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DECEMBER 19, 2021  
**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER,  
ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA**  
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Epistle Readings**

Ephesians 5:8-19  
Hebrews 13:17-21

**Gospel Readings**

Luke 13:10-17  
Luke 6:17-23

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!  
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

**Troparion** (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom! Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

**Troparion** (St. Nicholas the Wonderworker)

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Nicholas, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

**Kontakion** (St. Nicholas the Wonderworker)

You revealed yourself, O saint, in Myra as a priest, for you fulfilled the Gospel of Christ by giving up your soul for your people, and saving the innocent from death. Therefore you are blessed as one become wise in the grace of God.

**Kontakion** (St. Luke)

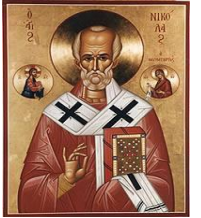
Let us praise the godly Luke: he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church; for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, together with wise Paul, to be a teacher of the gentiles!

**Memory Eternal**

May our Lord grant rest eternal with the saints to Nick Antich on the anniversary of his repose. He fell asleep in the Lord on his family’s St. Nicholas Slava in 2019. Večnaja pamjat+

**St. Nicholas Visits our Church School Children Today**

Saint Nicholas has been chosen as the special protector of a great many classes of people, cities, churches, and even countries. In the West he is most widely known as the guardian of children. Many of his stories tell of children rescued from calamity and returned to the care and keeping of their families. It is no wonder he is the beloved patron saint of children. *Excerpted: stnicholascenter.org*



**Welcome** to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Join us for refreshments following Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, talk with Fr. John or any of us.

**St. Nicholas Slava Celebration**

The Glomazic and Whitestone families warmly invite everyone to join them after Liturgy for a luncheon and live music in celebration of their St. Nicholas Slava/Patron Saint Day. We thank them for their gracious hospitality. “Srećna slava!” greetings to them, the de la Riva family, and everyone celebrating their personal or family Patron Saint Day.

**Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, December 22 at 7PM on Zoom**

Join us this week when our class discusses *The Gospel of St. Luke – Good News for the Poor* by Fr. Lawrence Farley. Fr. John will email the link and his study notes.

**Message from Fr. John about December 25**

“Our parishioners have my blessings for an exception to fasting on 'new calendar Christmas'. They may join others with a clear conscience and in the full joy of celebrating the Nativity of our Lord.”

**Feast of the Nativity**

- Please schedule a time to meet with Fr. John for Confession during the Nativity Fast.
- Thurs., January 6 7:30PM Burning of the Badnjak and Christmas Eve Vigil
- Friday, January 7 10:30AM Festal Divine Liturgy followed by a luncheon

**IOCC Frontliners Deploy to Tornado Disaster Area**

An IOCC team arrived in Bowling Green, KY last week to provide emotional and spiritual support to the people suffering in the devastation. Follow their reports on <https://iocc.org>. Online donations can be made at [US Emergency Response Fund](https://www.usa.gov/emergency-response-fund). IOCC asks: “Please pray for our Frontliners and for every person they serve.”

**Response to Toy Drive Questions**

This year because of Covid, social service agencies used online wish lists for toys rather than accepting toy deliveries. The toy drive is now over. Monetary donations can still be made: <https://www.nvfs.org/support/holiday-giving/gifting-for-families/donate-online/>

**God Grant You Many Years!**

God bless Cindy Volosin and Maggie Sledge on their birthdays this week. Mnogaja ljeta!