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MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSION: Before & after Saturday evening Vespers. Other Sacraments by appointment.

GOING TO THE HOSPITAL? Please notify Father when you are admitted if you want him to visit. Kindly notify Father also when you are discharged.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!
SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA V'IKI!

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Antiphon "Bless the Lord, O my soul" on p. 8. The Beatitudes on pp. 14-15. Propers for Tone 3 on pp. 87-89. "Zastupnice" from the hand-out sheets. *Saint Nicholas melodies* on pp. 124-125 may be used for the Cherubic Hymn & Communion Hymn.

EPISTLE: Colossians 1:12-18. GOSPEL: Luke 17:12-19.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

For the week of December 17:

Mon., December 18: (6:00 PM) Great Vespers with Litija for the Feast of *Saint Nicholas of Myra, the Wonderworker*, Patron Saint of our Church.

>>> *Confessions* after the Vespers service. <<<

Saint Nicholas Day
Tuesday, December 19

9:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy** for the Feast of *Saint Nicholas of Myra, the Wonderworker*, Patron Saint of our Church. Antiphon “Bless the Lord, O my soul” on p. 8. The Beatitudes on pp. 14-15. Remaining Propers and special music can be found on pp. 123-127. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Wed., December 20: (6:30 PM) **Pre-Festive Service** for the Nativity.

>>> **Confessions** from 5:30 PM til 6:15 PM
and again **after** the Pre-Festive Service. <<<

Sat., December 23: (6:00 PM) **Great Vespers** for the *Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, the Patriarchs*. Propers for Tone 4 and the Holy Forefathers.

>>> **Confessions** from 5:00 PM til 5:45 PM
and again **after** the Vespers service. <<<

Sunday, December 24
The Sunday of the Holy Forefathers,
the Patriarchs

The 29'th Sunday after Pentecost
4'th Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM: **Preparation Prayers** for Holy Communion.

10:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy** for the *Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, the Patriarchs*. Antiphon “Bless the Lord” on p. 8. The Beatitudes on pp. 14-15. Tropar for Tone 4 on p. 90. Additional Tropar, Kondak and remaining Propers are from the Holy Forefathers, the Patriarchs on p. 128. *Saint Nicholas melodies* on pp. 124-125 may still be used for the Cherubic Hymn & Communion Hymn. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy in honor of the Feast of Saint Nicholas.

THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with prayers for **Laney & Anna Ross**. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.

THE TETRAPOD LAMPS burn with prayers for **Special Intentions**. Requested by *Theresa Reese*.

A 50/50 RAFFLE will be held in conjunction with today's Saint Nicholas Dinner.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available. Get yours today!

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS will be collecting monies for the **ZOE for Life** Advent Project at today's Saint Nicholas Dinner. Please help to support this vital ministry!

OUR SAINT NICHOLAS DAY DINNER will be held **TODAY**. **Chicken, fish, potatoes, mixed vegetables and various pies** will be served. Our church school students will present a short singing program. Saint Nicholas will visit with the children. **Please stay** and join us for the festivities!

OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet *this coming* **Thursday, December 21** at 6:30 PM.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES. Please use the special envelopes that have been provided if you wish to donate a Christmas Flower (or Flowers) in memory of a departed loved one and/or with prayers for the health & salvation of the living. Names and donors will be published in the bulletin. Extra Flower Offering envelopes are available in the back of the church.

COOKIE BAKERS NOTE: Cookie trays may be **dropped-off at the church** in a sealed container on **Monday, December 18** at Vespers; and **Tuesday, December 19** at the Divine Liturgy. Please make sure your container is *labeled with your name* so it can be returned to you.

COOKIE TRAY PICK-UP. Cookie Trays will be available for pick-up on **Friday, December 22** from 4-6 PM in the basement of the church. Make checks payable to the *St. Nicholas Ladies Altar Society*. Cookie trays are \$25.

THE ADVENT WREATH service will continue to be held **each Sunday** of the Nativity Fast at **9:50 AM**. Our young people are invited to come up front and help light the candles; and we invite an older student to read a Scripture lesson. Those who wish to participate should be in church by **9:45 AM!**

CHRISTMAS DECORATION DAY is scheduled for **Saturday, December 30, 2017** at **9:00 AM**.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS. Time is passing quickly! Please take advantage soon of the extra opportunities to avail yourselves of the Sacrament of Holy Confession. Christmas will be here before you know it, and the Confession lines will only get longer.

2018 ECCLESIASTICAL WALL CALENDARS are *still* available in the **back** of the church.

THE GIFT SHOP has a number of books, icons and religious articles which would make wonderful Christmas gifts. Christmas cards are also available, so please stop by and have a look.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday Vespers (12/9) — 2
Sunday Divine Liturgy (12/10) — 63
Moleben to Saint Nicholas (12/13) — 12

ON SAINT NICHOLAS OF MYRA

“When we glorify Saint Nicholas . . . we speak about him as a paragon of meekness. The modern [person] believes power is a virtue, while meekness is perceived as a certain synonym for weakness. However the life of Saint Nicholas helps us understand what meekness is. In his life story, the saint does not appear to be a person who is weak, or meek in the vulgar, non-Christian interpretation of the word. He appears to have been a courageous fighter for the Orthodox Faith —he once stopped the sword of an executioner, raised to behead an innocent person.”

— Patriarch Kirill I
Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church