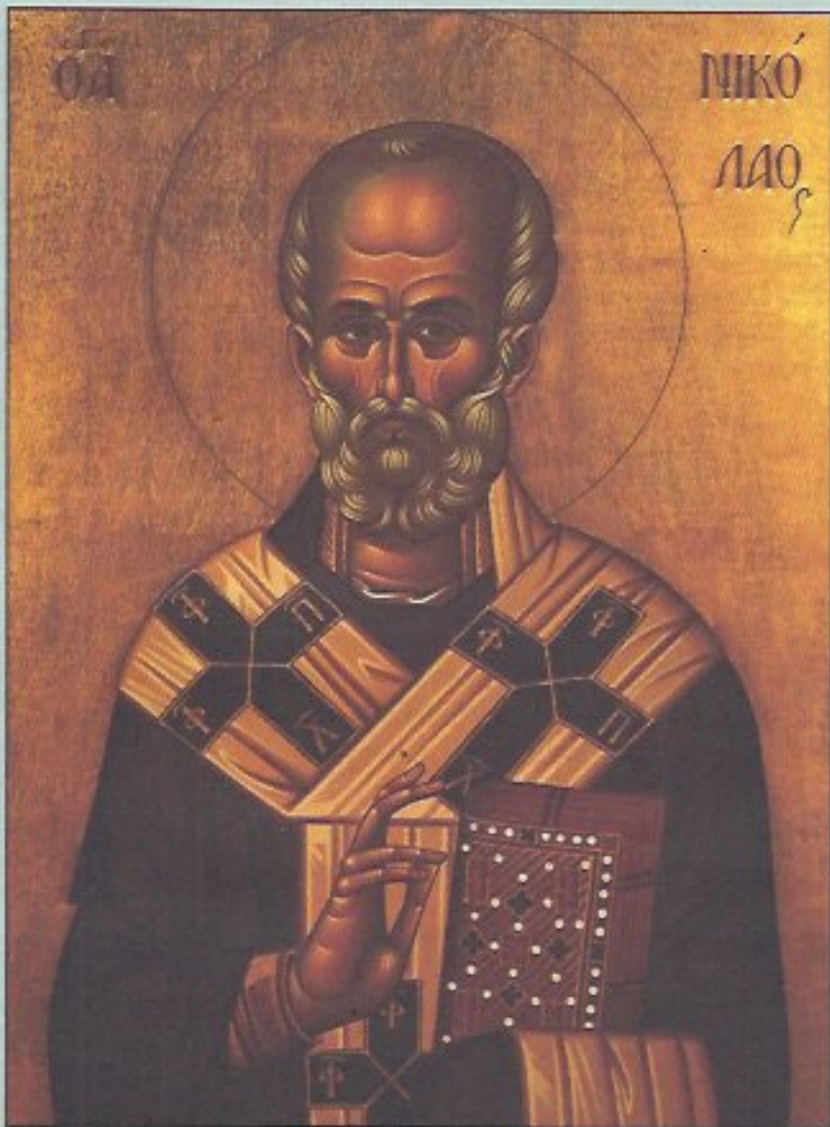


TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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Icon of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker -- December 6th

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December 3-10, 2017

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19

Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) For the Parishioners

26th Sunday After Pentecost: December 3, 2017

9:30AM (Ukrainian) Health of Kathleen Cremone – Karen & Tom Eible

11:00AM (English) +Helen Terlesky – Donna & Mike Sidlar

Daily Divine Liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM

MONDAY No Divine Liturgy

5:30PM Adult Religious Education Class

TUESDAY +Joseph & Stella Bodnar- Dan & Loretta Bodnar

WEDNESDAY FEAST OF ST NICHOLAS

5:30PM +Helen Terlesky- Wilhelmina Wichryk

THURSDAY No Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY FEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF ST ANN:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

5:30PM +Margaret Hutnik- Dorothy & Greg Neff

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) +Helen Terlesky – Fulmer Family

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: December 10, 2017

9:30AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) +Anna Drozd – Olga Bryksa

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Eternal Light & Altar Candles: In Memory of +Anna Drozd – Pyrohy Workers

Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers

Betty Terleski

Paul Ridilla

Catherine Kutzler

Olga Turczyn

Mae Kulczycki

Sophie Troyan

Claudette Kemmerer

Iryna Stefurak

Melvino Thatcher

Craig Stoken

Richard Suter

Richard Eible

Olga Bryksa

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Michael Sidlar

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Troparion (1): Though the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers guarded Your immaculate body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind!

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

Kontakion (1): You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All humanity acclaim You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master; and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy: You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen.

Theotokion (1):

When Gabriel uttered to you, O Virgin, his Rejoice! -at that sound the Master of all became flesh in you, the holy ark. As the just David said, you have become wider than the heavens, carrying your Creator: Glory to Him Who dwelt in you! Glory to Him Who came forth from you! Glory to Him Who freed us through birth from you!

Prokimenon (1):

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous

.Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (Eph 5,9-19)

Brethren: Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord. And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another [in] psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts.

Alleluia Verses:

Verse (1): God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me.

Verse (1): Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to his posterity for ever. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel: (Lk 18,18-27)

At that time, an official asked Jesus this question, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother.'" And he replied, "All of these I have observed from my youth." When Jesus heard this he said to him, "There is still one thing left for you; sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." But when he heard this he became quite sad, for he was very rich.

Who is St. Nicholas?

Use the Word Bank below to fill in the details about Saint Nicholas



Nicholas was born in Patara, a village in a Greek part of _____. It is now in _____.



Nicholas threw three bags of _____ through a poor man's window so his daughters could get _____.



Nicholas was Bishop of _____ during the _____ century.

He attended the first big Bishop's meeting, the First Ecumenical Council in _____.

Nicholas was buried in Myra, but his tomb is now in _____.



Bishop Nicholas loved _____ and cared for _____ in need.



Saint Nicholas Day is _____.



Three _____, or _____, or _____ are sometimes symbols for Saint Nicholas.



Saint Nicholas is patron saint of _____, _____, and more.



WORD BANK

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December 6 God gold gold balls innocents
married money bags Myra Nicaea sailors
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The Feast of the Conception of St. Ann: The Immaculate Conception

The feast widely known as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated in the Eastern Church on December 9 as the Feast of the Conception of Saint Ann. This feast commemorates Saint Anne's conception of Mary, the Mother of God. In the United States of America the Ukrainian Catholic Church celebrated this feast on December 8 until 2007. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is the National Feast for the Roman Catholics in the USA, and our bishops had decided to celebrate the feast with them.

The writings of the early Church tell us that Mary's parents, Joachim and Ann, had lived devoutly in marriage for fifty years and had prayed earnestly for a child. The Lord God answered their prayers by allowing Ann to conceive a child who would be the mother of God's own Son, Jesus Christ. The Ukrainian Catholic liturgical tradition venerates the Most Holy Mother of God as "All-Immaculate" and "Most Immaculate". We say that she was immaculately conceived in the sense that, from the moment of her conception, she was free of all sin and had no propensity to sin. (Mankind's propensity to sin was one of the legacies of Adam and Eve's fall from grace.) The Western Church, on the other hand, defined the Virgin Mary's "Immaculate Conception" to say that she was, from the first moment of her conception, preserved free from the "stain of original sin." The difference between the Western and Eastern traditions in this regard lies precisely in the nature of Original Sin itself. The West follows St. Augustine's view that we inherit not only the effects of Original Sin (illness, pain, death, propensity to sin), but also the "stain" of the sin itself. The Eastern Church places its attention on the process by which God shares His divine nature with human beings. In choosing disobedience, Adam broke his union with God, making it impossible to fulfill his nature. This was the Original Sin: Adam's rejection of the only true life given to him by God. (It was only through Christ that humanity could be reunited with the Father.) The Eastern Fathers understood Original Sin only in terms of the inherited impact of this sin upon humanity. They would see it as impossible for someone to inherit the actual stain or guilt of a sin committed by another, even if it was the forefather Adam. We are therefore not born with any stain of a sin committed by someone else, but only with the effects of that sin. Adam's personal sin resulted in death for all his descendants, the experience of concupiscence and the propensity to be tempted and to sin. According to the faith of the Eastern Church, the Mother of God never had any sin, original or actual, on her soul. The Church has always believed that Mary was preserved from original sin by a "singular grace and privilege" given her by God "in view of the merits of Jesus Christ" as Redeemer of the human race. Mary, like every other human being, needed the redemptive benefits of Christ; but, in anticipation of what God did for all through Christ, she alone was preserved from original sin "from the first moment of her conception," and sanctifying grace was given to her before sin could have taken effect in her soul. The Virgin Mary was always filled with every blessing and gift of the Holy Spirit in whose grace she certainly grew throughout her life. Though born without original sin, according to the view of the Eastern Fathers, she was not made exempt from the temporal penalties of Adam – from sorrow, bodily infirmities, and death.

REGISTER FOR ST NICHOLAS PARTY:

We will celebrate the feast of St Nicholas at our annual St Nicholas Day Program on December 10, from 12:15-2:00PM. All the children and grandchildren of our parish are invited. ***This Sunday is the deadline to register them on the registration sheet in the vestibule of the church.*** All parishioners are invited to come and share in the festivities! We will have a covered dish social along with the program. Please sign up for the covered dish and bring your favorite treat! Thank you.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

We will begin an Advent series on the meaning of Christmas and the Nativity. We will be covering: **Week 2) Joseph & Mary 3) The Shepherds, 4) The Angels.** The class will be held on Monday evenings at 5:30PM in the chapel. Please join us as we explore the history, the people, the events of the coming of our Lord Jesus as God and man. All are welcome!

December 4, December 11, December 19 (Tuesday)

There are readings and work sheets in the vestibule of the church to help prepare for Monday's class. Please take one with you.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017

The celebration of our Savior's Birth will be celebrated on :

December 24th 8:00PM Compline for the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ

(English) 8:30PM Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Our Lord

December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

(Ukrainian) 10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of our Lord

December 20th Church cleaning and decorating from 12:00 noon- 5:00PM, all are welcome to help prepare for the coming of our Lord!

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS: +Anna Drozd \$935.00

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FEAST DAYS: ST NICHOLAS & FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

We celebrate the Feast of St Nicholas on Wednesday at 5:30PM Divine Liturgy December 6. We will celebrate the Feast of the Conception of St Ann: Immaculate Conception on Friday at 5:30PM December 8. Please use these times of prayerful celebration as an opportunity to strengthen your Advent preparation for Christmas!

THE CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** Every Monday at 7:00AM there is an open meeting for those interested in learning more about alcoholism and alcoholics.
- **Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42 meets** monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00PM for their business & Post meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MONDAY: 5:30PM: Adult** Religious Education classes. December 4
- **DECEMBER 5-6 Pyrohy**
- **DECEMBER 10 ST NICHOLAS PROGRAM**
- **DECEMBER 14-15 CHRISTMAS ROLL SALE**
- **DECEMBER 19 CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS**
- **DECEMBER 26 CHRISTMAS CAROLLING WITH YOUTH**
- **DECEMBER 31: 3:00-5:00PM** Parish Open House at the Chapel

UKRAINIAN CLASSES

Ihor Mirchuk will be offering Ukrainian Classes . Classes will be held on Thursday evening from 6:00-7:00PM in "The Chapel" . Each class will also include a brief aside on Ukrainian history and culture.

CHRISTMAS ROLLS: Poppyseed, Nut, Prune, Cherry Cinnamon

December 14-15 we will be having our annual Christmas Bake Sale of Poppyseed, Nut, Prune, Apricot, and Cinnamon Raisin Rolls for the holidays. Rolls are \$11.00. The Cinnamon Raisin are \$16.00 Orders must be received by December 10 Help is needed in making the Christmas Rolls. Please sign up to help with the project, whether you can offer an hour or two , or all day, your help would be appreciated. Prep work begins Thursday December 14 at 6:00PM and baking begins Friday at 6:00AM until finished.. Any questions please contact John Drozd Jr at 610-250-2742.

PYROHY SALE DECEMBER 5-6

The last pyrohy sale for 2017 is coming up this Tuesday and Wednesday ...December 5-6. Help is needed on Tuesday from 9:00AM- 6:00PM for potato prep, and Wednesday for pyrohy making from 9:00 till finish. Pyrohy are \$6.00 a dozen. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Hope you can join us! *We can really use some support so we hope you can join us!*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS, AND FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.

PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Want to know the latest news and be informed of what is happening in our Philadelphia Archeparchy? Visit our archieparchial website at: <http://ukrarcheparchy.us/>. You may also view our "Archeparchy of Philadelphia" Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Archeparchy-of-Philadelphia-197564070297001/> and our YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/thewayukrainian>

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Thy Kingdom Come. Thy Will Be Done

Your kingdom come. We pray that God's kingdom will become present for us in the same way that we ask for His name to be hallowed among us. For when does God not reign, when could there be in Him a beginning of what always was and what will never cease to be? What we pray for is that the kingdom promised to us by God will come, the kingdom won by Christ's blood and passion. Then we who formerly were slaves in this world will reign from now on under the dominion of Christ, in accordance with His promise: Come, O blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom which was prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

However, my dear friends, it could also be that the kingdom of God whose coming we daily wish for is Christ Himself, since it is His coming that we long for. He is our resurrection, since we rise again in Him; so too He can be thought of as the kingdom of God because we are to reign in Him. And it is good that we pray for God's kingdom; for though it is a heavenly kingdom, it is also an earthly one. But those who have already renounced the world are

made greater by holding positions of authority in that kingdom.

After this we add: Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven; we pray not that God should do His will, but that we may carry out His will. How could anyone prevent the Lord from doing what He wills? But in our prayer we ask that God's will be done in us, because the devil throws up obstacles to prevent our mind and our conduct from obeying God in all things. So if His will is to be done in us we have need of His will, that is, His help and protection. No one can be strong by his own strength or secure save by God's mercy and forgiveness. Even the Lord, to show the weakness of the human nature which He bore, said: Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me, and then, by way of giving example to His disciples that they should do God's will and not their own, he added: Nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.

St. Cyprian of Carthage

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