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25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

December 12, 2021

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Colossians 3:4-11 (Epistle)

Luke 14:16-24 (Gospel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship.

If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.

TODAY **Sunday of the Forefathers;** St. Spyridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus (ca. †348); Ven. Ferapónt, Abbot of Monza (†16TH c.); Hieromartyr Alexander, Bishop of Jerusalem (†251); Martyr Syndesis (Razumnik) of Rome (†270-275).

READERS: Hours: Sevasti BERGSTROM

Epistle: Dominika LLAMAS

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy - LIVE Stream on St. Nicholas Facebook Page**

11:20 am **Sunday School**

11:40 am **Fellowship**

12:20 pm **Choir Rehearsal**

Friday, December 17

7:00 pm **Orthodoxy Study - LIVE Stream on St. Nicholas Facebook Page**

Saturday, December 18

10:00 am **Christmas Bake Sale**

4:50 pm Ninth Hour

5:00 pm **Great Vespers**

Sunday, December 19 **26TH Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday before the Nativity;** Martyr Boniface at Tarsus in Cilicia, and Righteous Aglaída of Rome (†290); Ven. Ilya of Murom, Wonderworker of the Kiev Near Caves (†1188); Martyrs Elias, Probus, and Ares in Cilicia (†308); St. Boniface the Merciful, Bishop of Ferentino (†6TH c.); St. Gregory, Archbishop of Omirits (ca. †552).

READERS: Hours: Sean LENCKUS

Epistle: Alexis OUCHAKOV

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER Sunday, December 5TH, 2021 - Donation / Assessments \$2,225.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

\$300.00 Sean LENCKUS;

\$350.00 Alex & Katerina OUCHAKOV;

\$100.00 ANONYMOUS;

\$ 20.00 ANONYMOUS;

\$ 20.00 ANONYMOUS;

\$200.00 Maria LLAMAS;

Grand Total

\$990.00

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE On Saturday, December 18TH at 10am our church will host the Annual Bake Sale. We will be selling **Homemade Assorted Cookie Trays** in one pound containers. Please bring 5-6 dozen of the same cookie (no gooey for sticky frosting as they will be stacked) by Saturday, December 18TH at 9am. **Helpers with the bake sale are requested the come morning of the bake sale to assemble the trays.**

- MANY THANKS** ♦ HAUG family for hosting this morning Fellowship.
 ♦ Maria LLAMAS, Valerie HAUG and all children from our Sunday School for beautiful Nativity play.
 ♦ Sergij & Iryna HADZHULA for donating 8 Poinsettia flowers.

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY Please get your photo taken today or any of the next two Sundays -- free of charge! Or, if it's easier, just send along via e-mail a "selfie" you've taken at home, a recent family portrait, etc. We'll accept either, as we don't want anyone to be left out!

CALENDARS AVAILABLE Liturgical calendars for 2022 are available in the vestibule of the church.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES Please, don't forget to take your Envelopes for the 2022 they are available in the vestibule of the church. If you don't find a box with your name on it and would like to receive a one, please let us know.

SAVE THE DATE! Our Diocesan Hierarchy, Bishop Paul, will be visiting St. Nicholas parish on Saturday, January 1ST at 5:00pm for the Vespers Service and on Sunday, January 2ND at 10:00am for Divine Liturgy. After Divine Liturgy we will hold a potluck social hour and caroling.

MANY YEARS... Happy Birthday to Valerie HAUG on December 13TH, Natalya TRUFYN on December 15TH, and Anna VILCHIS on December 16TH.

Newly Baptized Mark VOLEAC on December 4TH

May God grant all our celebrants Many Happy and Healthy Years!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following people, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

Dn. David HANNEMAN	Tom KOMPARE	Joseph ORLOVICH	Jovan HAUG	Jose FELIX	Toma ANDREEV
Sevasti BERGSTROM	Timothy KLEINERT	Josephine ORLOVICH	Elena PAVLOVA	Stefan KARADJOV	Nina ARNOLD
Katherina BRADLEY	June BRADLEY	Chrystyna ZATKHEY	Yurij PAVLOVA	Natalia MALAIDAKH	Nadia BILANYK
Galyna SHAFRANEC	Richard GARRETT	Thomas GARRETT	Alice PISTILLI	Lubov SIROTUK	Joann HILK
Mariana BODNARCHUK	Chrystyna BODNARCHUK	Isabella GARCIA			

Today Epistle (Colossians 3:4-11)

Brethren... When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Today Gospel (Luke 14:16-24)

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

Апостол Дня (Колоссянам 3:4-11)

Братия... Когда же явится Христос, жизнь ваша, тогда и вы явитесь с Ним во славе. Итак, умертвите земные члены ваши: блуд, нечистоту, страсть, злую похоть и любостяжание, которое есть идолослужение, за которые гнев Божий грядет на сынов противления, в которых и вы некогда обращались, когда жили между ними. А теперь вы отложите все: гнев, ярость, злобу, злоречие, сквернословие уст ваших; не говорите лжи друг другу, совлекшись ветхого человека с делами его и облекшись в нового, который обновляется в познании по образу Создавшего его, где нет ни Еллина, ни Иудея, ни обрезания, ни необрезания, варвара, Скифа, раба, свободного, но все и во всем Христос.

Евангелие Дня (Луки 14:16-24)

Он же сказал ему: "Один человек сделал большой ужин и звал многих, и когда наступило время ужина, послал раба своего сказать званым: 'Идите, ибо уже все готово.' И начали все, как бы сговорившись, извиняться. Первый сказал ему: 'Я купил землю и мне нужно пойти посмотреть ее; прошу тебя, извини меня.' Другой сказал: 'Я купил пять пар волов и иду испытать их; прошу тебя, извини меня.' Третий сказал: 'Я женился и потому не могу придти.' И, возвратившись, раб тот донес о сем господину своему. Тогда, разгневавшись, хозяин дома сказал рабу своему: 'Пойди скорее по улицам и переулкам города и приведи сюда нищих, увечных, хромых и слепых.' И сказал раб: 'Господин! исполнено, как приказал ты, и еще есть место.' Господин сказал рабу: 'Пойди по дорогам и изгородям и убеди придти, чтобы наполнился дом мой. Ибо сказываю вам, что никто из тех званых не вкусит моего ужина, ибо много званых, но мало избранных.'"