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Office Hours: Monday — Thursday, 12 Noon to 4PM.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2024

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

Propers: 141, 277-278/278

Saturday, December 14th

9AM-3PM FLEA MARKET!

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy

+Kirk Citsay

By Shubeck Family

Sunday, December 15th

9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)

9:00 AM Bible Study

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

For Our Parish Family

Monday, December 16th

5:00 PM Rosary—all welcome!

7:30 PM B-I-N-G-O

Tuesday, December 17th

7:00 PM CONFESSION SERVICE

(St Mary, Hillsborough)

Wednesday, December 18th—No Liturgy

Thursday, December 19th—No Liturgy

Friday, December 20th

10:00 AM PRAYER SERVICE for our Special Intentions and all priests and deacons, and in blessed memory of our departed loved ones

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2024

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS

Propers: 152, 285, 283/287

Saturday, December 21st

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy

+William and +Pauline Graham

By Ciko and Siciliano Families

Sunday, December 22nd

9:00 AM ECF (Sunday School)

9:00 AM NO Bible Study today

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

For Our Parish Family

Sanctuary Lamp this Week.

December 14/15, 2024

In Memory of

+JOHN NICHOLAS SURMAY

By Douglas and Susan Wood

Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!



Sanctuary Lamp NEXT Week.

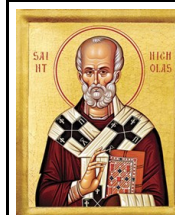
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In Memory of

+ALI KURECZKA

By Andy and Lori Citsay

Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!



JOAN GAUTREAU RECEIVES 2024 ST NICHOLAS AWARD!

Each year, our parish recognizes someone who exemplifies the spirit of St Nicholas. This year, the award was presented to Joan Gautreau! “Joanie” has worked tirelessly around St Thomas Parish for many years. She sang in the choir, cantored morning liturgy, called bingo, made holubki, co-chaired the Slavonic Festival, taught Sunday School, sent cards to the shut-ins, provided rides to church each week for many parishioners who didn’t drive, and so much more! Many of these simple acts of kindness meant so much to so many people! And still do! This is truly an exemplification of the spirit of St Nicholas! Her children, Denise, Ron and Greg, and daughter-in-law, Ying, were on hand as she received the award! May God grant her many blessed years!

Food Collection THANK YOU! Many thanks for being an important part of our annual food collection for the assistance of Divine Mercy Kitchen and Pantry! Your generosity was humbling and inspiring! Your contributions have made a meaningful difference in the lives of many people! May God bless you during this holy season! *Joanne Reinhart and Sandy Yelenovsky*



What a Wonderful St Nicholas Celebration!... Last Sunday, over 140 Children of God of all ages enjoyed a delicious home-made dinner, Christmas songs and Poem by our ECF students, a sing-a-long by the St Thomas Singers, the Presentation of the St Nicholas Award (see above) and, of course, a visit from St Nicholas himself! *Many thanks to the Athletic Association Volunteers for preparing the meal, to our ECF teachers and students, to our Cantors, to St Nicholas, and to ALL who helped set-up, decorate, and clean up, and a big THANK YOU to each of YOU!*

POINSETTIA DONATION ... Many thanks for the donation of the four large poinsettias were given in loving memory of **+Robert Yelenovsky** by his Family. *May his memory be eternal!*

The Wisdom of our Holy Father St John Chrysostom, of the Golden Tongue

“As a moth gnaws a garment, so does envy consume a man!”

Reminder to Church Members! Please pick up your 2025 Envelopes and Calendar in the back of the church! If yours is NOT there or if you are a NEW member in need of envelopes, please contact AnnMarie at the Parish Office and one will be provided.

INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND: Including online e-giving.

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	2016.00	Monthly/Initial/Gifts	\$	70.00
Candles	\$	210.00	Charities/Missions/Peter’s Pence	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	60.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$	490.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	165.00	ECL	\$	xxx.00
Religious Education	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	3011.00

Additional Income: Bingo (131 players) \$ 1140.00 Bingo Kitchen: \$ 337.00

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