

### *The Legendary Saint Nicholas*

The absence of the “hard facts” of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to St. Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that, after the Theotokos, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet, historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

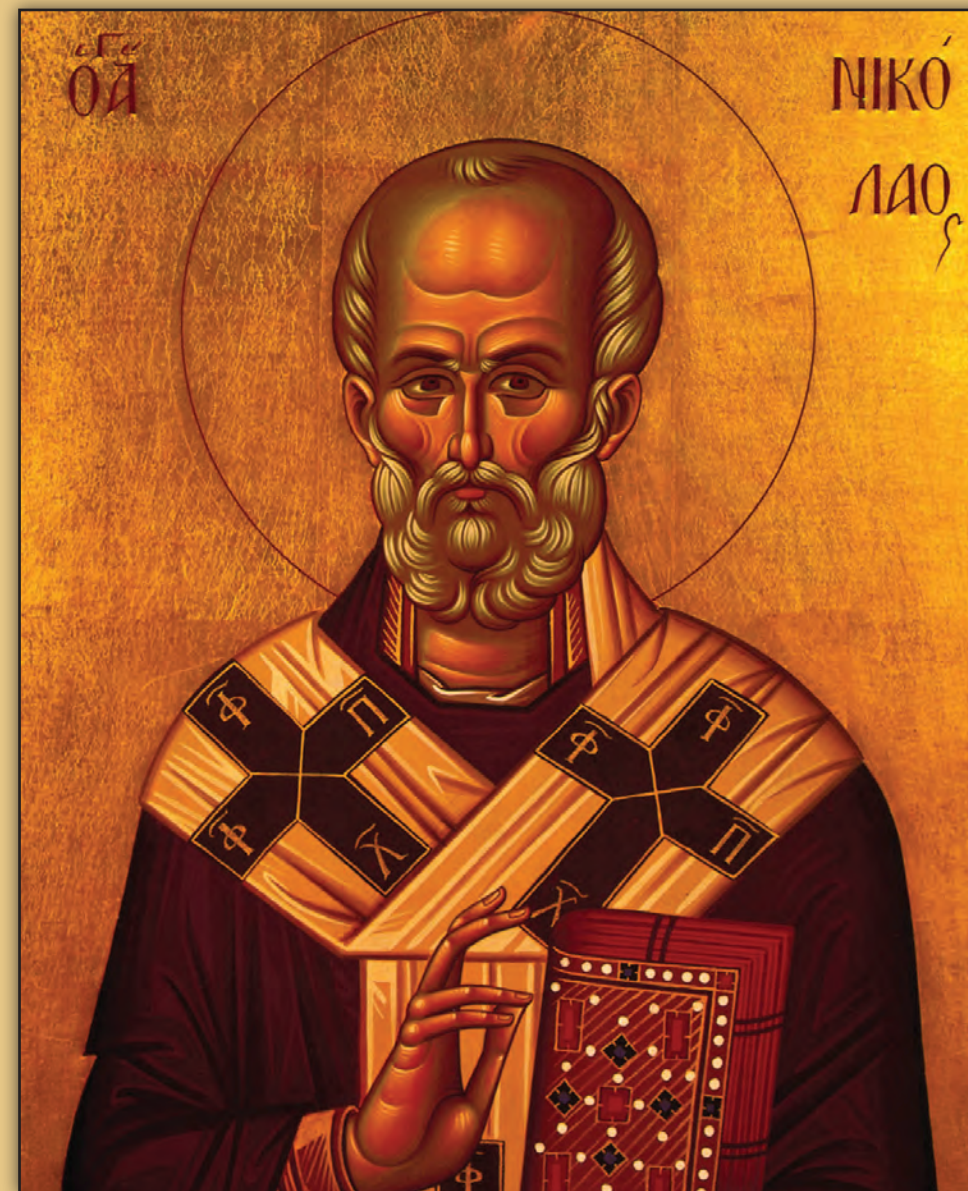
As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him – an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries.

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three

daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In the English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus – further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

The critical eye of modern history makes us take a deeper look at the legends surrounding St. Nicholas. But perhaps we can utilize the lesson taught by his legendary charity, look deeper at our approach to material goods in the Christmas season and seek ways to extend our sharing to those in real need.

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Saint Nicholas of Myra -- December 6th*

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Father Robert Hitchens

Father Wasyl Kharuk

**Sunday – December 6, 2020**

**Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки    Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever**

The District of Columbia is at Phase 2, and our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. But, some may not feel ready to return, so we will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.

**Sunday Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

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**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES**

<b>Sunday December 6</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Our Holy Father Nicholas</b> (For the Parish) (+Ross Chomiak from Family)
<b>Tuesday December 8</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Health of Oksana K from Irene)
<b>Wednesday December 9</b> <b>*7:00 p.m.*</b>	<b>Conception of St. Anna (Immaculate Conception) – Live Streamed</b> (+Mark Hitchens from Family)
<b>Thursday December 10</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+David and +Myron Nagurney from Irene)
<b>Friday December 11</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Peter and +Johanna Ferko from Ruth)
<b>Sunday December 13</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(+Helen Caldwell from Friend) (For the Parish)

**ST. PHILIP'S FAST CHARITY PROJECT 2020**

Please bring a new unwrapped baby item to donate to the Front Royal Pregnancy Center. We invite everyone to purchase and donate **NEW, UNOPENED BABY ITEMS**. The pregnancy center will accept anything that could be used by babies and mothers, including bottles, clothing, strollers, car seats, “pack and plays,” and knitted hats and jackets. But the following items are especially needed:• Diapers (Sizes: Newborn, 4, and 5)• Baby Formula Similac Sensitive Powder Formula (8 or 12 oz. cans) Similac Pro-Advance Powdered Formula (8 or 12 oz. cans) Maternity Clothes Pants and Skirts (Sizes: L and XL) Dresses (Sizes: S, M, L, and XL) **PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 10, 2021**

**ST. PHILIP'S FAST – PYLYPIVKA 2020 (NOVEMBER 15)**

In preparation for Christmas and the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, our church begins the spiritual journey of the pre-Christmas Fast. Please prepare to worthily celebrate the Birth of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a voluntary fast period. Please observe it as you are able to best prepare yourself for Christmas – Good Deeds, Volunteering, Confession, Fasting.

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Damian Fedoryka, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, 1LT Catherine Hetmansky Hayes (Active Duty Iraq), Julia Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta Andrew, Gerald Stasko, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Jarrelyn Trusen, Cindy Turcek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson, Michael Zabych.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

**CONCERNING FUTURE PARISH EVENTS**

**On October 7, the Mayor of the District of Columbia extended the Pandemic State of Emergency to December 31, 2020. As such, we will not be able to have our Annual Parish Christmas Dinner/Prosfora in January. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended.**

**2020 Christmas Schedule In Church and Live Streamed**

**Thursday December 24 Christmas Eve \*ONLY\* at Holy Family Washington, DC**

**4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy**

**10:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy**

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**Friday December 25 Christmas Day \*ONLY\* at SS. Joachim and Anna Front Royal, VA**

**11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**

**1396 Linden Street**

**Front Royal, VA 22630**

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