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### Divine Liturgy Schedule

December 6, 2020

Saturday, December 5

6:00 PM

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

Sunday, December 6

**NICHOLAS OF MYRA-ARCHBISHOP**

10:30 AM

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

†Ronald Bogucki-Mike & Jean Sawczuk

Tuesday, Tuesday 8

**MATERNITY OF ANNA**

6:30PM

God's Blessing & Good Health for Mary Oresick

-Ellen Algrainy

Wednesday, December 9

11:00AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Thursday, December 10

9:00AM

Prayer to Our Lord to End Abortion- Barbara, Diane, & Rita

Saturday, December 12

6:00 PM

†Helen Heylek- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Sunday, December 13

**SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS**

10:30 AM

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners



**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners

Assisted Living: Olga Yurkowski, Anna Hopiak, Mary Hoolick At Home:

Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise

Bailey, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela; MaryAnn Kelly **Away:** Leona

Kobela **Prayer Request:** Mike Sawczuk; Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister

Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura

Emeritus; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mark Jennings; Mary Oresick.



**NICHOLAS OF MYRA**  
**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**December 6, 2020**



**TROPAR:** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

**TROPAR:** The truth of your deeds made you for your flock a rule of faith and an image of meekness, a teacher of continence. And so you gained the heights through humility, riches through poverty, Father and Bishop Nicholas. Intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**KONDAK:** In Myra, O holy one, you proved yourself a priest. You fulfilled the Gospel of Christ, O venerable father. You laid down your soul for your people and saved the innocent from death. And so you were sanctified as a great initiate of God’s grace.  
**now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KODAK:** You rose from the tomb, O almighty Savior; and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises forever.

**PROKIMEN:** The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. **verse:** The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. The just man shall be glad in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

**A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (6:10-17):**

Brethren, finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the

breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



**ALLELUIA: (3).** The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. **ALLELUIA (3).** Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. **ALLELUIA (3).** Your priests shall clothe themselves with justice, and Your venerable ones shall rejoice. **ALLELUIA**

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### **Luke 17:12-19**

At that time as Jesus was entering a certain village, there met him ten lepers, who stood afar off and lifted up their voice, crying, “Jesus, master, have pity on us.” And when he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And it came to pass as they were on their way, that they were made clean. But one of them, seeing that he was made clean, returned, with a loud voice glorifying God, and he fell on his face at his feet, giving thanks; and he was a Samaritan. But Jesus answered and said, “Were not the ten made clean? But where are the nine? Has no one been found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Arise, go your way, for your faith has saved you.”

**COMMUNION VERSE:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

#### **Prayer for Strength and Faith**

Dear Lord, help me through these hard times. In these troubling times, I am filled with unspeakable fear. I reach out my hand to you and ask for your aid. My burdens are overwhelming me, with Your aid I can succeed. Please walk with me. Please guide me. Please help me fight the good fight, Through the trials and storms I am purified. Help me remain faithful even in the darkest hour. Show me Your way and will abide in You, Father; Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## CHURCH NEWS ....

*Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!*

**PRAYERS:** Please pray for our Church in America. Keep our Church in your prayers so that we may have an end to this “pandemic” and may once again be able to all worship together.

**CEMETERY:** As the weather is getting cooler, please make sure that summer items are removed from the cemetery prior to the ground freezing.



**FLEA MARKET:** The Christmas sale will be **Nov 28, Dec 5 and Dec 12**; from 9a.m. to 2 p.m. We are still collecting clean usable Christmas items. Please take them to the hall. Call 570-592-7926 to make sure somebody is there. Any and all help that is offered

is greatly appreciated. We will be following CDC guidelines: wearing masks, social distancing, occupancy limits. Hand Sanitizer will be available. Help is needed. We will be selling potato pyrohy (\$7.00 ea) and some assorted food items for “take-out” and eat home only.



**PRAYERS:** Please keep Father Paul Wolensky in your thoughts and prayers who is currently recovering from a health issue.

**PSALMS:** We have been reading from the Book of Psalms in our bulletins... Do you have a favorite? Please submit it to the rectory.

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIES:** Do you have a favorite Christmas Memory? Can you submit it to the rectory? Here’s our first submission:



**Christmas Presents:** In years past, we did not receive toys and gifts except at Christmas time. Our family was by no means rich or extravagant. We were fed well and received the clothing & shoes that we needed. Christmas however, holds a special place-we received many toys and gifts under the tree from Santa.

Sometimes it “seemed” like a sea of wrapping paper-of course it did to a small child. So magical. We wrote our letters to Santa, listened for reindeer, and tried to stay off the naughty list. So much hope, calm, safety and peace to a small child.

## HYMN TO SAINT NICHOLAS

O kto, kto Nikolaja l'ubit,  
O kto, kto Nikolaja sluzhit,

:Tomu svjatyj Nikolaj  
Na vsjakij chas pomahaj,  
Nikolaj, Nikolaj.:

He who loves Nicholas the saintly,  
He who serves Nicholas the saintly.

Him will Nicholas receive,  
And give help in time of need. Saint Nicholas!



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION.....???:** Our church weekly feature is currently “out of questions.” If you have any questions, please submit them in writing to the rectory via the mail, email or the collection basket.

### Isaiah 7:10-17

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.” Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.<sup>1</sup> He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste. The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria.”



**FROM THE GREAT COMPLINE(From Christmas Eve Liturgy):** Rozhdestvo Tvoye, Kriste Bozhe nash, vozsiya mirovee svit razuma, vnembo zvizdam sluzhashchiyee, zvizdoyu uchakhusya, Tebee klanyateesya Solnstsu pravdee, ee Tebe viditee vysotee ostoka, Hospodi, slava tebee!

**TROPARION OF THE NATIVITY:** Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shed the light of knowledge upon the world. Through it, those who had been star-worshippers learned through a star to worship You, O sun of Justice, and to recognize in You the One who rises and who comes from on high. O Lord, Glory to You!



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? What is the Star of David?** Is it connected to the Star of the Nativity? The Star of David is sign of the Hebrew people-descendants of Abraham, Isaac Jacob- a symbol for the Israelite people or Jews. The Star of



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Nativity was a sign in the heavens that a virgin would give birth as prophesied by Isiah. The “star” is a way of speaking of astronomical signs and occurrences. In ancient times, all the bright lights in the sky were called “stars.” It is commonly agreed that today that the Star of the Nativity was a conjunction of two planets. Planet- meaning “wanderer” unlike stars which are fixed. Two planets “appeared” in their orbit to be close to one another and “appeared” to the night sky on earth as one bright star. The star was not a six pointed Star of David shining in the night sky. Since there is no exact record of the Star, it is thought that the conjunction of these two planets occurred in the constellations of The Lion (the symbol of the Israelite people) or the The Virgin- adding further symbolism and rich meaning to the Star that ancient people would have understood. The reason this is not astrology, is that astrology believes that the stars rule your life and dictate what will happen to you. Reading a sign in the heavens is not astrology, because it is a way God promised he would communicate this Miracle coming to pass.



#### **PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH**

We pray You, O almighty and eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Your glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen



## Psalm 1

Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,  
but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.  
That person is like a tree deeply rooted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.  
Not so the wicked!  
They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.  
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.  
For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

**“Pray, pray much, and sacrifice for sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to sacrifice and pray for them.” (Fourth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima – August 19, 1917)**

**PRAYERS:** Please remember in your prayers all who are in need of God’s help. Remember those in the nursing facilities, hospital and at home, all the sick and the suffering. Please say a special prayer for all of our nation’s soldiers and their families at home and abroad. Please remember to pray for all the doctors, nurses, first responders, firemen, corrections officers, police & hospital personnel (Admissions, Food Service, Janitorial, etc.) on the front lines of our current world crisis. Pray for all our people who are working to bring supplies & services and food to make our lives tolerable in this crisis... your grocery store clerk, those enabling us to have take-out food services, retail clerks, delivery, utility workers, government workers both national and local, prison employees, etc. There are many “essential” people who are working to keep our nation running, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Please pray to end this world crisis.

## **Prayer to the Archangel Michael**

**Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the malice and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.**

### **DECEMBER CANDLES**

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given  
By Tom & MaryAnn Potsko for

**A Blessing on Military Police, Corrections  
Officers & State Police.**

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Koretz Family in  
loving memory of **Leo Koretz**.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko in  
loving memory of **Helen Heylek and Joseph & Henry Heylek**.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is by Mrs. Geri Adamchak in loving  
memory of her father, **Nicholas Salonski**.

The **Proscmedia Table** is given by Lisa Placek  
For a Special Intention.

### **Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of December**

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by Donna Davis for  
all The deceased members of the **Hvozda & Frankowski Families**.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given by Father Walter Pasicznyk  
In loving memory of Ihor Pasicznyk.

The **Candle Before the Icon of the Theotokos** is given by Tom & MaryAnn  
Potsko for the Health & Welfare of **Lorene Schmidt**.

The **Candle Before the Icon Table Candles (Theotokos)** are given by  
Ellen Algrainy for **Mary Oresick**.

