

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Susanna Abu-Dawood December 10
- Joy Allen in AZ December 11
- Sean Patterson December 12

BLESSED SAINT'S DAY

- Nicholas Andrews St Nicholas, December 6
- Edward Backus St Nicholas, December 6
- Hanneh Fashho Conception of Theotokos, December 9
- Anna Mantalvanos St Anna, December 9

WELCOME GUESTS

Guests are always welcome to worship with us! We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you might have about Holy Orthodoxy or our parish.

If you are an Orthodox Christian, and are prepared through prayer, fasting and recent confession, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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December 6, 2020



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NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER,
ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA
& TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

♦Nicholas, Bishop of Patara ♦New-martyr Nicholas of Karamania in Asia Minor

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. NICHOLAS IN TONE FOUR

Thy works of justice did reveal thee to thy community as a canon of faith, the likeness of humility and the teacher of abstinence, O thou Father and great Bishop Nicholas. Wherefore, by humility thou didst achieve exaltation, and by thy meekness wealth. Intercede, therefore, intercede with Christ that He will save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF ST TIMOTHY IN TONE FOUR

O holy apostle Timothy, master of unction measured in all thy deeds, clothed with an upright conscience as befits a priest, thou has drawn ineffable truths from Paul the vessel of election; thou hast kept the faith and completed a course equal to his, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

THE READINGS

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?*

FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE HEBREWS. (13:17-21)

Brethren, obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account. Let them do this joyfully, and not sadly, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE. (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrite! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As Jesus said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

After each service, the priest serving will be available to hear confessions

- ◆ Wednesday, 6:00 — Vespers
- ◆ Friday, 6:00 — an evening service
- ◆ Saturday, 6:00 — Great Vespers

The Nativity Fast continues until Christmas Eve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ The Sisterhood of St Timothy meets today in the Parish Hall. We'll begin at 11:45.
- ◆ The Parish Council meets this Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Parish members are welcome to attend. Contact Samer Awwad for the video conference details.
- ◆ Thank you, Angels, for the gifts you donated for the women (and their children) of Alpha Pregnancy Center!
 - * We'll deliver the gifts to Alpha today and they will give them out during the week.
- ◆ Baby Bottles in the parish hall—another opportunity for you to help Alpha Pregnancy Center! Take a bottle home and fill it with your spare change and bills of any denomination. Bring your bottle back by end of December.
- ◆ The bookstore is open today (every Sunday and usually during the weekly services). The bookstore now has:
 - * Incense
 - * Calendars for 2021
 - * Christmas cards and Christmas ornaments
 - * The new St Timothy Cookbook
 - * *Christ in the Psalms*, by Fr Patrick Reardon, for the women's book study in January