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26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

December 11, 2022

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Ephesians 5:9-19 (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 **Our Church Patron Day;** Ven. Daniel the Stylite of Constantinople (†489-490); Ven. Nikon the Dry of the Kyiv (Near Caves †12TH c.); Martyrs Mirax, Acepisus and Aithalas, of Egypt (†7TH c.); Ven. Luke the New Stylite of Chalcedon (ca. †970-980).

READERS: Hours: Sevasti BERGSTROM

Epistle: George KLEINERT

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am Divine Liturgy - **LIVE STREAM ON ST. NICHOLAS FACEBOOK PAGE**

11:30 am Fellowship with Lenten Potluck

11:40 am St. Nicholas Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Thursday, December 15 All Saints Greek Orthodox Church 102 N Broadway St., Joliet

6:30 pm Orthodox Bible Study (Fr. Alexander Bugarin will be leading this session. Please, join us!)

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Saturday, December 17

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, December 18 27TH Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday before the Nativity; Martyr Sebastian at

Rome and his companions: Martyrs Nicostratus, Zoë, Castorius, Tranquillinus, Marcellinus, Mark, Claudius, Symphorian, Victorinus, Tiburtius, and Castulus (ca. †287); Ven. Sebastian, Abbot of Pshekhónsk Monastery (Vologdá — ca. †1500); Righteous Simeon, Wonderworker of Verkhotúr'ye (†1694); St. Modestus, Archbishop of Jerusalem (†633-634); St. Florus, Bishop of Amisus (†7TH c.); St. Michael the Confessor at Constantinople (ca. †845).

READERS: Hours: Anna VILCHIS

Epistle: Marlo PERRY

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am Divine Liturgy - **LIVE STREAM ON ST. NICHOLAS FACEBOOK PAGE**

11:40 am Fellowship

12:15 pm First Confession Lesson

STEWARDSHIP CORNER Sunday December 4TH, 2022 - Donation / Assessments \$2,943.00

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Contributions for Christmas flowers are welcome. Donations can be made in honor of your loved ones. After the Christmas season has ended these flowers will be available to take home.

WHY DO CHRISTIANS FAST? In Matthew 6:16, Jesus tells His followers, "When you fast" and proceeds to give specific instructions about how they are to fast and pray. It's interesting that Jesus didn't say 'if' you fast, He said 'when' you fast. This tells us that Jesus assumed His followers were going to fast. This means fasting is a spiritual discipline that every Christian must devote themselves to. It's important to note that fasting without prayer is simply not eating. Remember that the goal is to not eat (or only eat specific types of food) for a time so that you can redirect your focus, energy, and attention toward God. The goal is to replace consuming food with time reading God's Word and in prayer.

CALENDARS AVAILABLE Liturgical calendars for 2023 are available in the vestibule of the church.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES Please, don't forget to take your Envelopes for the 2023 they are available in the vestibule of our church. If you don't find a box with your name on it and would like to receive a one, please let us know. Your weekly offerings are our parish's main source of our income. We encourage you to use your envelopes weekly for your donations.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: We need volunteers to host OR sponsor coffee hour. If you would like to provide refreshments (light food to serve), please sign up. If you would prefer to sponsor the parish by ordering bagels, cream cheese, and fresh fruit, see Maria.

***Fasting days**

December 18,* 2022 — *volunteers needed* ♦ December 25, 2022 — *volunteers needed*

ALTAR CANDLES are available for purchase in honor of (nameday, birthday, anniversary, etc.) or in memory of someone. An additional stewardship offering of \$20 to the Church is requested.

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

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:

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| Dn. David HANNEMAN | Tom KOMPARE | Joseph ORLOVICH | Jovan HAUG | warrior Sergij MARTYNUK |
| Kathy HANNEMAN | Susan NICKLAS | Josephine ORLOVICH | Tetiana MAZUR | Stefan KARADJOV |
| Sevasti BERGSTROM | Sue UNDERWOOD | Gary GALLICK | Jose FELIX | Toma ANDREEV |
| Fr. Bohdan BODNARCHUK | Stevan LUNICH | Fr. Joseph KOPKA | Alice PISTILLI | Duane BRADLEY |

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.

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.

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.'"

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 званным: '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 званных не вкусит моего ужина, ибо много званных, но мало избранных.'"

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