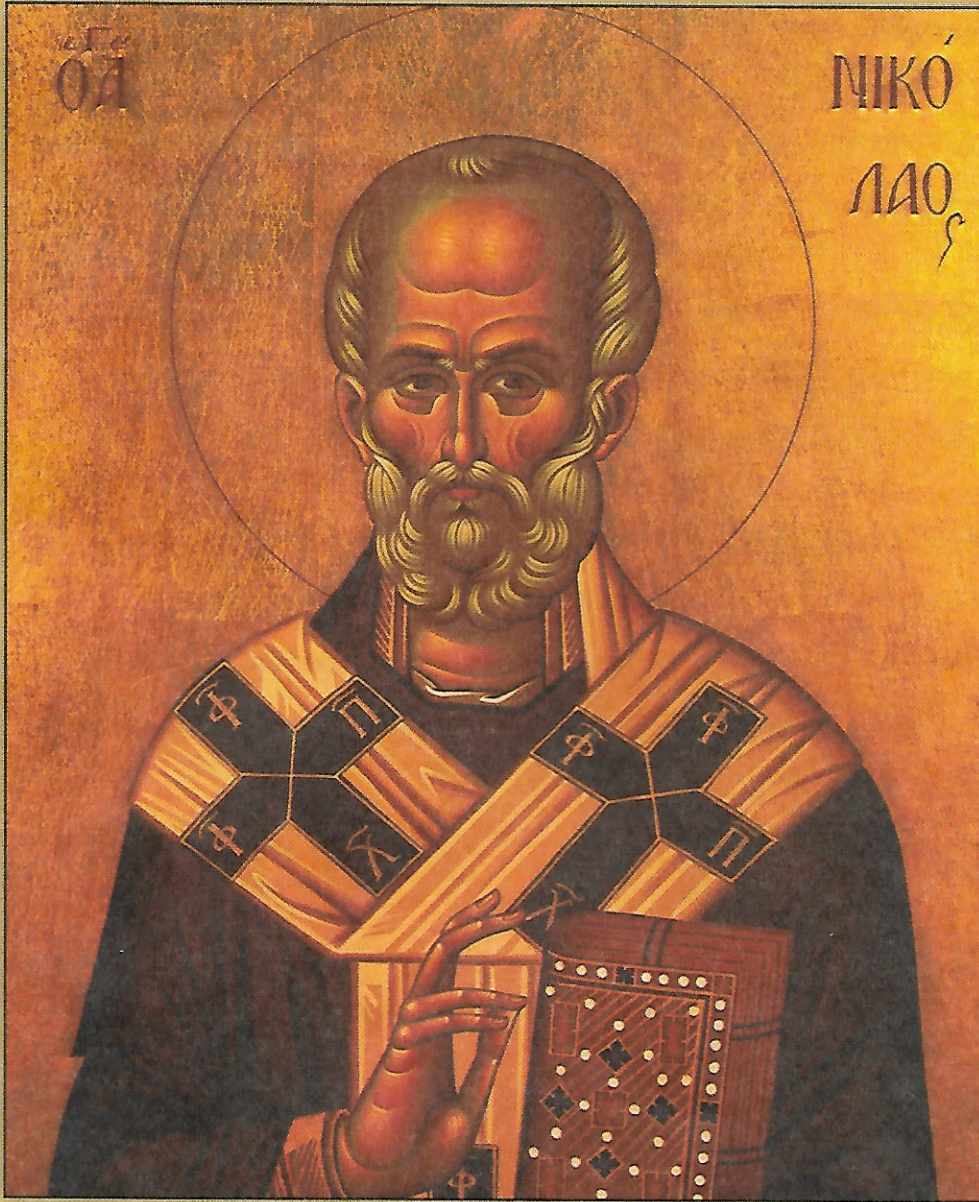


TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Nicholas of Myra -- December 6th

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, December 6, 2020

27th Sunday After Pentecost

SAT DECEMBER 5: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for John & Patricia Ord by Friends

SUN DECEMBER 6: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for His people
27th Sunday After Pentecost Nicholas of Myra Archbishop

MON DECEMBER 7: Ambrose Archbishop READ Luke 20:27-44

TUES DECEMBER 8: 8:16 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Michael Soniak by Sophie Soniak


WED DECEMBER 9: 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Maternity of the Holy Anna
+Leo & Stephina Michalak by Legacy offering

THURS DECEMBER 10: 8:16 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for Curtis Family

FRI DECEMBER 11: 8:16 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Anna Dacyk by Tatiana Kraasee

SAT DECEMBER 12: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Christine & Stephen Dimun by Legacy offering

SUN DECEMBER 13: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for His people
Sunday of Forefathers

Collection Basket 

11/28 & 11/29 \$2612

Thank you to last week's counters

Mike Trusz & Olenka Chandoha-Knott

Next Week's Counters are

Paul Ewasko & Pat Waznak

Happy Birthdays!

Birthdays December 5

John Monsul - Dec. 5

Donna Pace - Dec. 8

Ron Moschorak, Sr. - Dec. 11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 50/50 RAFFLE

The upcoming and ongoing fundraiser is now underway, just an additional way for us to make up for lost fundraiser income to help with the upcoming heating bills this winter. You should have received your raffle tickets by now. If not, contact Jean Pedley or Kristen Waznak. Hopefully everyone will be able to sell at least those that were mailed to you. But PLEASE try to sell more if you are able! Tickets are available AFTER each Divine Liturgy and you can make returns that way or by dropping in the collection basket in an envelope marked "50/50 raffle returns". Returns can also be mailed to the rectory. Special THANK YOU to the Edward Chomko Funeral Home for underwriting the cost of the raffle ticket printing!!!! God bless!

2. 2021 CHURCH ENVELOPES

2021 church envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please notify Father or Jean Pedley if yours are not there. Reminder, if no donations were made using your envelopes in the last 12 months, no envelopes will be issued in order to save money on purchasing the box sets.

3. COLLECTION FOR CHURCH REPAIRS THIS WEEKEND

A reminder that Donations for Church repairs can be made this Weekend, December 5th & 6th. Please use the specially marked envelope to make your contribution. Thank you to everyone for your generosity toward the upkeep of our buildings and property.

4. POINSETTIAS FOR YOUR HOME OR AS GIFTS

We have come across an interesting Christmastime fundraiser for our parish by participating in Jerry's For All Seasons Poinsettia Voucher Program. Vouchers sell for \$10.00 of which we keep \$3.50. Purchasers then redeem their voucher at Jerry's floral center at 201 Jessup Street just off North Blakely Street, Dunmore for a 6 inch branched premium potted poinsettia. To purchase vouchers please see either John Knott, Helen Pagnotti or Paul Ewasko. Vouchers must be redeemed at Jerry's no later than Friday, December 18. Thank you in advance for your usual support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Church Christmas decorating will take place on Thursday, December 17 beginning at noon.

6. FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS DECEMBER 6TH

St. Nicholas was born in the year 270. His parents were devout Christians. After their death, Nicholas distributed his inherited wealth with the poor. He defended the Christian faith. St. Nicholas even to this day is known for his personality trait of gift-giving. Shortly after his death, the faithful venerated the saintly bishop. Churches were built in his honor and many parents named their sons "Nicholas." In the Eastern Churches, almost every Thursday at the Divine Liturgy we read a tropar and kondak dedicated to St. Nicholas and all the Apostles. The icon of St. Nicholas is often found on the iconostasis. There he is depicted as an Eastern bishop, wearing an omophor and mitre. Many of our parishes have a program near his Feast Day during which St. Nicholas visits the children and greets them and distributes fruit, candy and small gifts, while those attending sing a special hymn in honor of St. Nicholas praising him for loving and serving us. We ask the saintly Nicholas to always help us in our time of need.

7. HOLY DAY ON WEDNESDAY

The Conception by St. Anna of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day is this Wednesday, December 9th. A special Divine Liturgy will take place at 9:30am. Please come to church on this Holy Day.

8. POTATO PEELING ON FRIDAY

The peeling of potatoes for the making of Pyrohy will take place this Friday, December 11th, beginning at 10:00am. Workers are needed to help with this important task. Thank you to those who are able to come and help.

9. CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

A reminder that donations for Christmas Flowers can be made next weekend, December 12th & 13th. Please use the specially marked envelope in your collection packet. Your Donations will help us Beautify our Church for the most joyous Christmas season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- Thursday. Dec. 24 9:30pm Christmas Eve
- Friday. Dec. 25 10:00 am Christmas Birth of our Lord
- Saturday. Dec. 26 4:00 pm Synaxis of the Theotokos
- Sunday. Dec.27 10:30 am Stephen Protomartyr

11. TEXAS ROADHOUSE 'FUN'DRAISER

Once again, we are holding our annual fundraiser for Texas Roadhouse gift cards. They are available in \$5 increments, (\$5-\$100). Each card will be accompanied by a free appetizer voucher. Our church will receive 10% of every card sold. Unfortunately, we are not able to have them customized with a scene of our church, but are nicely done for Christmas. All orders are due by Tues., Dec. 15th. Order forms are located near the bulletins. Cards can be picked up following Divine Liturgies on Sat. and Sun., Dec. 19th and 20th. Please return all forms to Daria or if you need to place an order by phone, please call (570) 963-1580. Thank you to all for your support!

12. PRAYERS FOR FORMER PASTOR

Fr. Paul Wolensky, former Pastor of St. Vladimir's, has recently gone through Surgery. Please keep him in your Prayers so that he may have a speedy Recovery.

13. PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please pray for all the sick of the parish, those who are in nursing facilities, at home, or in the hospital. The list is in the back of the Bulletin. May God bless them always.



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Please include in your prayers those members of our parish who are in hospitals, care homes, rehabilitation facilities & those who are not able to join us actively in our church community.

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Nadia Biloskirka

Green Ridge Living

Michael Stec

Kay Futrago

Home

Stella Patrick

Stefan Tutka

Stanley Krupinski

John Monsul

Home

Ceil Harrison

Charles Drumsta

Regina Kozel

Walter Tucker, Jr.

Mary Tucker

Ronald Kozak

Dr. Walter Dobushak

Sophia Soniak

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Kathleen Izak

Home

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Dorothy Kowalchick

Irene Slagan

Michael McConnell

Olga Trusz

Vera Krewsun

Bridget Knott

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning December 5,2020

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| 1 | Hanging Eternal Lamp
\$10 | By: Doris, Greg & Matthew Romancho
For: I. M. O. + Wasył, +Catherine, +William & +Harry Romancho |
| 2 | 2 Altar Vigil Candles
\$10 | By: Mark, Lee, Maria and Daria
For: God's Blessings for Health upon Linda Henry Izak |
| 3 | Proskomedia Candles
\$10 | By: Mark and Leslie
For: I. M. O. + Harry Pavlishyn (our St. Nicholas) |
| 4 | 2 Tetrapod Candles
\$10 | By: Kenneth and Karen Lilik
For: I. M. O. + Anthony and + Ann Lilik |
| 5 | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Aunt Helen and Uncle Paul Ewasko
For: Health and God's Blessings upon Linda Izak |
| 6 | Mary Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Nadia Biloskirka
For: I. M. O. + Nicholas Biloskirka |
| 7 | St. Nicholas
\$5 | By: Sharmayne Tucker
For: Health and God's Blessings for Walter Tucker, Jr. |
| 8 | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Marlene Laskowski
For: I. M. O. + Joseph E. Laskowski, Sr. |
| 9 | Jesus Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Stella Patrick
For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick |
| 10 | Mary Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Sophie Soniak
For: Health of K. Locker Family |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue
\$10 | By: Mr. and Mrs. John Knott
For: Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonder-Worker |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday
\$5 | By: Sophie Soniak
For: Congratulations to Earl Soloski |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday
\$5 | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir 's Church
For: Commemoration - St. Nicholas holyday DEC 6 |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)
\$5 | By: Sophie Soniak
For: Health of M. Soniak Family |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)
\$5 | By: Regina Kozel
For: I. M. O. + Ihor Shablovsky |

CONFESSION

For anyone that would like to receive the holy sacrament of confession you can let Father Myron know and set up a time either before or after Liturgy from Tuesday through Saturday.

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Divine Liturgies: Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 10:30 a.m.,

Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin

**OUR MISSION PARISH: Saints Peter & Paul, 47 Rittenhouse Street, Simpson,
Pennsylvania**

Sick calls / Communion calls / Home visits/ Emergencies: call parish office.

The Legendary Saint Nicholas

The absence of the "hard facts" of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to St. Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that, after the Theotokos, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet, historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him – an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries.

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three

daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In the English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus – further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

The critical eye of modern history makes us take a deeper look at the legends surrounding St. Nicholas. But perhaps we can utilize the lesson taught by his legendary charity, look deeper at our approach to material goods in the Christmas season and seek ways to extend our sharing to those in real need.