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December 6, 2015

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 2**  
**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA**

Epistles: Ephesians 6:10-17  
Hebrews 13:17-21 (Saint)

Gospels: Luke 17:12-19  
Luke 6:17-23 (Saint)

## WORSHIP & STUDY

TODAY 11:00 a.m. *Annual St. Nicholas Day Pageant* in the church hall  
6:00 p.m. *Advent Vespers* at *Church of the Holy Cross* in Medford

Wed, Dec 9 **The Conception of the Most-holy Theotokos by Righteous Anna**  
9:00 a.m. Epistle: Gal 4:22-31 Gospel: Luke 8:16-21  
Divine Liturgy

7:00 p.m. Faith Enrichment Series at the rectory

Sat, Dec 12 5:00 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers with Litiya followed by Confessions

Sun, Dec 13 **28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 3**  
9:00 a.m. **SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS; REPOSE OF VEN. HERMAN OF ALASKA, WONDERWORKER OF ALL AMERICA;** Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius and Orestes at Sebaste  
Divine Liturgy Epistles: Col 3:4-11 Gospels: Luke 14:16-24  
Gal 5:22-6:2 (St. Herman) Luke 6:17-23 (St. Herman)

3:00 p.m. *14<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Christmas Concert* presented by the Church Choir

## WITHIN THE PARISH

Because of the *Saint Nicholas Day Pageant*, there will be **NO Church School** today; all classes will resume **next Sunday, December 13.**

Our **Saint Nicholas Day Pageant** will be presented by the Church School children **TODAY** after the Liturgy. Please plan to stay and enjoy this holiday presentation of our youth.

Celebrate the "season of giving" by participating in our **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Parish Coat Drive**; your generosity can help a disadvantaged or homeless person stay warm this winter. **TODAY** is the deadline for accepting new and/or gently used coats. Please be sure that the zipper works and that each coat is free of rips and holes. (*They'll be dry cleaned before distribution.*) You can place them in a box located in the church hall vestibule. Thanks for taking part and making a difference in the lives of those in need.

**Choir Rehearsal** will be held in the church **this Tuesday, December 8**, at 7 p.m. As this will be the final practice before the *Christmas Concert* next Sunday, all members are asked to please attend.

Join Father David for a **Faith Enrichment Series** entitled *Receiving the Love of Christ*; the first session will be held **this Wednesday, December 9**. We'll gather at the rectory at 7 p.m. During this busy time of the year, you may become frenetic trying to "get it all done;" why not stop, be quiet and spend some time learning more about the Faith in the midst of your Christmas activities?

The **Saint Anne's Guild Annual Holiday Cookie Sale** will take place in the hall **next Sunday, December 13**, during the Coffee Hour. Bakers, male or female, are needed to guarantee another successful fundraiser for our Church School program and related youth and family events. If you're interested in baking or if you wish to make a monetary donation towards the cost of supplies, see Karen Berezniak after Liturgy or call her at (732) 754-0033. The level of profit that this organization can achieve is limited only to the quantity of cookies available for sale; please take part. Thank you. (**NOTE: Donations can be dropped off in the hall for packaging this Saturday, December 12, at noon.**)

Stock up for holiday gifts and entertaining by participating in our **Christmas Babka Sale** now through **next Sun, December 13**. Eleven (11) varieties are available: apricot, cheese, chocolate, cinnamon crumb, poppy, prune, raisin and raspberry for \$10.50 each and apricot cheese, chocolate cheese and raspberry cheese for \$11. See Carol Deerson during the Coffee Hour or call her at (732) 254-4979 to place an order. Pickup will be in the church hall on **Thursday, December 17**.

Our **Church Choir** will offer its **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert** for the community **next Sun, Dec 13**, at 3 p.m., in the church. A reception in the parish hall will follow, at which you can enjoy home baked cookies and beverages and meet and visit with all our guests. There is **NO** admission charge, so bring the whole family to celebrate the true meaning of the holiday. It's a popular event, so be sure to arrive early to get a good seat!

The **Men's Club** will meet in the church hall on **Thursday, December 17**, at 7 p.m.

Time to hit the slopes! The **Annual R Club Ski Trip** to Lake Placid, NY is scheduled for **Fri-Sun, Jan 29-31**. All skiers and non-skiers are invited for a weekend of fun and fellowship. See Carol Deerson during the Coffee Hour or contact her at (732) 254-4979 for more details and registration information. It promises to be a GREAT trip!

Looking ahead! The **Senior R Club** is sponsoring a seven-day trip to Amsterdam, Bruges and Paris from **Apr 3-10**. There are only a few seats left. For details and cost, see Carol Deerson during the Coffee Hour or get in touch with her at (732) 254-4979.

## BITS & PIECES

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**THE RECORD** Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **136**.

**HOSTS & VOLUNTEERS** The Epistle will be read next week by **Gregory Sprogis**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **St. Anne's Guild**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Lupkin**.

**PERSONAL/PRIVATE CONFESSION** Just like Great Lent, the Nativity Fast (Advent) is a time during which each Orthodox Christian should participate in the Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation. Accordingly, there will be **NO GENERAL CONFESSION** during this period. Please plan to give a personal/private confession; days and times are listed in the bulletin under *Worship & Study*. If you have questions or scheduling difficulties, see Fr. David. The birth of Christ took place in a humble manger. Let us strive to prepare our own manger, which is our soul, heart, mind and body, through prayer, fasting **AND** repentance, so that our Lord may be born within it.

**MEMORY ETERNAL** Our sympathy is extended to the **Siemienczuk Family** on the recent falling asleep of beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather, **Janek Siemienczuk**. May the hope found in our dear Lord's promise of everlasting life with Him comfort, strengthen and bring them peace—Vechnaya Pamyat!

**OUR THANKS** to **Helena Christie** for donating the floral arrangement adorning the icon of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker on the center tetrapod today; it was offered in celebration of the Name's Day of her cherished son and grandson, **Nicholas & Nicholas Christie Jr**. May the Lord grant them continued good health and long life for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**FOR YOUR EDIFICATION** There are many interesting pamphlets on the wall rack in the church vestibule. Why not take one and see the wealth of spirituality that might be missing from your life?

**2016 ORTHODOX POCKET PLANNERS** Simply put, calendars are one of the best tools available for tracking one's busy life and *St. Tikhon's Monastery* in South Canaan, PA has the perfect pocket planner for the job; it's designed to make one's life easier and more manageable, while keeping the feasts and fasts of the Church in mind. This is a terrific month-at-a-glance quick reference organizer for a multi-tasker on the go. If you are interested in buying one, see Walter Deerson at the Candle Desk; the cost is \$4.50.

**ANNUAL PARISH ASSESSMENT** We're in the home stretch of 2015; there are only three weeks left until the end of the year. If you have not already done so, remit your annual parish assessment of **\$200** as soon as possible. We're filled with much gratitude and humbled by your generosity; we hope and pray that you will continue to contribute your financial gifts.

**THANKS** to **Eugenia Spaulding** for her recent donation to the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund*, in memory of **Iwan Jakimtschuk**, and to **Jay Pelleriti** for his church offering, in memory of **Amelia Chup**. Both of these individuals are such a blessing to this community; God has truly touched us through their generosity.

**PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK** Keep the following parishioners, family members and friends in your thoughts and prayers, as well as the families and victims of the Paris terrorist attacks:

**Departed**

Charles Csenica  
Amelia Chup  
Xander Pannizzo  
Rosemarie Jachym  
Victor Praleikas  
Janek Siemenczuk  
John Bosco  
Doris Marlin  
Ronald Eichler

**Servicemen**

Ivan Shidlovsky  
Priest Sean Levine  
Elizabeth Brent  
Tyler Dean

**Sick**

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| Aunika Browne      | Jessica Hu                 | Beth Williscroft    |
| Darlene Posluszny  | Beth Giordano              | Nancy Filak         |
| Gus Tsirkas        | Mary Carol Burchill        | Michael Dargento    |
| Dylan Magee        | Miriam Eby                 | Sandra Webster      |
| Kaitlyn Fox        | Ruth Curtis                | Mary Dean           |
| Maria Freccia      | Mary Louise Viquez         | Ellen Dargento      |
| Natalie Matz       | Sgt. Peter Roselli         | Olga Miller         |
| Dorothy Sopchak    | Josefa Calero              | Allen Mioduszewski  |
| Simon Kozlov Jr.   | Pauline Pullo              | Sophie Hyland       |
| Ginny Wilmer       | Walentyna Posluszny        | Kathleen Keimer     |
| William Begley     | John Cameron               | Tamara Diaczenko    |
| Peter Coniglio     | Pearl Blower               | Elaine Ashton       |
| Dawn Zirch         | Gloria Soto                | Michael Pelleriti   |
| Jane D'Amore       | Bernadine Trubilla         | Gina Krusius        |
| Martha Drobnak     | Stephen Pisuk              | Wendy Packard       |
| Michaela Fox       | Sergei Andreyev            | Gregory Sitze       |
| Harriet Miele      | Grace Diriwachter          | Anthony Abate       |
| Dean Prestino      | Nana Tikhashvili           | Kenneth Crowley     |
| Gaynelle Crowley   | Kendall McNamara           | Robert Ingram       |
| Timothy Brown      | Pamela Inman               | James D'Amore Jr.   |
| Aspasia Alfaro     | Dorothy Vernak             | Jonathan Clayton    |
| Beth Van Orden     | Archpriest Joseph Kreshik  | Aidan Brown         |
| Rina D'Amico       | Pauline Finnochio          | Victor Rugala Jr.   |
| Deborah Krusius    | Chester Andrzejewski       | Robert Fedak        |
| Michael Marsteller | Archpriest Paul Lazor      | Elaine Fedak        |
| Jeremy Posluszny   | Matushka Juliana Schmemann | Frederick Swenticky |
| Maria Jakimtschuk  | Andrew Steffaro            | Joyce Major         |
| John Uhrin         | Crystal Aldana             | Brit Davis          |
| Peter Kasper       |                            |                     |

Requests for additions/deletions to this list should be given to Father David or Starosta.

**DESSERT ROLLS** for those who pre-ordered from *Annunciation Church* in Brick are available in the parish hall **TODAY** during Coffee Hour; please see Olga Kornafel.

**OUR CONDOLENCES** to **John (Natalie) Eichler** on the falling-asleep last Sunday of his brother, **Ronald**. May the peace of the Lord bring the family comfort in knowing that their loved one is now at peace in His heavenly kingdom.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** are extended this week to **John Eichler**. Belated best wishes also go out to **Gregory Messeka** who celebrated this past Friday. May God continue to brighten their lives with blessings of love and happiness for many years.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Please remember that the deadline for the Sunday bulletin is **Thursday evening**. Call in or E-mail announcements to Father David at the rectory or contact Starosta James Kornafel by phone (732-462-3388), E-mail ([jimmyk@optonline.net](mailto:jimmyk@optonline.net)) or fax (732-845-3515).