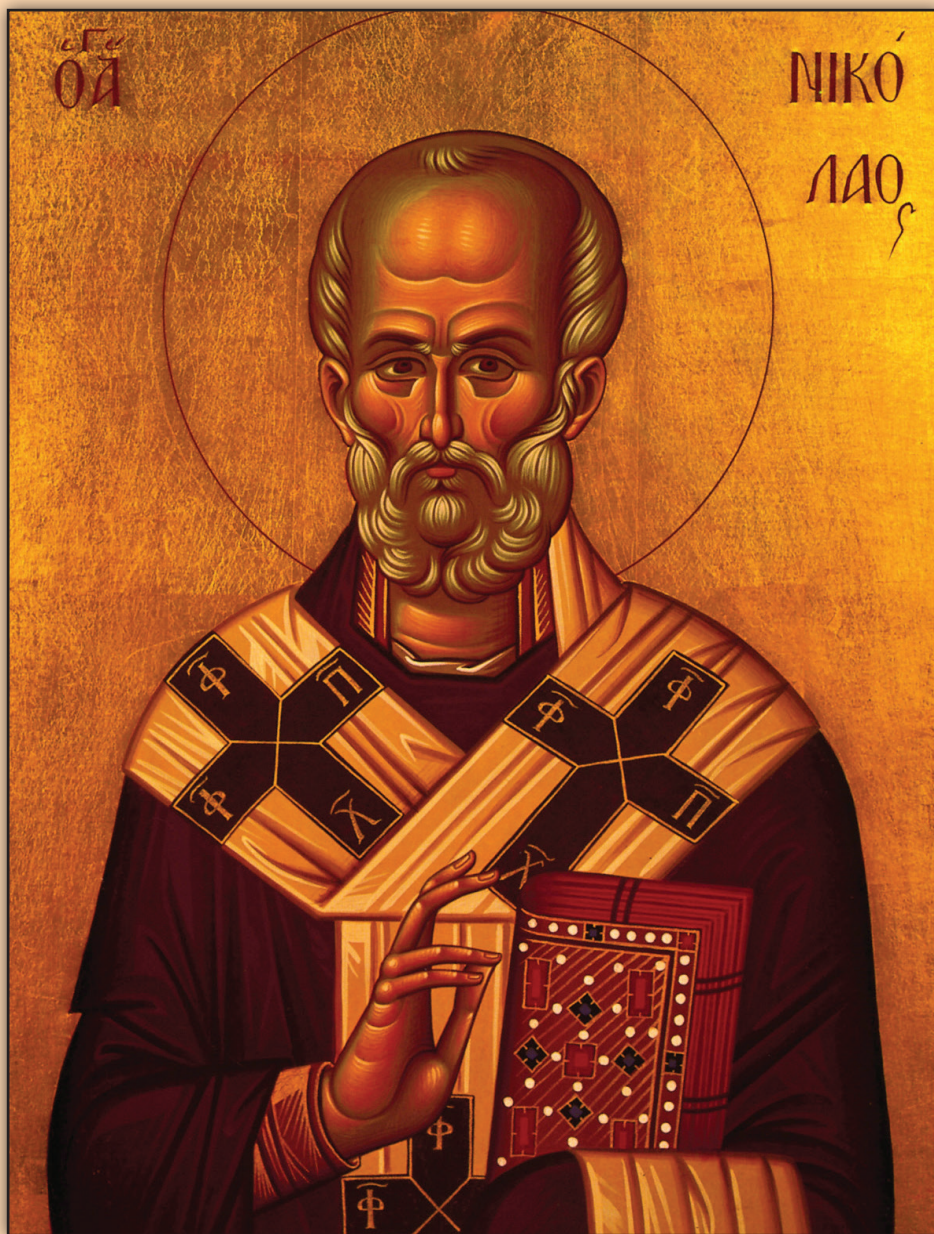


TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Nicholas -- December 6th



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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ! СЛАВА НАВІКИ!

Sunday Divine Liturgy in English: 10:30am

Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession): 9:45am

Consult bulletin and social media for weekday and festal Divine Liturgies and services.

The church is open for prayer M-F, 9-5, unless otherwise announced.

**DECEMBER 3, 2023 – THE 27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 2);
& THE HOLY PROPHET ZEPHANIAH (SOPHONIAS), 7TH C. BC**

GIVING REPORT – Thank you for supporting your parish community! The in-pew collection for Sunday, November 26, was \$1,043.65. For Tuesday, November 21 (Entrance of the Mother of God), \$553.

NATIVITY (PHILIP'S) FAST (Nov 15-Dec 24) – In the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, this is a voluntary fasting period. Please observe it as you can to prepare yourself for the Nativity of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. Please contribute to our Philip's Fast Project to benefit the Thermal Shelter of Front Royal. Donations are being collected in the parish hall.

EMBROIDERY EVENINGS - You are invited to attend Embroidery Evenings at SS Joachim and Anna for the Tuesdays of December, 7:00-8:00pm. We will listen to a spiritual reading while embroidering. Please see flyer on the bulletin board for more details.

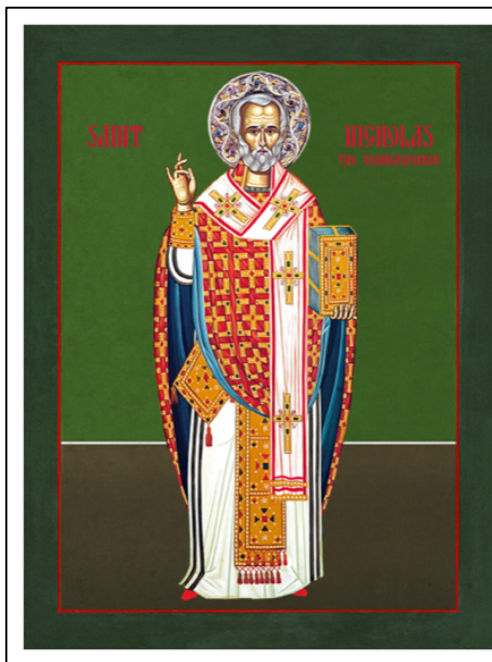
CONCEPTION OF ST ANNA (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION) – The Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Conception of St Anna, When She Conceived the Most Holy Mother of God will be on Friday, **December 8** at 6:00pm.

ОЙ ХТО, ХТО МИКОЛАЯ ЛЮБИТЬ! – Our St Nicholas Potluck and Visit will be on Sunday, **December 10**, after the Divine Liturgy. RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/v5tfksux>

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGY – The Divine Liturgy will be not celebrated on Wednesday this week, as Vespers will be celebrated on Tuesday and the Divine Liturgy for the Conception will be on Friday.

FALL CLEAN UP – On Saturday, **December 16**, 8:30am-10:30am, we will have an autumn cleaning of the church and hall. Bring a broom, a duster, or a vacuum and lend a hand as we beautify our temple for the Nativity of the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Nancy & Jon Anderson, Julie, Andy Basalla, Yevhenia Borys, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew, Carrie Chuff, Elizabeth Deegan, Clara Anne Duda, Lindsey Fedyk, Katie Flynn, Patricia Fogarty, Lilian Garland, Jerry Gawron, Samuel Gauth, Josie Hacker, Michael Joseph Little, Sarah Kelt, Laura McMahon, Destiny Makins, Vince McLaughlin, Fr Roman Mirchuk, Thomas Pavick, Irene Petrie, Robert & Mary Alice Rice, Betsy Sayre, Truman L Sayre, Jr, CJ & Theresa Sidrow, Amy Smith, Kitty Smith, and Karena Tapsak. *Email prayer requests:* teresafed@hotmail.com.



GREAT VESPERS WITH LITYA

The Feast of Holy NICHOLAS
the Wonderworker of Myra

Tuesday, December 5th
6:00pm

Bring a treat to share
afterwards

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.

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Tone 2 Resurrectional Propers, pp. 333-336

Troparion, Tone 2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

Glory...

Kontakion, Tone 2: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour;* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose.* Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

Now...Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 2: The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God,* unceasing in her intercession and an unflinching hope of patronage,* for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life* by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokeimenon, Tone 2. The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. (Psalm 117:14,18)

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

Brothers and Sisters, finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of

truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Alleluia, Tone 2

verse: The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

verse: Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. (Psalm 19:2,10)

Gospel: Luke 18:18-27

At that time a certain ruler approached Jesus and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to 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 murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother.’” He replied, “I have kept all these since my youth.” When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” He replied, “What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.”

Communion Verse. Praise the Lord from the heavens,* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 148:1)