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January 2, 2022 2 Timothy 4:5-8 (Epistle)

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115 Year, Issue 1 Mark 1:1-8 (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 before Theophany; Repose of Ven. Seraphim, Wonderworker of Sarov (†1833);

St. Sylvester, Pope of Rome (†335); Ven. Sylvester of the Kiev Near Caves (†12TH c.); Righteous Juliana of Lazarévsk (Múrom—†1604); Hieromartyr Theogenes, Bishop of Parium on the

Hellespont (ca. †320).

READERS: Hours: Sean Lenckus Epistle: Alexis Ouchakov

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** & **Memorials:** Fr. John Kuchta (†2019); Newly Departed Michael Utschuwatov LIVE Stream on St. Nicholas Facebook Page

11:40 am **Fellowship**

Wednesday, January 5 Eve of Theophany

Strict Fast

6:30 pm Vigil and Great Blessing of Water

Thursday, January 6 The Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy**

Saturday, January 8

5:00 pm **Great Vespers**

Sunday, January 9 29TH Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday after Theophany; Martyr Polyeuctus of

Melitene in Armenia (†259); Hieromartyr Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (†1570); Prophet Semeias—3[4] Kings 12:22—†10TH c. B.C.); St. Peter, Bishop of Sebaste in

Armenia (†4TH c.); St. Eustratius the Wonderworker (9th c.).

READERS: Hours: Marlo Perry Epistle: Maria 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**

12:30 pm **Choir Rehearsal**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER Christmas Eve/Christmas Day \$2,468.00

Sunday, December 26TH, 2021 - Donation / Assessments \$ 1,651.00

Grand Total \$4,119.00

ALTAR CANDLES This Sunday the altar candles were sponsored by the OUCHAKOV family in memory of Newly Departed Michael Utschuwatov (Alex's Godfather).

SAVE THE DATE! The date of our Hierarch visitation has been change. Archbishop Paul, will be visiting St. Nicholas parish on Saturday, January 15TH at 5:00pm for the Vespers Service and on Sunday, January 16TH at 10:00am for Divine Liturgy. After Divine Liturgy we will hold a potluck social hour.



Many Thanks ♦ Anna VILCHIS for hosting this morning Fellowship.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING All members are encouraged to attend! St. Nicholas' Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 6TH, 2022 after Divine Liturgy. We will begin promptly at noon in our parish hall. If there are members that would like to attend via Zoom, please send an email to Father Mykola prior to January 30TH. In order to be a member in good standing and vote on any issue you must:

- go to Holy Confession and Communion at least once a year
- have met ones Financial Obligations to our parish for the year.

BLESSING OF HOMES A home blessing can be requested any time during the year, however, it is an ancient Orthodox Tradition that all the homes be blessed with the newly sanctified water during the Theophany season. It is customary to have a table covered with a white table cloth and on top an icon, candle and a bowl for the holy water. It is not necessary to buy a white table cloth if you don't have one. You may also want to have a list of names (*living and departed*) to be remembered. If you would like your home blessed, please contact Fr. Mykola (630) 559-5785 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

BULLETIN SPONSORS To offset the cost of weekly printing of the bulletins we are hoping to find monthly sponsors that would donate \$25 to cover this cost. Names of the bulletin benefactors will be listed on the appropriately sponsored months bulletin. Please see Fr. Mykola for details (as always payments should be directed to St. Nicholas Orthodox Church).

CHRISMATION On Sunday, January 23th, Sean LENCKUS will be bestowed the Sacraments of Chrismation (Confirmation). Many Years!

MANY YEARS... Happy Birthday to Alice Pistilli on January 3RD, and to Olesya Trufyn on January 5TH.

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 |
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| Sevasti Bergstrom | Timothy Kleinert | Josephine Orlovich | Elena PAVLOVA | Stefan Karadjov | Nina Arnold |
| Katherina BRADLEY | June Bradley | Chrstyna Zаткнеч | Yurij Pavlova | Natalia Malaidakh | Nadia Віцанук |
| Galyna Shafranec | Richard GARRETT | Thomas Garrett | Alice Pistilli | Lubov Sirotuk | Joann Hilk |
| Margarita Utschwatova | Sasha & Tim & HOLTAN | their kids Evans & Cana | Fedir Luhovy | Roman & Svitlana Vi | ENHRYNOVYCH |

Today Epistle (2 Timothy 4:5-8)

Brethren... But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Today Gospel (Mark 1:1-8)

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.'" John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Апостол Дня (Галатам 1:11-19)

Братия... Но ты будь бдителен во всем, переноси скорби, совершай дело благовестника, исполняй служение твое. Ибо я уже становлюсь жертвою, и время моего отшествия настало. Подвигом добрым я подвизался, течение совершил, веру сохранил; а теперь готовится мне венец правды, который даст мне Господь, праведный Судия, в день оный; и не только мне, но и всем, возлюбившим явление Его.

Евангелие Дня (Марк 1:1-8)

Начало Евангелия Иисуса Христа, Сына Божия, как написано у пророков: "вот, Я посылаю Ангела Моего пред лицем Твоим, который приготовит путь Твой пред Тобою. Глас вопиющего в пустыне: 'приготовьте путь Господу, прямыми сделайте стези Ему." Явился Иоанн, крестя в пустыне и проповедуя крещение покаяния для прощения грехов. И выходили к нему вся страна Иудейская и Иерусалимляне, и крестились от него все в реке Иордане, исповедуя грехи свои. Иоанн же носил одежду из верблюжьего волоса и пояс кожаный на чреслах своих, и ел акриды и дикий мед. И проповедывал, говоря: "идет за мною Сильнейший меня, у Которого я недостоин, наклонившись, развязать ремень обуви Его; я крестил вас водою, а Он будет крестить вас Духом Святым."