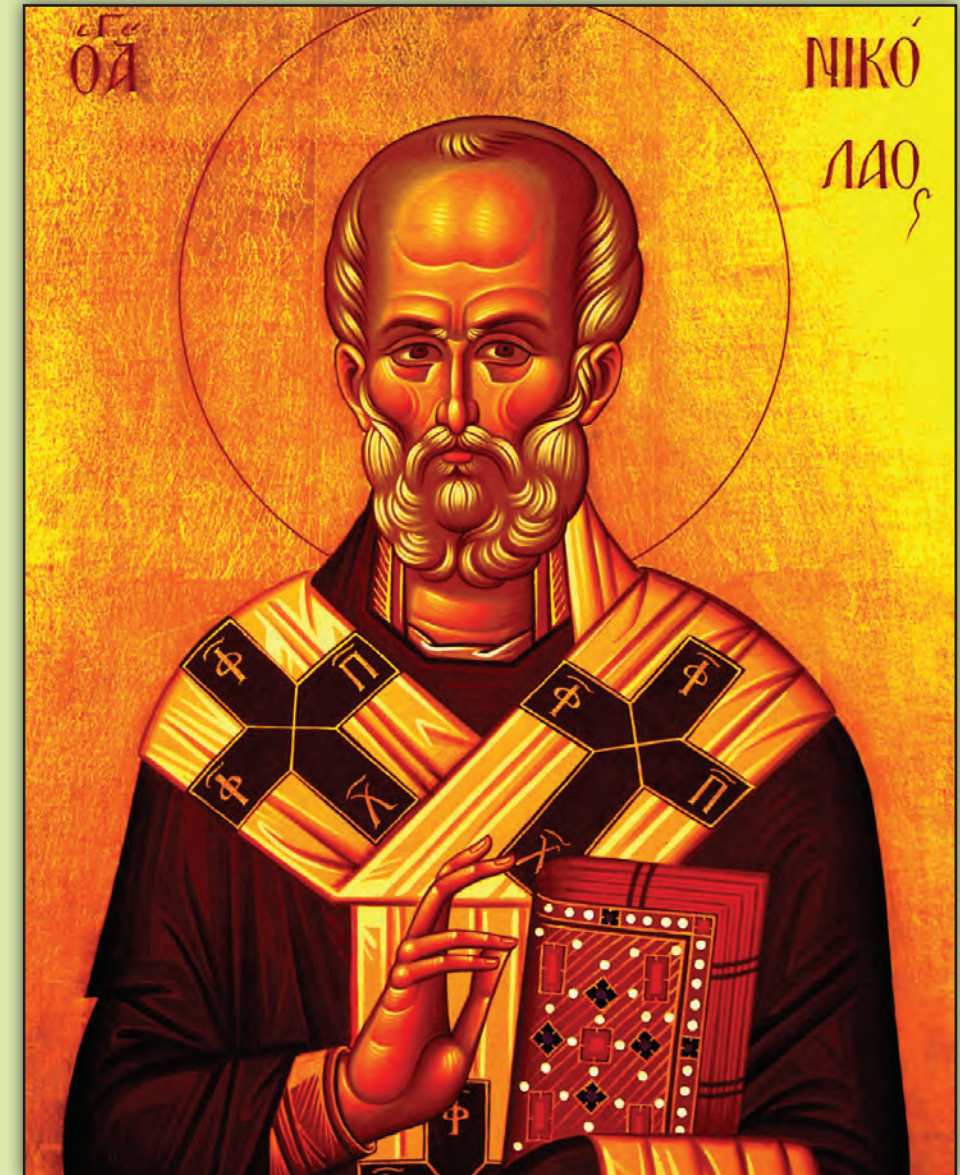


TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Nicholas -- December 6th

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.

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Sunday – December 5, 2021

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

Our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. 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.

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

Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday December 5 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Chrystyna Kinal from Family)
Monday December 6 6:00 p.m.	St. Nicholas (+Alice Gould from Bob Wiesner)
Tuesday December 7 9:00 a.m.	(+Eugenia Osgood from Friend)
Wednesday December 8 9:00 a.m.	(+Tom Longua from Friend)
Thursday December 9 6:00 p.m.	Conception of St. Anna (when she conceived the Mother of God) (+Orysia Dackiw from the Winicki Family) Fr. A. (+Ross Chomiak from Family) Fr. R.
Friday December 10 9:00 a.m.	(+Wally Buczkowski from the Drabyk Family)
Sunday December 12 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Marion Bartoszyk from Friend)

ST. PHILIP’S FAST – PYLYPIVKA 2021

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.

CHRISTMAS KOLACH BREAD, KOBASA AND POPPY SEED, WALNUT OR CHEESE STRIP SALE-ORDERS ONLY

Place your order for kolach breads (challah) at \$12 each, nut or poppy or cheese rolls (pastry strips) at \$15 each and Kobasa. Kobasa is the Schinkowa Ring (known sometimes as "chunky"); each comes vacuum-packed and is between 2 and 3 pounds on average; price is dependent on weight but is approximately \$9 a pound. **On-line orders only must be received by Sunday, December 12 to ucnsholyfamily@gmail.com.** Orders will be available for pickup on Sunday, December 19 between 10 and 11:30 AM.

ST. PHILIP’S FAST CHARITY PROJECT 2021

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 9, 2022.**

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, 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, Larry Sosnowich, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** 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.

2021 Christmas Schedule at Holy Family

Friday December 24 Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Children’s Divine Liturgy - English

10:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian and English

Saturday December 25 Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian

Sunday December 26 Sunday after Christmas

10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian and English