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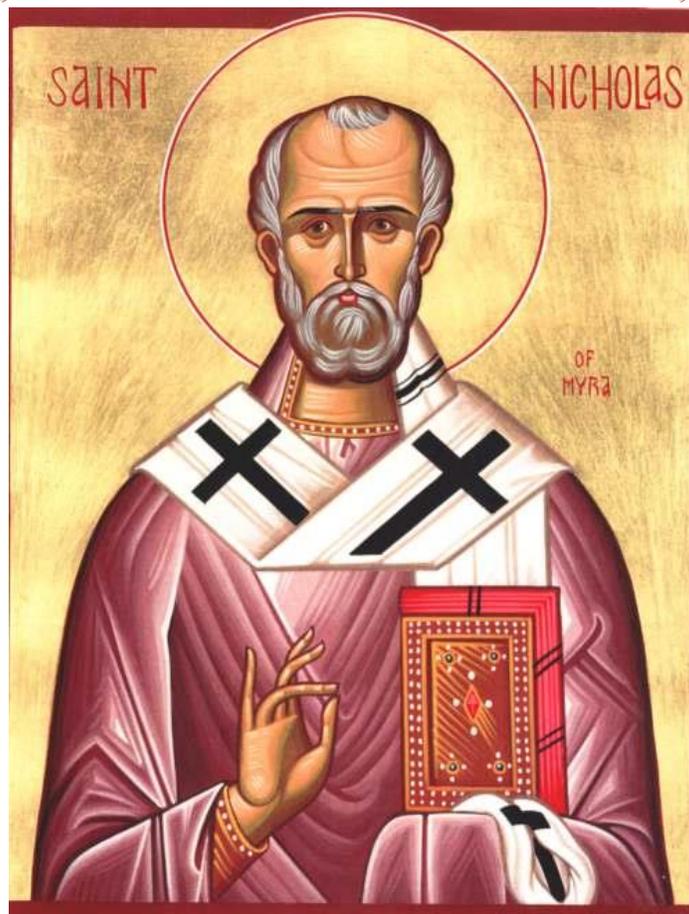
SUNDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2020

NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER,

ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA

& TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

ORTHROS, 8:45 AM • DIVINE LITURGY, 10:00 AM



PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady

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• **The “Glory” hymns at the end of Matins:**

THE DOXASTICON FOR SAINT NICHOLAS IN TONE FIVE

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Let us blow the trumpets of praise. Let us be happy in the feast, rejoicing in the exchange of glad tidings on the day of the God-mantled one. Let kings and leaders hasten to extol him who appeared to the king in a dream in a terrible manner, convincing him to release the three generals arrested without cause. And let us shepherds and teachers come together and extol the shepherd, emulating the Good Shepherd in zeal. Let the sick extol the physician; those in tribulation, the rescuer; sinners, the intercessor; the poor, the treasure; the sorrowful, the comforter; travelers, the companion; and those at sea, the pilot; and let us all eulogize the great Bishop, who respondeth warmly everywhere, saying, O most holy Nicholas, apprehend us and rescue us from the present distress, and save thy congregation by thy pleadings.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Most blessed art thou, O Virgin Theotokos, for through Him that was incarnate of thee is Hades despoiled, Adam is recalled from the dead, the curse is made void, Eve is set free, death is slain, and we are endowed with life. Wherefore, in hymns of praise, we cry aloud: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who is thus well pleased, glory to Thee.

• **The Divine Liturgy Hymns of the Day:**

The Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is “O come, ... save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead...” as on ordinary Sundays. After the Little Entrance, chant the following:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINT NICHOLAS IN TONE FOUR

Thy works of justice did reveal thee to thy community as a canon of faith, the likeness of humility and the teacher of abstinence, O thou Father and great Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore, by humility thou didst achieve exaltation, and by thy meekness wealth. Intercede, therefore, intercede with Christ that He will save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINT GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among martyrs, the victory-clad George: Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST’S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

On this day the Virgin cometh * to the cave to give birth to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all the ages. * Dance for joy, * O earth, on hearing * the gladsome tidings; * with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as a young Child Who * before the ages is God. (*See Music on page 7*)

• **The Scripture of the day, following the Trisagion Hymn:**

THE EPISTLE (For St. Nicholas)

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?*

Clergy: Wisdom!

Reader: **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:17-21)**

Clergy: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Clergy: Peace be to thee, who readest.

Reader: And to thy spirit.

Choir: *God gives vengeance to me and subdues people under me. He magnifies the salvation of the king, and deals mercifully with His Christ, with David and his seed forever.*

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For the Tenth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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Prayer List: Bill & Mary Miller; Sarah Sanders; Melissa Rose-Marina Desai; Andrea Schaefer & baby; The Nimee & Mattison Families; Frontline Healthcare Workers; Those suffering from the Corona Virus & fires in California and Syria.

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DAY:

Nicholas the wonderworker, archbishop of Myra in Lycia; Nicholas, bishop of Patara; New-martyr Nicholas of Karamania in Asia Minor

TODAY'S HOLY BREAD: Nick & Anysia Medawar

TODAY'S EPISTLE READER: Nick Medawar

10 Year Memorial for Brad Abraham

NEXT WEEK'S HOLY BREAD: Leonard & Panizzi Families

NEXT WEEK'S EPISTLE READER: Kim Leonard

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 Calendars are now available at Church - Thank you to Barto Funeral Home

Thanks to everyone who donated during the **Giving Tuesday Campaign** and helped produce it. Some checks are on their way, so no final totals yet, but has exceeded \$8K!

All on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy__6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA

Dec 5 Sat, 5 pm Vespers

Dec 6 Sun, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, *St Nicholas & Chanter/Choir Day*

Dec 9 Wed, 7 pm **Nativity Pilgrimage - Nazareth-Bethlehem**

Dec 11 Fri, 7 pm Advent Service

Dec 12 Sat, 9 am Prospora Baking Class (*Uploaded later to YouTube*)

11:30 am Ladies Meeting (*At Church, [On Zoom Click Here](#), & By Phone*)

5 pm Vespers

Dec 13 Sun, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, 11:15 **Council Meeting**

Dec 16 Wed, 7 pm **Nativity Pilgrimage – Egypt**

Dec 18 Fri, 7 pm Advent Service

Dec 19 Sat, 5 pm Vespers w-Canon

Dec 20 Sun, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy, **St Ignatius Sunday**

– Afternoon Sing Carols to Shut-ins



Dec 20 - 24, Holy Week of Christmas

Dec 20 Sun, 7 pm Vespers w-Canon

Dec 21 Mon, 7 pm Vespers w-Canon

Dec 22 Tue, 7 pm Vespers w-Canon

Dec 23 Wed, 7 pm Vespers w-Canon

Dec 24 Thu, 9-11 am Royal Hours

4 pm Baptismal Vesperal Liturgy

(4pm Baptism of Schaefer Family, 4:30pm Vespers, **5pm Liturgy**)

10 pm Matins, **11:15 pm Liturgy**

Dec 25 Fri, 11 am Vespers

Dec 26 Sat, 5 pm Vespers

Dec 27 Sun, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy

Dec 31 Thu, 7 pm Vespers with Artoklasia

2021 Jan 2 Sat, 5 pm Vespers
 Jan 3 Sun, 8:45 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy
 Jan 5 Tue, 9-11 am Royal Hours

5 pm Vesperal Liturgy & Blessing Water

Jan 6 Wed, 9 am Matins, 10 am Divine Liturgy

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December Birthdays - *Notify Father of missing info!*

- Dec. 4 – Kh Katherine Buss
- Dec. 10 – Ann (Bachio) Townsend, Cathy Cox
- Dec. 11 – Janna Greanias
- Dec. 12 – Mark Wiltse, Jay Kalman
- Dec. 16 – Keeley Thompson, Nolan Kaleel
- Dec. 18 – James Harvey
- Dec. 21 – Angelena Panizzi
- Dec. 23 – Stephanie Kinard
- Dec. 24 – Kim Leonard
- Dec. 26 – Grant Leonard
- Dec. 27 – Gabe Leonard
- Dec. 30 – Monique Harvey



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OFFERING SCHEDULE

Holy Bread

Epistle Reader

Sunday, December 20	John & Melanie Thompson	John Thompson
Thursday, December 24 2 Liturgies: 5 & 11pm	Wayne & Genie Sanders Open	Wayne Sanders Open
Sunday, December 27	Richard & Bette Malooley	Richard Malooley
Sunday, January 3	Open	Open
Tuesday, January 5	Open	Open

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, December 7, 2020

- [1 Timothy 5:1-10](#)
- [Luke 20:27-44](#)



Tuesday, December 8, 2020

- [1 Timothy 5:11-21](#)
- [Luke 21:12-19](#)

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

- [1 Timothy 5:22-6:11](#)
- [Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24](#)

Thursday, December 10, 2020

- [1 Timothy 6:17-21](#)
- [Luke 21:28-33](#)

Friday, December 11, 2020

- [2 Timothy 1:1-2, 8-18](#)
- [Luke 21:37-22:8](#)

Saturday, December 12, 2020

- [Galatians 5:22-6:2](#)
- [Luke 13:18-29](#)

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CHURCH FINANCES

October 2020

Total income: \$2,680.56
 Total expenses: \$8,984.37
 Net income: -6,303.81

January – October 2020

Total income: \$40,832.72
 Total expenses: \$90,732.80
 Net income: -49,900.08

Donations may be mailed to the church or you may also give online at our website.

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America Choir and Chanters Appreciation

Beloved in Christ, We greet you on this holy feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, as we honor our choir members and chanters. This beloved saint, who is revered throughout the world, inspires the essence of what this holy season embodies, giving to the poor and serving as a model of humility and abstinence. St. Nicholas was not one of those great and learned theologians who left us volumes to read. Rather, he was one who through meekness and sacrificial love led by example. He defended the faith against Arianism, one of the ancient heresies that plagued the early Church. The words from his apolytikion (troparion), “by humility you received exaltation and by your meekness wealth” serve as a reminder of his way of life and as an example for all of us to emulate. That very apolytikion became a model hymn for all hierarchs. The great love and devotion of the faithful for St. Nicholas is expressed by the many churches dedicated to his patronage throughout the world. Within the Archdiocese, we first established the mother cathedral in Brooklyn, NY, and then soon after the cathedral in Los Angeles, CA, with a number of parishes dedicated to him in between. May he continue to intercede for us! As Orthodox Christians, we are called upon to defend the truth of our faith at every possible opportunity. While our calling to do so today is unlike that of St. Nicholas many centuries ago, we all the same find occasions to do so in a variety of ways, one of which is through church hymnography. Sacred music is a means by which we can communicate Orthodox theology thereby helping the faithful to understand complicated dogma in a palatable way. It is with this in mind that we set aside the first Sunday of December every year to say “thank you” to our choirs and chanters. Together with our clergy, Sunday School teachers, youth workers and others, our choir members and chanters teach us the faith through chanting the ancient hymns of our Church via various musical traditions that we have inherited from all over the world. This year in particular, we are especially grateful to our choir members and chanters for their perseverance and faithfulness in the midst of the pandemic that has hovered over us since March. These months have indeed been unlike any others we have ever experienced. Instead of large beautiful choirs, we have been limited to a small handful of singers; and even just one or two people responding to the priest in the early months of the pandemic. As the summer came and things improved, we were able to return in some way or another to a limited sense of normalcy with regard to our choirs, depending on the local circumstances. Now, it seems once again, we may be called to endure more as cases increase-may God give us strength! Nevertheless, God, in his mercy and infinite wisdom, has provided ways and means for us to not only get by, but has even inspired us with new ideas to teach our choirs during this time. Thanks be to God, through the direction of our capable chairlady of the Department of Sacred Music, Ms. Mareena Boosamra Ball, we have found ways to keep everyone involved and reach even more people. We had a very successful Sacred Music Institute last summer on “Zoom” that had a record of 357 registrants. Because of that great success they have continued offering weekly “Zoom” classes in Western Music Theory, Byzantine Chant and Voice Lessons taught by the department faculty. The department is also planning a virtual archdiocesan-wide Christmas concert this month on December 22nd at 8:00 PM on YouTube and many parishes are following their lead by doing similar things on the local level. May God continue to guide them as they navigate through these troubling times and encourage them to continue to inspire all of us! So once again let us say “thank you” and, more importantly let us pray for our choir members and chanters, especially those who have not been able to “sing to the Lord” during this time, with the fervent prayer that their collective voices may once again lift up our prayers to the heavens and fill our churches with songs of praise. With paternal love and appreciation,

+JOSEPH Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

Byzantine Chant Tone 3

Adapted by Rassem El Massih

Special Melody: *On this day the Virgin*

On this day the Vir - gin com - eth to the cave to give
birth to God the Word in - ef - fa - bly,
Who was be - fore all thē ag - es. Dance for joy,
O earth, on hear - ing the glad - some tid - ings;
with thē An - gels and the shep - herds now glo - ri - fy Him
Who is will - ing to be gazed on as a young
Child Who be - fore thē ag - es is God.

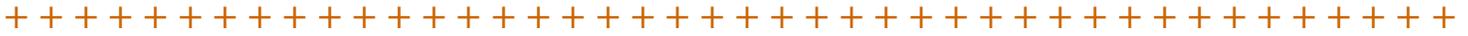
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Advent is a time of preparation – a time to journey closer to God, that Christ may be born in our hearts, and a time to walk daily by His side doing His will.

Join us the next two Wednesdays at 7 pm with Mike Baum giving Pilgrimage Presentations about (2) Nazareth-Bethlehem, & (3) Egypt.

Join us the next two Fridays at 7 pm during an Advent Service.

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Prayers and Condolences to Patrice (George) Nimee and her family upon the Falling Asleep of her mother, Audery Mattison, 87, of Peru, Thursday morning, December 3, 2020 at Manor Court in Princeton, IL. Visitation is from 1-2 pm, Monday, December 7, at Barto Funeral Home, 120 West Cleveland St, Spring Valley, IL. Ten masked guests at a time. May she Rest In Peace and may our Lord, Jesus Christ comfort the family.

A Men's Group has begun in order to help Support the Church. All interested men contact George Nimee at 815-663-2641. The first project will be fundraising from now through Jan 21 with a raffle using the evening Pick 3 on Jan 22. Get your tickets now! There will be various types of projects throughout the year.



Join today in subscribing to our 2020 Church Christmas Card. This is an opportunity to send Christmas greetings to everyone at Saint George Church and your donation will help support the church. Please, complete the subscription form so that you may be included as one of the subscribers to the 2020 Church Christmas Card, which will be mailed to our parishioners near and far. A donation will be appreciated by December 6th to help support this Christmas Card Fundraiser. Forms received after December 6th will not have names included in the card, however, they will be published in the *Church Bulletin* on December 20th.

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Please make checks payable to "St George Church" and return with this form to the Church by December 6, 2020.

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