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## December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA (ca. 345).**

### **BLESSING NEW LITURGICAL ITEMS**

**EPISTLE:** Ephesians 5.9-19 "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."  
Hebrews 13.17-21 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 17.12-19 The healing of the Ten lepers – and the one who was thankful.  
Luke 6.17-23 The people come to Christ for healing, and He blesses them, and promises life.

**NATIVITY PREPARATIONS:** On Saturday morning, December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will spend the morning cleaning the Church in preparation for the upcoming Nativity Feast. We will begin at 9 AM, or whenever you are able to make it. Everyone is encouraged, as there is much to do.

**YOLKA AND YOLKA DINNER:** The Sunday School students will be practicing for the Nativity Yolka next Saturday from 1-3 PM. A dinner will be served afterwards. The families with kids in the Yola will be asked to bring certain dishes. As this is the most important fundraiser for the Sunday School, the cost of the dinner will be \$6 a person. PLEASE PLEASE support our children and their Orthodox education.

**NINA LYNN HULA:** On Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Steve and Randy Hula welcomed their new daughter to the world. Nina Lynn Hula was born a very healthy 7 lb 11 oz girl. If anyone is interested in helping to make a meal or two to send down to them, please see Fr James after Liturgy or call the rectory. The baptism is set for January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11 AM. The choir is encouraged to come, as are all of the faithful.

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**CALLING ALL READERS:** There is a list circulating asking for anyone who is interested to sign up to read during the Liturgical Services. In addition to regular Sunday services, there are many opportunities to read around the Nativity of our Lord. This announcement is for all established readers, and any others who would like to give it a try.

**RAFFLE:** The Lottery raffle is underway. If you would like to purchase any tickets, please see Dale or Nancy Richards.

**CATECHESIS AND INQUIRERS CLASS:** Our second class was held on Thursday night. We discussed the architecture of the Orthodox Church building, and the various things that are in the Temple. If you are interested in the materials, see Fr James.

**BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP:** In the candle room window there are now sign-up sheets for sponsorship opportunities for the bulletins and the newsletter. Sponsorships can be made for the Health of a Loved One, as well as In Memory Of a Loved One.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** If there are any events missing from this list, please see Father James or call the Rectory at any time. Birthdays: John Hawranick, Mary Alexczuk, Stevie Helen Kinzey and Nicholas Sobolowski. Anniversaries: None. Namesdays: Ram Nicholas Josyula, Nicholas Keblish, Nicholas Sobolowski, Nicholas Lask, Nicole Todd, Ann Gale, Anna Herko.

**PANIKHIDA:** Please continue to remember in your holy prayers all of the departed of our parish, especially the newly-departed Patriarch Pavel, the newly-departed Mary and the newly-departed Matthew. We will also be serving the memorial service for all of our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection, among them Anne Reguci (1995), Joseph Hovanec Sr (2005), Anna Palmer (1997), Mary Demchko (1979), Irene Andricos (1977), Anne Anthony (2005) and Mary Pupcheck (1998). We especially remember Charles Hladysz, Michael Ciko, Deanna Rosenberg and Andrew Homyk and all the faithful departed. May their memory be eternal!



When you enter the church, it is traditional to venerate the icons set before you. Don't forget the icon stands in the front where we have St Herman and St Innocent. When venerating (kissing) an icon, pay attention to where you kiss. It is not proper to kiss an icon in the face. When you approach an icon to venerate it, kiss the gospel, scroll, or cross in the hand of the person in the icon, or kiss the hand or foot of the saint depicted. Venerating the icons is a vital part of our worship. And remember, blot off your lipstick before kissing.

Lighting candles is an important part of Orthodox worship. We light them as we pray, making an offering to accompany our prayers. Orthodox typically light candles when coming into the church.

-Fr George Konyev, Three Saints Church, Garfield NJ

The word **Orthodox** means to be proper and correct, to make our worship perfect and right.

## Schedule of Upcoming Events

Confessions are heard before Liturgy, and before and after Vespers, or any time in the week.

Sunday, December 6: 9:00 AM Church School; 9:30 Divine Liturgy  
Afterwards: Sisterhood Meeting

Tuesday, December 8: 7 PM Committee for Church Growth

Wednesday, December 9: 6 PM Daily Vespers

Thursday, December 10: 7 PM Middle School Group

Saturday, December 12: 9 AM Church Cleaning Day  
1 PM Yolka Practice  
4 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, December 13: 9:00 AM Church School; 9:30 Divine Liturgy

*This Week's Bulletin is Given*

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