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MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSION: Before & after Saturday evening Vespers. Other Sacraments by appointment.

GOING TO THE HOSPITAL? Please notify Father when you are admitted if you want him to visit. Kindly notify Father also when you are discharged.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!
SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA V'IKI!

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AND THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Antiphon "Bless the Lord, O my soul" on p. 8. The Beatitudes on pp. 14-15. Propers for Tone 4 on pp. 90-92. "Zastupnice" from the hand-out sheets. *Saint Nicholas melodies* on pp. 124-125 may be used for the Cherubic Hymn & Communion Hymn.

EPISTLE: I Timothy 1:15-17. **GOSPEL:** Luke 18:18-27.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

For the week of December 16:

- Sun., December 16:** (After Liturgy) Panachida in memory of +*Paul David Zavatsky*. Requested by Jaclyn West.
- Tues., December 18:** (6:00 PM) Great Vespers with Litija for the Feast of *Saint Nicholas of Myra, the Wonderworker*, Patron Saint of our Church.

>>> Confessions from 5:15 PM til 5:45 PM
and again after the Vespers service. <<<

Saint Nicholas Day
Wednesday, December 19

9:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy** for the Feast of *Saint Nicholas of Myra, the Wonderworker*, Patron Saint of our Church. Antiphon “Bless the Lord, O my soul” on p. 8. The Beatitudes on pp. 14-15. Remaining Propers and special music can be found on pp. 123-127. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

>>> **Confessions** after the Divine Liturgy. <<<

Sat., December 22: (6:00 PM) **Great Vespers** for the *30th Sunday after Pentecost*. Propers for Tone 5 and the Holy Martyr Mennas.

>>> **Confessions** from 5:00 PM til 5:45 PM
and again **after** the Vespers service. <<<

Sunday, December 23
30th Sunday after Pentecost
4th Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM: **Preparation Prayers** for Holy Communion.

10:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy** for the *30th Sunday after Pentecost*. Antiphon “Bless the Lord” on p. 8. The Beatitudes on pp. 14-15. Propers for Tone 5 on pp. 93-95. “*Zastupnice*” from the hand-out sheets. *Saint Nicholas melodies* on pp. 124-125 may still be used for the Cherubic Hymn & Communion Hymn.

THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with prayers for **Dr. Fausto & Dr. Sharon Lazo**. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.

THE RIGHT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Diakonikon) burn with prayers for **Laney J. & Anna Ross**. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.

THE TETRAPOD LAMPS burn with prayers for **Special Intentions**. Requested by *Theresa Reese*.

CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available. Get yours today!

OUR ANNUAL SAINT NICHOLAS DINNER will be held **TODAY**. Our church school students will present a short singing program. Saint Nicholas will visit with the children. Please stay and join us for this celebration!

OUR A.C.R.Y. will be collecting monies for their **Stewardship Campaign** at the Saint Nicholas Dinner today. Please support the National A.C.R.Y.'s various philanthropic ministries! (*See the hand-out for more info.*)

A 50/50 RAFFLE will be held in conjunction with today's Saint Nicholas Dinner.

OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet *this coming* **Thursday, December 20** at 6:30 PM in the church basement. We will be hosting a special “**Nutcracker Night**.” Everyone is welcome! Bring your nutcrackers and nut picks, and we'll crack a few nuts!

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS. Time is passing quickly! Please take advantage soon of the extra opportunities to avail yourselves of the Sacrament of Holy Confession. All parishioners should be planning to go to Confession in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ. Please do not wait until the last minute to take care of this important spiritual matter. Christmas will be here before you know it, and the Confession lines will only get longer. The **best time** for Confession is still **BEFORE & AFTER Saturday evening Vespers**. Confessions for the elderly, for the infirm and for those who live at a great distance from the church can be arranged for **Sundays**. When the deacon door is OPEN, Father is available for Confession. Confessions can also be heard **before and after** scheduled weekday services. However, if you want to come **before** a service, please call Father and let him know your intentions. If you really can't make it to Confession at the regularly scheduled times, please call for an appointment.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES. Please use these envelopes, which were included with last week's bulletin, if you wish to donate a Christmas Flower (or Flowers) in memory of a departed loved one and/or with prayers for the health & salvation of the living. Names and donors will be published in the bulletin. Extra Flower Offering envelopes are available in the back of the church.

2019 ECCLESIASTICAL WALL CALENDARS are still available in the back of church. You can pick-up your calendars today!

THE ADVENT WREATH service will continue to be held each Sunday of the Nativity Fast at **9:50 AM**. Our young people are invited to come up front and help light the candles; and we invite an older student to read a Scripture lesson. Those who wish to participate should be in church by **9:45 AM!**

PRAYER LIST REQUESTS. Please be reminded that all names for the parish Prayer List should be submitted to **Teresa Zitterich**, who forwards the names to Father at the end of each month. Also, we ask that you keep your names up to date. If you have submitted names, and they no longer need to be on the Prayer List, please let **Teresa Zitterich** know, so that the names can be removed.

REGARDING THE CANDLE BOXES. Please note that the sandboxes in the front of the church are intended for the beeswax tapers only. These tapers usually burn-out by the time that everyone has left the church building. Multiplying the number of vigil candles that burn unattended in the church throughout the week constitutes a fire hazard. Please sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board if you want to have vigil lights burn during the week. These candles are contained in glass receptacles with covered tops, and are much safer. Thank you for your cooperation!

THE GIFT SHOP has a number of books, icons and religious articles which would make excellent Christmas gifts. Christmas cards are also available. Please stop-by and have a look. Get your Christmas shopping off to a good start!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE
Saturday Vespers (12/8) — 2
Sunday Divine Liturgy (12/9) — 76
Moleben to Saint Nicholas (12/11) — 12

DON'T FORGET: Jesus is the reason for the season. It's *not* about parties, presents, shopping and feasting. Rather, spend time in God's Word. Pray, fast and give charitably! Get ready, for the Messiah is coming!
