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Бюлетень – Bulletin

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December 6, 2020

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost; Our Holy Father Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia Tone 2

Schedule of Sunday & Weekday Services

12.6.20 – 27-та Неділя після

Зіслання Святого Духа

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь

10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

12.9.20 – Свято Непорочного зачаття

9:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

12.13.20 – Неділя святих Праотців

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь

10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

12.6.20 – 27th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Rosary and Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

12.9.20 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

12.13.20 – Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

9:30 a.m. – Rosary and Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas Celebration after Liturgy

Парафіяльні Оголошення

- 12-13 грудня, 2020 року, відбудеться єпархіальний он-лайн собор на тему «Еміграція, поселення і глобальна церква УГКЦ».
- Святковий обід та програма до дня святого Миколая відбудеться в неділю 13-го грудня після Служби Божої.
- У зв'язку зі зростанням захворюваності на COVID-19 просимо одягати маски, мити руки чи використовувати санітайзер та зберігати дистанцію
- Нам потрібні додаткові волонтери для нашого приготування пирогів. Особливо підготовка продуктів (четвер вранці) та їх ліплення і варіння (п'ятниця).
- Ми закликаємо всіх наших парафіян молитися за мир у світі, особливо про закінчення війни та мир в Україні, а також щоб США зібралися разом і намагалися зрозуміти один одного.

19 Little-Remembered Facts About St. Nicholas, Part 1

St. Nicholas, one of the one endearing saints revered by Western and Eastern rite Catholics and Orthodox, has many fascinating facts connected to his life that we should be aware of to keep Christmas in our heart throughout the year.

1. The saint's name Nicholas is of Greek origin and means “victor of people.” **2.** Nicholas was born in Patara in A.D. 270 and served as Bishop of Myra, both seaport towns off Turkey's southern coast where he lived all his life (and died in 345). **3.** His remains ended up in the seaport town Bari, in the heel of Italy's boot. The Feast of the Translation of the Holy Relics St. Nicholas from Myra to Bari in 1087 is celebrated in Italy on May 9 in the basilica built there as a shrine to him and completed in 1089. Venetian sailors had taken the bones of Nicholas from his tomb in Myra then left behind some fragments. In 1100 they went back to Myra to collect the remaining fragments which are enshrined in the church of St. Nicholas on the Lido, Venice, Italy. **4.** A pure liquid known as the Manna of St. Nicholas has flowed from his bones for 17 centuries. Each May 9th on the Feast of the Translation of the Relics of St. Nicholas, a Dominican priest siphons the manna of St. Nicholas into a glass vial. The manna is traditionally used to bless the Christian faithful. **5.** When Nicholas was born, his parents were serving the needs of the sick and contracted the same disease and died. Being the only child, he inherited everything. St. Nicholas is the first of the saints you can consider a philanthropist in the way he designated his wealth to be used for certain things at certain times. **6.** St. Nicholas's anonymous gift-giving originated in his hometown of Patara in Turkey. According to ancient tradition, to deliver a destitute family of a widower father and his three daughters, who their father was considering to sell into slavery out of dire poverty, the young Nicholas secretly threw three bags of gold coins through their window on three consecutive nights. His anonymous nocturnal gift-giving has continued in many countries to today, including being translated into Santa's visits. **7.** The symbol of three gold balls at a pawn brokers' shops echo this compassionate act. St. Nicholas is considered the patron saint of pawnbrokers. **8.** Saint Nicholas's compassion for the poor, marginalized and, in particular, children, and especially providing aid anonymously to those in greatest need, became so legendary that it never faded over the centuries, but inspired others, and was imitated especially around Christmas in many countries. He got to be Santa Claus thanks to a corruption of the Dutch way of referring to him as “Sinterklaas.” The Dutch brought “Sinterklaas” with them to North America in 1621 when they founded New Amsterdam on the tip of Manhattan. English speaking settlers later corrupted the name, which evolved into “Santa Claus.” **9.** St. Nicholas is sometimes referred to as the “boy bishop” because he was consecrated Bishop of Myra at the tender age of 30. **10.** He was one of the 318 bishops participating in the Council of Nicaea, the First Ecumenical Council of the Church, in A.D. 325. The main purpose was to resolve confusion over the nature of the Son in his relationship to the Father caused by the Arian heresy. The Council of Nicaea formulated the Nicene Creed which outlines basic Christian belief that the Son is “consubstantial” with the Father — the Creed we pray at Sunday Mass to this day. **TO BE CONTINUED....**

Parish Announcements

- On December 12-13, 2020, an eparchial online council with the theme "Immigration, Settlements and Global Unity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church" will take place.
- St. Nicholas potluck dinner and party will be Sunday, December 13, 2020 following Divine Liturgy.
- Due to the increase in Covid 19 cases, please remember to wear a mask, wash hands or use sanitizer and keep social distance from those not in your family.
- We are in need of additional volunteers for our pyrohy ministry, especially in the food preparation area (Thursday morning) and in the cooking area (Friday).
- We call upon all our parishioners to pray for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war & peace in Ukraine, & that people of the USA come together & try to understand each other.

Prayer list of the sick or aged parishioners & friends of the parish

Finbarr Jones, Olga Wasylowsky, Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Natalie Shuya, Charlotte Scheuer, Irene Karpinec, Nadia Kusznir, Oksana Nosyk, Rose Adamko, John Lackhouse and young Samuel Rocha. Remember also all those who have suffered due to Covid 19 – the ill, the deceased, the care workers and those whose jobs have been lost because of the virus.

If you know of someone who should be on this list, please let me know the name of the individual.

Our intercessory prayer for the sick and aged is truly helpful and comforting.

Father Volodymyr would like to visit our sick and elderly parishioners, especially those who cannot be with us for liturgies. Please call him at **773-979-4737** to let him know who would like a visit.

О. Володимир бажає відвідати хворих та старших парафіян, які не можуть приходити до церкви.

Просимо повідомити його за номером **773-979-4737**.

Sunday Collection for November 29, 2020:

Envelopes: \$320.00 Candles: \$58.00 Loose Cash: \$41.00 TOTAL: \$419.00

Please mail your donations to: St. Josaphat, 8624 White Oak Ave, Munster IN 46321. THANK YOU!

As Christmas nears, remember those who have less. Food items are being collected to be given to the local food pantry. Please show your thanks to God for what you have by sharing generously with others.

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.

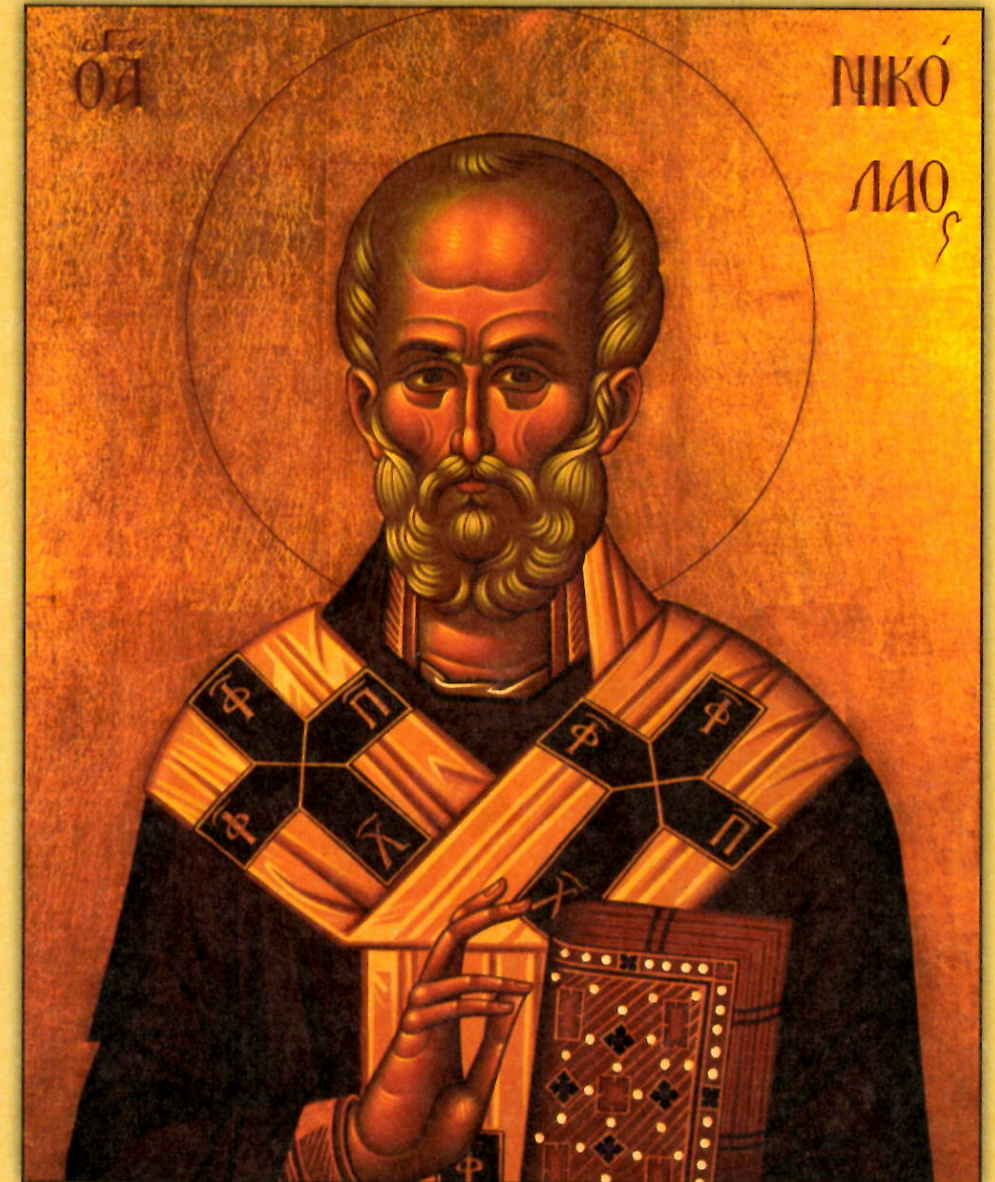
As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him – an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries.

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