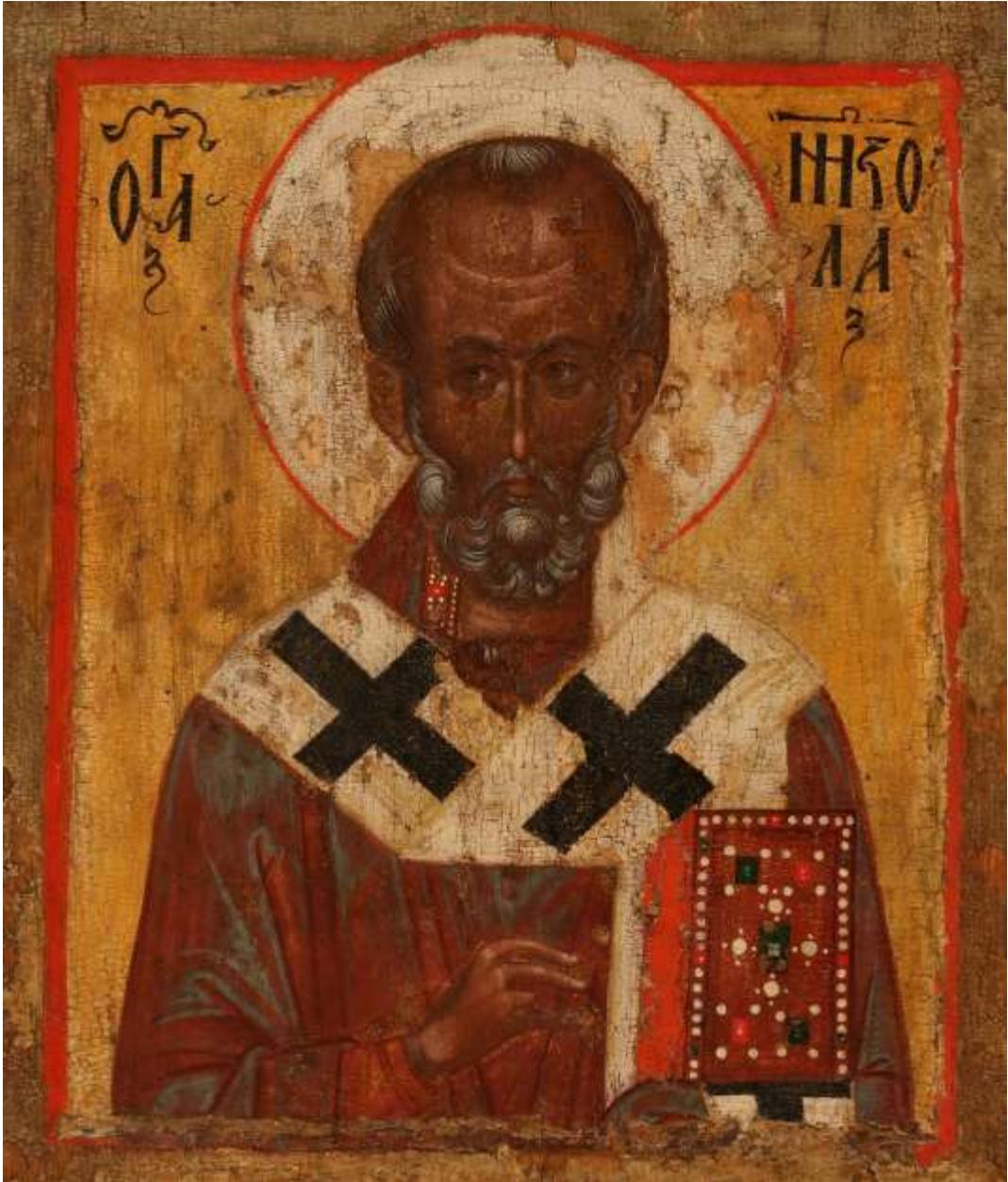


28th Sunday After Pentecost / Sabbas Venerable
December 5, 2021, Tone 3

Christ is Among Us! He is and Always Shall Be!



St. Nicholas is here to pick the gifts for the Angel Tree!!

We have been collecting to help the Orphanage in Ukraine and our seminarians in Pittsburgh We have been also collecting Christmas cards and notes of encouragement for the seminarians. Thanks for your help in making someone's Christmas special

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Thursday OFF

THEOSIS: 2nd & 4th Thursday
Bible Study 6:45 pm / Zoom

Advisory Board

Fr. Chris Zuger, Dan Riley, Rafael Plut,
Jeff Brewer, Michael Grega, Alicia Wells

Finance Council

Matthew Blain, Maria Alden

**Confession (Mystery of
Reconciliation):**

9:15—10:00 am on Sundays, before or
after weekday Liturgies, or by appoint-
ment with Father

**Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/
Eucharist:**

Must be arranged three months in
advance.
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

Mystery of Crowning:

Must be arranged six months in
advance
(Pre-Cana requirement)

Sick and Shut-Ins: It is the family's
responsibility to notify the parish office
when a parishioner is in the hospital or
confined to home because of sickness
or old age. Father will bring the con-
fined person the Holy Mysteries on a
regular basis. It is recommended that
one receive the Anointing of the Sick
before any major surgery. Please don't
let the priest be last to know that some-
one is ill!

May the Lord Bless your kindness and
generosity to His House!



Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home, contact Father Artur/Fr Chris or the office staff for more information. God bless you!

Col 1:12-18; Lk 17:12-19

- YouTube Live** 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins, Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
St. Nicholas Award
Eternal Lamp: Philip Leahy by Talamante Family
5:30 pm Ask a Priest Anything Group Meeting
- Dec 6 Mon** ***Feast of St. Nicholas / Solemn Holy Day / Mitigation of Fast***
Heb 13:17-21; Lk 6:17-23
- Mitigation of Fast** 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Valeria Miner by Maria Kartsub
(YouTube LIVE)
- Dec 7 Tue** ***Ambrose Archbishop / Heb 4:1-13; Lk 21:12-18 (Page 277)***
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / God's Blessing on Alex Kartsub by Maria Kartsub
6:00 pm CAFÉ Meeting
6:30 pm Advisory Board Meeting
- Dec 8 Wed** ***Maternity of the Holy Anna / Solemn Holy Day / Mitigation of Fast***
Gal 4:22-31; Lk 8:16-21
- Mitigation of Fast** 4:30-5:45 pm Philokalia Prayer & Discussion Group
5:30 pm OLPH Devotions
6:00 pm Pro-Life Liturgy by Svenssons **(YouTube LIVE)**
- Dec 9 Thu** *Patapius Venerable / Heb 7:1-6; Lk 21:28-33*
- Dec 10 Fri** ***Minnas and Others Martyrs / Heb 7:18-55; Lk 21:37-22-8 (Page 381)***
-  9:00 am Prayer & witness in front of abortion clinic on San Mateo / Lomas
6:00 pm God's Blessing on Paul Kartsub by Maria Kartsub
- Dec 11 Sat** ***Daniel the Stylite Venerable / Spiridon Wonderworker Bishop***
Eph 2:11-13; Lk 13:18-29
- 10:30 am—4:00 pm Explorer Youth Meeting
- Dec 12 Sun** ***Sunday of the Forefathers / Col 3:4-11; Lk 14:16-24 /***
Feat of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 4:00 pm Great Vespers **(YouTube Live)**
Hebrew Scriptures for Sunday: Genesis 9:18-29; Samuel 22:26-51; Isaiah 56:1-7
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy / Healing and Salvation of Sven Svensson by Lara Davis
- YouTube LIVE** 8:30 am Rosary; 9:00 am Matins, Confessions
10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends
Eternal Lamp: Open

Remember Those Who Request Our Prayers:

Physician and Help of Those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm; O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their Iniquities, that they may glorify your might divine

Sharif Rabadi	Buster Miscusi	Paola Terlaza
Jenny Ford	Barbara De Lap	Ruth Sousa
Priscilla Hughes	Irene Bradley	Linda Granci
Marilyn Fore	Sorlah Chavez	Vicki Frank
Sven & Barbara	Abraham Haddad	Christopher
Svensson	Marianne Gerace	Barlow
Laurie Bienz	Lori Medina	Tracy McTernan
Brent Dodson-	Michael Baron	Scott Fafrak
Sands	Gabriel Preisler	Jordan Smith
John & Maria	Todd Bailey	Rebecca Baia
Alden	Fr Chris Zuger	Janet Worthington
Lara Davis	Marcie Dark	Patti Klinkovsky
Jessica Pieniadz	Michael Grega	Matt Williamson
Rhonda Glasscock		



Vocation Icon

Today:

Dodson-Sands Family

Next Sunday:

Brewer Family

Intentions of the Rosary:

1st Decade: Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states

2nd Decade: Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church

3rd Decade: Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church

4th Decade: Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them

5th Decade: Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

The joyful mysteries are recited from now until January 4

Holy Father's Intentions for December—Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

“Get up and go your way. Your faith has healed you!” The faith of the healed leper who returned to thank Jesus is a model of thanksgiving and love for God. Our Lord works through the faith of those who love him and serve His body, the Church. Is a life of service and faithfulness to God and His Church as a priest, deacon, monk or nun something that may be for you? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

December 12, 2021

Cantor: Evie Jilek

Reader: Brook Jilek

Altar Server: Michael Grega

Trojca: Maddy Riley &

Zachary Fedorowich

Counters: Rafael Plut, Ann Rajala

Propers for 12/12/2021
Sunday of the Forefathers
Tone 4

Troparion (Tone 4)- 141

Troparion (Forefathers) - 281

v. Glory...

Kontakion (Forefathers) - 281

v. Now & Ever...

Theotokion - 406

Prokeimenon & Alleluia - 282

Our Father - 69

Communion Hymn - 79 & 283 [D]

OLPH Prayer Warriors

Sunday (Zoom). Send your prayer requests to Patricia at pocb@unm.edu

THE PRAYER WARRIORS IS OPEN TO EVERYONE--WOMEN, MEN, & CHILDREN (children who have their parents' permission)!

Please join us!!

12/12 Contentment

12/19 Habitation

Barbara's Hall Report

The social was called off last week because of Covid. No one came, not even Mr. Nobody! Maybe next week!

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX

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Beautiful newly designed Mission Society **Christmas Cards** are available to purchase at OLPH. This year Bishop Nil, the apostolic administrator for the Mukachevo eparchy (Ukraine), has asked for **help in building a social center to assist the homeless**. Russia's long war in eastern Ukraine has increased poverty and weakened health care and social services in a country that was already poor. This results in more people losing their homes or what little support they had. The Catholic Church has been working hard at helping all those in need, regardless of religious affiliation. *Every dollar will go so very far over there.*

Thank you for your generosity, and please encourage family, friends & other parishioners to purchase our cards!

Sunday December 12 we will have collection for Retirement Fund for

Religious: In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Year End Finances For those parishioners who use their tithe as a part of their income tax charitable deductions for 2021, all contributions must be received at the church by December 31.

ATTENTION PARISH FAMILY TITHING ENVELOPE BOXES FOR 2022 WITH YOUR NAME ON IT ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU ON THE FRONT PEW AT THE ENTRANCE. IF YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR NAME PLEASE SEE ANN

ONLINE GIVING / ONLINE TITHING is available on our website:

For those parishioners who can't attend in person or traveling or anyone who find this more convenient, we just set up a new way to tithe online using your credit card or debit card information. You can do a one-time donation or setup weekly donations!! You will receive a receipt and statement immediately after donating. The software takes a very small percentage of the donation, but its worth it for the ease of the system. You can donate using your computer / smartphone at: <https://www.ol.phnm.org/giving>.

Icons of St Nicholas either show the Saint alone, crowned as a Byzantine rite bishop (Feast day December 6), or he is shown uncrowned (Translation of his relics, May 9) usually with Jesus above his right shoulder holding the Gospel Book and Our Lady over his left shoulder holding the pallium. These figures commemorate the occasion when Nicholas is said to have slapped the heretic Arius, who was proclaiming his belief at the Council of Nicaea that Jesus was created, and not fully human and divine. The bishops threw Nicholas into a cell and deposed him. However that night, every bishop had the same dream, wherein Jesus and Mary restored Nicholas to his office as bishop. Chastened, the bishops released Nicholas and restored him as bishop.

Icons can depict incidents from his own life or miracles attributed to his intercession. St Nicholas is shown here with his features transformed by holiness. His deep-set, compassionate eyes gaze contemplatively upon the believer. His high forehead reveals his great wisdom. It is surrounded by a nimbus or halo symbolizing the light of grace. His expression is one of deep serenity, the inner tranquility of one who keeps the Lord ever in his sight (Psalm 16.8-9). He is almost always shown wearing red robes, to evoke the image of the fire of the Holy Spirit because of his passionate preaching. His face also shows compassion, as here is a bishop who really suffered with his people.

The icon of Nicholas on our iconostas is an excellent example of Byzantine art as produced in a Slavonic language monastery of our Church from the 17th century. It is a very rare icon. The lack of gold is due to poverty of the monks, but the black actually accentuates the haloes which in turn accentuates the three figures.

Holy Maternity of St. Anna/ Immaculate Conception

The conception of the all-holy virgin Mary in the womb of Anna is celebrated on December 9 in the Byzantine tradition, for a natural reason, that the Eastern ancients thought a girl was in the womb one day less than a boy. However, in the Ruthenian Church in America, the feast is now celebrated together with the Roman Church on December 8, nine months before her birth on September 8, because she is the patron of the United States.

It is clear that this is a preparation for the birth of Christ on Christmas, for the first sticheron of the feast begins: "The barren Anna leaped for joy when she gave birth to Mary the Virgin who in turn will give birth in the flesh to God the Word." Mary, the daughter of Anna and Joachim by way of natural birth is to be the temple of the Word of God incarnate for our sake and for our salvation.

The Eastern and Western Churches put the accent on different aspects of the feast. In the East, we celebrate the miracle of God taking away the barrenness of Anna's womb. The Protoevangelium of James portrays the sadness of Joachim and Anna. Joachim lamented, "I have searched whether I am the only one who has not begotten offspring in Israel, and I have found of all the righteous that they had raised up offspring in Israel." Anna wept, "I will bewail my widowhood, and bewail my childlessness." (1,3 and 2,1) Two angels came, one to Joachim and another to Anna with a divine message that they would bear a child, even in their old age. When God takes away emptiness, he fills us more than our faith can grasp, and they gave birth not only a child, but to the new Ark of God's covenant with us.

The Western Church, on the other hand, puts the accent on Mary's purity from all sin from her conception, defined by Pope Bl. Pius IX in 1854 as the Immaculate Conception. The theology behind this is that the incarnation of the sinless Word of God must come from a sinless temple, the womb of Mary which was never touched by sin, even from her conception.

It is unfortunate that this dogma has become a bone of contention between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches. Both believe in the ancestral sin, but in different ways, so that for the Orthodox the main curse of the sin of Adam and Eve is death, while for the Catholics, it is original sin. May we seek unity and not division. Most Orthodox theologians do believe that the "ancestral sin" has infected the human race, but might disagree about the way it does this. In our dialogue, we must seek a mutual understanding, perhaps in the words of Orthodox theologians who saw a "pre-purification" in Mary. "And in every way [the Lord] became a man, save sin, for he had been conceived from a virgin, after she had been pre-purified with respect to soul and body through the Holy Spirit." (Gregory the Theologian, Homily 38 on the Theophany) or St. John Damascene, who wrote, "O all-blessed loins of Joachim, from which the all-pure seed was sown. O epic womb, in which the all-holy infant was born, after she was formed, and a little later increased by nutriments from Anne. Her (Anne's) belly conceived in itself an ensouled heaven, wider than the wide space of heaven." (Both quotes from Christian Kappes' book, *The Immaculate Conception* 21 and 60)

In both cases, the conception of the Theotokos in the womb of Anna today is our preparation for Christmas. For God took away the barrenness of one couple in a conception that would have a cosmic dimension for every one of us: the coming into the world of it's Creator, who would take away the curse on Adam and Eve by the birth of his Son with the power to bring us all into sinlessness. Receiving his body and blood in Communion, the priest prays, "may this be for the remission of sins and life everlasting." The Hymn of Light at Matins thus proclaims: "Today Anna conceives the One who will give birth to the Light which illumines all creation. Therefore, let us all gather together, for the one who delivers us from the judgment of Eve now comes forth." (By Fr David Petras "Christmas Fast")



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