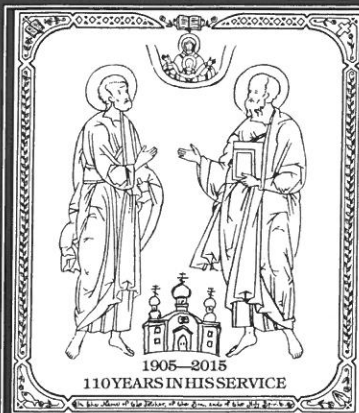


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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 1

Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia; Martyr Philumenus of Ancyra and with him Martyrs Valerian and Phaedrus; Ven. Acacius of Sinai who is mentioned in *The Ladder*; Ven. Nectarius the Obedient of the Kiev Caves; Hieromartyr Abibus, Bishop of Nekressi in Georgia; Hieromartyr Dionysius, Bishop of Corinth; Hieromartyr Saturninus, Bishop of Toulouse; St. Pitirim of Egypt the disciple of St. Anthony the Great; St. Tiridates the King of Armenia; St. Brendan of Birr; St. Radboud, Bishop of Utrecht

Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

WORSHIP & STUDY

Sat, Dec 5
5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Panihida for **Mary Iwanow** (Annual) and **Leonard Hartman** (Annual) offered by the **Hartman Family**
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers with Litiya followed by Confessions

Sun, Dec 6
9:00 a.m. **27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 2**
SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA
Divine Liturgy
Epistles: Eph 6:10-17 Gospels: Luke 17:12-19
Heb 13:17-21 (St. Nicholas) Luke 6:17-23 (St. Nicholas)
(Following Liturgy, the Church School children will present their *Annual Saint Nicholas Day Pageant* in the church hall; everyone is cordially invited.)
6:00 p.m. Advent Vespers at Church of the Holy Cross in Medford

WITHIN THE PARISH

Church School Classes will meet **TODAY** after the Liturgy Dismissal. (**NOTE:** Because of the St. Nicholas Day Pageant, there will be **NO** sessions next Sunday; classes will resume on **Sunday, December 13.**)

All gifts purchased from the **Christmas Giving Tree** must be in the hall **TODAY**, **unwrapped and with the ornament attached.**

It's that wonderful time of year! Willing, able-bodied helpers are asked to join us in the church on **Saturday, December 5**, at 2 p.m., to put up the Christmas tree and decorations in preparation for the holiday season and the Lord's birth. **All** are welcome—the more the merrier!

Celebrate the "season of giving" by participating in our **1st Annual Parish Coat Drive**. Your generosity can help a disadvantaged or homeless person stay warm this winter. New and/or gently used coats are now being accepted through **next Sunday, December 6**. 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. Thank you in advance for participating and making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Our **Saint Nicholas Day Pageant** will be presented by the Church School children **next Sun, Dec 6**, after the Liturgy. Guests and participants will enjoy delightful music and a most engaging play—all to celebrate Jesus' birth. Don't miss! (**NOTE:** Dress rehearsal will be held in the hall on **this Saturday, Dec 5**, starting at 3 p.m.)

This Advent, join Father David for a **Faith Enrichment Series** entitled *Receiving the Love of Christ*. Sessions will be held **Wed, December 9, 16 & 23**. We will 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 **St. Anne’s Guild Annual Holiday Cookie Sale** will take place in the church hall on **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 are interested in baking or if you wish to make a monetary donation towards the cost of supplies, see Karen Berezniak after the 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.

Stock up for holiday gifts and entertaining by participating in our **Christmas Babka Sale** now through **Sunday, 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. Please see Carol Deerson during 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 **14th Annual Christmas Concert** for the community on **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 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, January 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

THE RECORD Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **168**; envelope offerings were **\$2,713**.

HOSTS & VOLUNTEERS The Epistle will be read next week by **Gregory Chup**. The Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **St. Anne’s Guild**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Lupkin**. (*NOTE: The St. Anne’s Guild and Team Lupkin will be responsible for the Coffee Hour and cleaning of the church, respectively, throughout December.*)

PERSONAL/PRIVATE CONFESSION Just like Great Lent, the Nativity Fast is a time during which each Orthodox Christian should participate in the Holy Sacrament of Reconciliation. Accordingly, there’ll be **NO GENERAL CONFESSION** during this period. 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.

THANKS to **Parish Council** for hosting *Coffee Hour* this month and to **Team Silva (Mira Dostanich, Peter & Ludmilla Dozenko, Louis & Nadja Silva)** for cleaning the church throughout November. How wonderful it was to have this parish organization and parishioners support these ministerial efforts—God bless!

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 *Saint 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’re interested in purchasing one, see Walter Deerson at the Candle Desk; the cost is \$4.50.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH Want to help our local community? We are always collecting food for the *South River Food Bank*. All non-perishable items can be placed in the receptacles located in the church hall foyer. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSESSMENT We are in the home stretch of 2015; there are only four 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 are filled with much gratitude and humbled by your generosity; we hope and pray that you will continue to contribute your financial gifts.

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:

<u>Departed</u>		<u>Servicemen</u>
John Skripak	Rosemarie Jachym	Ivan Shidlovsky
Charles Csenica	Victor Praleikas	Priest Sean Levine
Amelia Chup	John Bosco	Elizabeth Brent
Xander Pannizzo	Doris Marlin	Tyler Dean

<u>Sick</u>		
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	

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

FOOD CARD PROGRAM We are officially in the Christmas shopping season. Food cards are great gifts for co-workers or as "Secret Santa" presents; everyone buys food and who wouldn't appreciate a little extra in their stocking? Food cards can also be used on charity giving trees; everyone can use them. Know any college students? Don't you think it would be nice to supplement what's offered by the campus dining hall by giving them a food card? Remember those days? As the holiday approaches, additional ideas will be assembled and shared by our crack Food Card Team. Meanwhile, if you don't already, please consider using food cards for your everyday grocery shopping because...**It Doesn't Make Cents Not To!**

THE CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY is a behind-the-scenes service dedicated to insuring that God's house is always clean and in perfect order for communicants and guests. **All parishioners** are members of this ministry and work on rotation. No previous experience or training are necessary. Listed below are the groups for December, January and February:

<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>
VALENTINA FORNADEL	GREGORY & CHRISTINE MARPLE	IRENE STRAPKO
MARIA GROSZEW	JENNIFER MEKBEB	MARK TRUBILLA
VLADIMIR KACHUR	SAL & DIANE RAZZANO	ARTHUR & DOLLY ZENKERT
DAVID & AMANDA LUPKIN	JANE ZELASKO	NATALIE ZENKERT

All the cleaning instructions are posted on the bulletin board in the Candle Desk. Supplies and equipment are provided. If you have any concerns/conflicts, see Jay Pelleriti or Starosta. Thanks in advance for volunteering; your positive attitude is a great expression of our living faith.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS should be given by **Thursday evening** to either Fr. David or Starosta James Kornafel.

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!