

December 16, 2018

Upcoming Services:

- Sun. Dec. 16, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45, St. Nicholas Sunday
- Sat. Dec. 22, 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
- Sun. Dec. 23, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
- Sat. Dec. 29, 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
- Sun. Dec. 30, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
- Sat. Jan. 5, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers
- Sun. Jan. 6, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45,
- Sun. Jan. 6, 6:30 pm. - Nativity Eve dinner, Caroling & Compline Service
- Mon. Jan. 7, 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy for Nativity of Christ

Timothy 1: 15-17

Luke 18: 18-27

Reader Schedule:

Sun, Dec. 16 - Joe Crescenz
 Sun, Dec. 23 - Kurtis Lauser
 Sun, Dec. 30 - Greg Kuzmenchuk
 Sun, Jan. 6 - Cynthia Neff

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myrna in Lycia

St. Nicholas was born in the city of Patara. As the fruit of childless parents, the infant Nicholas, from the very day of his birth, revealed to people the light of his future glory as a wonderworker. From his youth, he had proficiency with questions of faith like an elder, which kindled the wonder and respect from fellow Christians. As a young priest, Nicholas showed great kindness toward his flock and the afflicted who came to him for help, and he distributed all his inheritance to the poor.

Upon the death of Archbishop John, one of the bishops of the council said that a new archbishop should be revealed by God, not chosen by men. One of the elder bishops had a vision that the one who came first to church that night should be made archbishop, and his name would be Nicholas. The bishop went up to church early that night to greet the first arrival, and in asking him, "What is your name, child?" God's chosen one replied, "My name is Nicholas, master, and I am your servant."

Even after his consecration as archbishop St. Nicholas retained his image of gentleness, kindness, and love for people. Despite the peaceful demeanor, St. Nicholas was an ardent warrior for Christ, fighting off evil spirits, pagan idols, and the heretic Arius at the First Ecumenical Council.

St. Nicholas worked many miracles in his long life, and in his old age, when he fell asleep in the lord, his relics were preserved with curative myrrh, from which many received healing. Then in 1087 his relics were transferred to Italy. Many Russian cathedrals, monasteries and churches are consecrated in his name. His icons and miracles are too numerous to mention.

Birthdays:

- December 17 - Ron Hershey, Stephen Shemonski
- December 18 - Elizabeth Kutteh
- December 20 - John Gbur

Upcoming Events

- Sun. Dec. 16 - St. Nicholas Sunday
- Sun. Dec. 23 - St. Anastasia Sisterhood mtg.
- Thur. Dec. 27 - 7:00 pm. Exec. Board Meeting
- Sat. Jan. 6 - Nativity Eve dinner & Caroling
- Sun. Jan. 27 - Annual Parish meeting - following coffee hour

Sun, Dec. 16 - St. Nicholas Lunch Celebration following liturgy in the church hall. Parents remember St. Nicholas will be visiting our coffee hour.

Sun, Jan.6 - 6:30 pm. Nativity Eve Dinner in the church hall. Please sign up in advance to bring a fasting dish, and indicate the number of family and friends attending. Caroling in the church is at 7:30 pm, followed by Compline Service at 8:00 pm.

Anniversaries:

None this week

Notices:

Election of Sisterhood Officers

If you or someone you know would like to serve in 2019 as an officer of the Saint Anastasia Sisterhood, please give the name to Illaria Steele. Election of officers will take place at the next sisterhood meeting.

Christmas Flowers

St. Anastasia Sisterhood is collecting funds for poinsettias. Envelopes are included in your stewardship packet.

Bazaar Foods Available

- Pierogies - potato & cheese -\$6 per box of 15
- Pierogies - sweet potato - \$6 per box of 15
- Halupki - stuffed cabbage - \$16 per dozen
- Nut Rolls - \$12 per roll

2019 Orthodox Calendars

The 2019 Orthodox calendars are available for church members at the book store, courtesy of the Wentz Funeral Home.

December Charity - Handicrafters

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Lillian Maskula, Richard Ziegler, Sandy Knisley, Erin Bove, Rose Dymtryk, Matt Sparano, Mark Danczak, Zenon Forosty & Wes Hatch

Bulletin Additions

Provide bulletin additions to Wesley Hatch by Friday at 6 pm