

December 18, 2022
27th Sunday after Pentecost

Ephesians 6:10-17
Luke 17:12-19

Reader Schedule:

Sun. Dec. 18 - Joe Crescenz
Sun. Dec.25 - PM Marie Telepneff
Sun. Jan. 1 - Gregory Kuzmenchuk
Sun. Jan.8 - Wesley Hatch

Sun. Dec. 11- Divine Liturgy- 9am- Hours at 8:45am

Sun. Dec. 18- Divine Liturgy- 9am- Hours at 8:45am

Sun. Dec. 25- Divine Liturgy -9am- Hours at 8:45am

Sun. Jan. 1- New Year's Day- Divine Liturgy-9am-Hours at 8:45am

Orthodox Nativity Eve and Day Schedules will be posted in next week's bulletin for January 6 and 7

Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker



Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra and Lycia (Turkey) was born in 280 AD. He was an orphan of a prosperous family who dedicated his life and wealth to the care of others. St Nicholas is the *prototype* of "anonymous good deeds". The most enduring story about Saint Nicholas revolves around a poor widower who did not possess dowries for his three young daughters -- this would render them unmarriageable and consign them to a life of poverty and servitude. Although Nicholas lived very simply as a monastic, he was often the recipient of generous donations. St. Nicholas heard of the plight of the man and his three daughters. During the night, he secretly dropped bags of gold coins into the shoes the three girls left by their doorstep. In the morning, the sisters found the gold coins and their lives were permanently altered. To this day, children hang stockings on Christmas Eve hoping they will be filled with presents in the morning. Since the feast day of St. Nicholas is in December, the correlation between his feast and the feast of the Nativity was eventually made. Saint Nicholas is one of the most beloved saints of the Christian church.

BIRTHDAYS

Dec.20 - John Gbur
Dec. 23 - Elizabeth Hershey

ANNIVERSARIES

None this week

DECEMBER CHARITY

Parish Kitchen Remodeling Fund

COOKING SESSIONS

Wed. Dec. 28 @ 3:30pm - Stuffed Cabbage Prep
Thu. Dec. 29 @ 4pm - Stuffed Cabbage Packing

PARISH BOARD MEETING

Tues. Dec. 20 @ 7pm in the Church Hall



Contributions for Ukrainian humanitarian aid can be made via uocofusa.org or mailed to: UOC of USA, Let's Help Ukraine, PO Box 495 South Bound Brook, NJ 08880

Dec.11 Attendance: 35

☪☪☪☪☪☪☪ Prayer Corner for the Health of: ☪☪☪☪☪☪☪

Brenda Euler, John Ruzchak, Nicole DiDomenico, Paul Domsohn, Erin Bove, Darrell Kinney, Chris Mican, Amber Curry, Sandy Knisley, Michael & Dorothy Panaski Mary Seip, Linda Kozlowski, Michael David Gavin, Denise Gavin, Linda Bloom, Joan Leslie, John Hendershot, John Gbur, Jen Lisowski.

Please **SIGN IN** at back of the Church for all Services!



Thank You! Thank You!

My plea for volunteers was answered! Thanks to the following good elves: Fr. Nick, Wes Hatch, Cheryl Lafferty, Sharon & Daryll Perry, Nina Petro, Mike Pyszczymuka, Bob & Greg Steele, Katie Thomas (the driver of the van) & her two workmen, Andy Toroney, Joe Yevich, and our wonderful friends from Hopewell Church, all of whom worked as one wonderful team to get through the last stage of our project of "Winter Outerwear for Ukraine"

I didn't get to count, but there must have been over 100 bags and 30 boxes of items that were packed into a U-Haul van that we filled very well. I also would like to thank Katie Thomas, the driver, Fr. Nick, Bob & Greg Steele, Mike Pyszczymuka and Yuri Trypupenko from St. Vladimir's Cathedral for going to Philadelphia and *unpacking* the truck.

Every ounce of labor and time was no effort as we learned how our fellow Ukrainian brothers and sisters are suffering through this terrible War. If we can help to keep some of them warm and give them hope and the knowledge that they are not forgotten – that's what it's all about.

Thank you all! I always worry and yet you always come through!

Sincerely,
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