- And many other projects.

Please consider donating to help them in their efforts. We would like to send the donation to Romania by December 19th so that it arrives in time for Christmas.



The Man and the Birds

From Orthodox Christian Fellowship

The man to whom I'm going to introduce you was not a scrooge, he was a kind decent, mostly good man. Generous to his family, upright in his dealings with other men. But he just didn't believe all that incarnation stuff which the churches proclaim at Christmas Time. It just didn't make sense and he was too honest to pretend otherwise. He just couldn't swallow the Jesus Story, about God coming to Earth as a man.

"I'm truly sorry to distress you," he told his wife, "but I'm not going with you to church this Christmas Eve." He said he'd feel like a hypocrite. That he'd much rather just stay at home, but that he would wait up for them. And so he stayed, and they went to the midnight service.

Shortly after the family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to the window to watch the flurries getting heavier and heavier and then went back to his fireside chair and began to read his newspaper. Minutes later he was startled by a thudding sound...then another, and then another. Sort of a thump or a thud. At first he thought someone must be throwing snowballs against his living room window. But when he went to the front door to investigate he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the snow. They'd been caught in the storm and, in a desperate search for shelter, had tried to fly through his large landscape window.

Well, he couldn't let the poor creatures lie there and freeze, so he remembered the barn where his children stabled their pony. That would provide a warm shelter, if he could direct the birds to it. Quickly he put on a coat, galoshes, tramped through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the doors wide and turned on a light, but the birds did not come in. He figured food would entice them in.

So he hurried back to the house, fetched bread crumbs, sprinkled them on the snow,

making a trail to the yellow-lighted wide open doorway of the stable. But to his dismay, the birds ignored the bread crumbs, and continued to flap around helplessly in the snow. He tried catching them...He tried shooing them into the barn by walking around them waving his arms...Instead, they scattered in every direction, except into the warm, lighted barn.

And then, he realized that they were afraid of him. To them, he reasoned, I am a strange and terrifying creature. If only I could think of some way to let them know that they can trust me...That I am not trying to hurt them, but to help them. But how? Because any move he made tended to frighten them, confuse them. They just would not follow. They would not be led or shooed because they feared him.

"If only I could be a bird," he thought to himself, "and mingle with them and speak their language. Then I could tell them not to be afraid. Then I could show them the way to the safe warm barn. But I would have to be one of them so they could see and hear and understand." At that moment the church bells began to ring. The sound reached his ears above the sounds of the wind. And he stood there listening to the bells listening to the bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas. And he sank to his knees in the snow.



An Interview with Rod Dreher From Basilica.ro

American writer Rod Dreher, who converted to Orthodoxy in 2006, spoke on Friday to Basilica.ro about his conversion, about Romanian Orthodoxy as a gift from God returned to the world by Romanians and about the lessons offered by the martyrs of the Romanian communist prisons to contemporary people – including his children.

Rod Dreher has come to Romania to promote his book, *Live Not By Lies*, recently translated into Romanian by Contra Mundum Publishing House.

Basilica.ro: What does it mean to “live not by lies”?

Rod Dreher: Living in the modern world today means accepting things that aren’t true. For example, gender ideology is a big one: we are compelled to say a man can be a woman and a woman can be a man.

People who live in America, who emigrated from communist countries, are saying that we are living now in America and in the West, in general, a new kind of totalitarianism, that requires us to live by lies. In the same way, under communism, you had no choice but to agree with the communist ideology. Or, you would suffer.

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, in 1974, just before he was sentenced to exile by the Soviets, sent a message out to his followers in the Soviet Union, saying: “Live Not By Lies!” That was the name of it.

He told them: We can not overthrow this government, but at least we can speak honestly about what we believe. Or, at least, not say things that we do not believe. Solzhenitsyn said: If we have the courage to do this, we can change our country.

I feel this message is so important for us today in the modern world, in the West and beyond. When we see things and hear things

that we know are lies, we have to stand against them for the sake of honouring God, Who is Truth, and for the sake of our own dignity.

Basilica.ro: How was your first encounter with Orthodoxy? What attracted you most to it?

Rod Dreher: I was formerly a Roman Catholic. But more than a decade ago something happened and I was afraid I was losing Christ. One day, my wife and I decided to take our children and attend an Orthodox Cathedral in Dallas, Texas, where we were then living. When I went into that Orthodox church, I knew that this was what I have been looking for all along.

What attracted me the most was the overwhelming sense of holiness there. I don’t think the Orthodox Church is free of problems, we are human beings. But in Orthodoxy, there was this idea that God is present in a way that I never encountered Him.

It was the beauty of the liturgy, the holiness of the liturgy, and the way of Theosis, the Jesus Prayer. They drew me in. I began to say the Jesus prayer even when I was a Catholic. And I could see the changes that God was making to my soul.

After a year of worshipping as an Orthodox, my wife and I made the decision to convert. It was in 2006.

The great gift of Orthodoxy it was that it made me aware that conversion is not primarily intellectual. Conversion has to be primarily in the heart. I had never felt closer to God than I have now as an Orthodox Christian.



A Letter from Europe

The following letter comes from a close friend and a person that used to confess to me for many years while I was a priest in Bucharest. The current global situation prompted this person to reach out for a dialogue in an effort to clarify what the Church teaches about our modern dilemma. I received the letter in October, I believe, and I changed names and places indicated so that the author could remain anonymous. I think it might be edifying for those that wish to read it.

Dear Fr. John,

Thank you very much for your reply, it was not a rambling letter at all!

It is becoming increasingly obvious (hopefully, to more and more people) that what is happening in the world is truly pandemic, and I don't really mean the disease itself, I mean the way governments are "dealing" with the situation, on a global scale.

As you also wrote, it is good to be informed but not obsessed. As Fr. Ilarion here in Oslo also says, we should not fear. And I truly understand that we should not, but weak minds like ours unavoidably start worrying about what will be. I used to say that because we do not have any children, I am not worrying as much about what tomorrow will bring. But now my wife is 1 month pregnant and well, I am becoming concerned about everything (not sure if it is a temptation or not)....that is the main reason for which I wrote you the last email.

I have noticed that some side effects of this so-called vaccine are starting to be officially recognized and I truly hope that this

will somehow have an impact on the vaccination campaign, though many more lives may be lost until this point becomes reality. I am not saying this to brag in any way, but to maybe somehow put things in perspective. I work for one of the EU's Agencies (European Chemicals Agency) and my job is to assess industrial chemicals (i.e. the ones which are not designed to be consumed or ingested etc, as for e.g. pharmaceuticals are) from a human health perspective. When a concern arises for any kind of human health endpoint (carcinogenicity, reproductive toxicity etc), then studies on experimental animals are requested in order to assess this potential hazard. So basically, it is my job to every day

go through a lot of scientific information and assess the impact it has or may have on human health, but also to assess the adequacy and

reliability of these data.

EMA (the European Medicines Agency) is a sister agency of the one I work for. Dealing with pharmaceuticals and medical devices which are designed to be used by people and not accidentally/unintentionally lead to human exposure, the scrutiny has to be even higher than for industrial chemicals, though a level of similarity exists in terms of requested studies and human health endpoint assessment. I had a look at the EMA reports of 2 of the vaccines and I was completely amazed how this agency...which is supposed to be protecting the health of the people could approve such a medical product. I won't go into a lot of details..there are a lot of problems with these reports, but I only want to point out one thing which is clearly stated black on

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white in one of these approval reports: "Duration of protection beyond 8 weeks is not known. Efficacy data are not available after this timepoint. Long-term vaccine efficacy data will become available from post-authorization effectiveness studies and from the ongoing clinical trials".

Again, I did not write all of this to sound smart, but just to underline one important and easily-forgotten truth: this medical product is purely experimental. How this became approved world-wide by regulatory agencies, I cannot understand. Some people that I know, who are much more experienced and have a better understanding of how such products work, are still fully convinced these products are safe and that everyone (including children and pregnant women - who, by principle, are considered risk groups and should not be exposed even to aspirin, let alone to such experimental products) should not hesitate in getting the shots. And if you dare to say otherwise, grounding your arguments on scientific facts and reports coming from official sources, you are immediately labeled as an "anti-vaxxer" or plain stupid (sorry for using this word here), no discussion.

I have not taken the shot, but my wife has and she did it out of the pureness of her heart, honestly believing she is doing the right thing. So far so good, but it has only been 3 months and I pray from the bottom of my heart she will be alright in the end. Norway

seems to have a different approach towards the whole situation and for the moment, there are no constraints for the unvaccinated. I hope it will continue to be this way. God only knows!

I do not know if you already know of Virgiliu Gheorghe's (MD) report for therapeutic options for this disease, if you scroll to the bottom of the page you will also find it in English, here is the link: <https://www.imuno-medica.ro/cercetare-articole/COVID-19-Optiuni-terapeutice-pentru-fiecare-stadiu-al-bolii-18>

I really believe this report is very valuable and offers proof that this disease is treatable, if you act on time. I had it early this year and I followed the treatment recommended by the report and I was completely fine. Even my parents, who have chronic heart diseases, were absolutely fine.

And now it is my turn to apologize for writing this long email. I apologize for any proud thought that may be hidden behind what I wrote. But I am truly happy to see that you have a grip on reality and are not afraid to speak the Truth.

Thank you for offering to answer potential questions that may arise along the way. May God keep you strong, in good-health and anchored in faith, all the time!

With love in Christ,
Ioan

For those who do not have a family to be with for Christmas, please join the Downie's in the parish home after the Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day for lunch and fellowship.



A Wondrous Appearing and Healing of St. Porphyrios

In the book, Taxideuontas sta teixe tes poles (Traveling the walls of the city), Nun Porphyria mentions a wondrous appearance and a great miracle of [Saint] Porphyrios, which shows that life continues after death, and teaches us that we should never lose hope, for God is All-Good and All-Powerful.

It was 2PM, and I was in the Square "Agion Anargyron" of Athens.

I was stopped at a light facing Athens. A man approached me..."Can you take me to Menidi?"

"No," I replied, "I can't." I couldn't because at 3PM I had to take the taxi towards Pireus.

The man stood in front of me, and was waiting for another taxi to pass by. Something within me said that I should help him. I made a sign for him to come over. As soon as he entered the taxi, he exclaimed: "It's impossible!" And he took the photograph of Elder Porphyrios [that I had in the taxi] in his hands, and kissed it. At that instant, the light changed, and I turned to head towards Menidi. I wanted to take back the photograph, but when I saw how much he looked at it with longing, I regretted my thought.

"Do you know him?" He asked me.

"No, but from his books I got to know him and love him very much."

"Do you want, my lady, to hear how I got to know him?"

"Of course" I replied with joy.

"I heard that my wife was gravely sick, with cancer. The doctors gave her three months to live. During that time, my oldest son was finishing high school. And he told us that he had arranged to go with ten of his

fellow students to Mount Athos for a week. We said it was alright; the children left.

"In the meantime, my wife took a turn for the worse. The doctor that was following her told us that the end was near. We asked him in anguish: 'Doctor, what can we do to give her a little more life?' He replied: 'We can do a surgery, and may God help!' he replied. I agreed, and my wife consented, because she wanted to remain until our son returned.

"My son returned so happy, so joyous, like we had never seen him before. He told us how

beautiful it was there, and how warmly the monks received them, and how much peace he sensed within his soul. He said that he sensed the presence of God so much that he had forgot that his mother was sick. She was reminded, when Elder Porphyrios appeared before him. He told us some wondrous things about Elder Porphyrios, which appeared unbelievable to us."

"Excuse me," I interjected,

"When did this occur?"

"This occurred in 1996.

"All the children were sitting below a tree, and speaking and laughing, when straightaway a monk approached them. They stood up and kissed his hand, and the Elder began to say each child's name. As you could image, the children were surprised that he knew their names and families. To my son he said: 'Tell your mother to not have surgery, she's all better!'

"You know her?" he asked.

"I know her, I know all of you!"

"Who are you?" they asked.

"I am Elder Porphyrios" he said, and he left.

"During their return from the Holy Mountain they stopped in Ouranoupolis at a drug store to buy aspirin, for they were



seasick and nauseous. Entering the pharmacy, they saw a photograph of Elder Porphyrios and said: "There is the Elder Porphyrios we saw on the Holy Mountain!" As soon as the pharmacist saw this, he was confused.

"I'm sorry, children, you saw this Elder on Mount Athos? Are you sure?"

"Of course we're sure,' they replied, 'we all talked with him. And of course we were surprised that he knew our names and our families. When we asked him who he was, he replied that he was Elder Porphyrios.'

"Children, I'm sure that you saw him, but...Don't be alarmed when I tell you...The Elder has been dead for five years!"

"The children were shocked! 'Impossible!' they said, we just were speaking to him!"

"And my wife and I believed that they saw someone else, who looked like him and called himself Porphyrios. Because all monks resemble each other.

"You don't believe me, eh? In any case, he said that you should not get the surgery, because you are well,' the child said to his mother. Two days later, we went to the hospital. The next morning, the surgery would have taken place. The time came, and though I was waiting with anguish outside the operating room, right away, I saw my wife come out. I ran near her and asked: 'What happened?'

"I'm not getting an operation, I am well!"

"The doctor came out from behind her. 'What happened, Doctor?'

"I don't know, she doesn't want to get the operation!"

"I told you," she said, 'I am better!'

"Honey, are you crazy?' I took her in my arms and tried to convince her that she needed the surgery. She replied: 'I told you that I feel better. Do the tests and you will see that I am better, I feel it!'

"Great!' said the doctor, 'Let's not force her, if she is feeling well.'

"You don't believe? Great! Do your tests to confirm this.'

"In reality, the tests were run. The next day the results came back, and the doctor took on a grave appearance." "What did the tests show?" we asked him. It was as if the sickness had never touched her! The doctors looked at the old tests and the new ones, and were going crazy! It's impossible, and they said they would have to order new ones the next day, they said in surprise.

"When my son came, and saw the doctors ordering more tests, he told me: 'Why don't you believe that which Elder Porphyrios said on Mount Athos?'

"Then, the doctor said: 'What did you say? Did you mention Elder Porphyrios?'

"He said that my mom is well and should not get the surgery!"

"The doctor pulled out a photograph of Elder Porphyrios from his pocket. 'You saw him, my boy, on Mount Athos?'

"Yes, him!"

"The tests are correct! Your wife is well, and now you can leave for sure! Go get ready!"

"The doctors had given my wife three months to live. Two years have passed since then, and she is much better than she was before her sickness. Because of this, I love Elder Porphyrios very much. We have been to the Monastery many times. And whenever we have difficulties, he strengthens us."

This man's story of another miracle of our Elder, gave me great joy. The only thing that I whispered as the man departed was: "Thank you."

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us! Amen!

Please join us for a vigil for St. Porphyrios on December 1st starting at 9:30pm.

December 2021



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Divine Liturgy 7:30am Vespers, Litia, Matins, Divine Liturgy – St. Porphyrios 9:30pm	2 St. Porphyrios	3 Divine Liturgy 7:30am	4 St. Barbara Divine Liturgy 9:00am (Memorial Service following Liturgy 10:00am) Vespers 5:00pm
5 Matins 9:00am Divine Liturgy 10:00am Vespers, Litia, Matins – St. Nicholas 6:00pm	6 St. Nicholas Divine Liturgy 9:00am	7 St. Filofteia Divine Liturgy 7:30am	8 Divine Liturgy 7:30am Paraklesis 6:00pm	9 Conception by St. Anna of the Most-Holy Theotokos Divine Liturgy 7:30am	10 Divine Liturgy 7:30am	11 Divine Liturgy 9:00am (Memorial Service following Liturgy 10:00am) Vespers, Litia 5:00pm
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