

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

A Parish of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey of the Orthodox Church in America

December 6, 2009

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA

Today's Readings: *Epistle:* Ephesians 5:9-19 and Hebrews 13:17-21
Gospel: Luke 17:12-19 and Luke 6:17-23

Upcoming Week Service Schedule:

Saturday – 7:00pm Vespers

Sunday – 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 and Galatians 5:22-6:2

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24 and Luke 6:17-23

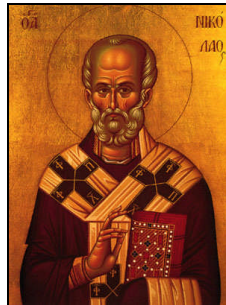
Troparion - Tone 4

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith,
an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence;
your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you.
Hierarch Father Nicholas, entreat Christ our God
that our souls may be saved.

Kontakion - Tone 3

You revealed yourself, O saint, in Myra as a priest,
For you fulfilled the Gospel of Christ
By giving up your soul for your people,
And saving the innocent from death.

Therefore you are blessed as one become wise in the grace of God.



Coffee Hour Teams:

Today – Pasick Team Next Sunday – May Team

We are praying especially for: Steven Murko, Robert Vessio, Pauline (Pelagia) Barnowsky, Marina Kupcha, Olga Romanofsky, Dorothy Gornick, Helen McManus, Paul Charuk, Elizabeth & David James, Anastasia Petrow, Millie Podolak, Andrew Popovchak, Tom Collins, John & Freddie Kosachook, Carol Menzel, Marie Lobb, John Alexander, Ludmilla Tjaden, and all others in our parish family who are ill, afflicted, suffering, and/or unable to attend services.

Annunciations

Welcome to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We invite you to stay with us after Divine Liturgy for an Agape Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall. Please sign our guest book before you leave.

Adult Education class takes place Sundays at 9:00am in the church. We are studying the wonderful and important book, “**Partakers of Divine Nature**” by Archimandrite Christoforos Stavropoulos. **All are invited to participate.**

TODAY - Gertrude Hawk Chocolate orders are available for pick-up in the Parish Hall. Please check with Ann Marie Gahr before taking your order. **Many thanks** to all who participated in this parish fund-raiser. The parish will realize **\$579.50** in net income from your participation.

FRIDAY, December 11 – Cookies for the Cookie Walk may be dropped off throughout the day and until 8:30pm. Please **call the church telephone number** (732 458-9032) if you plan to drop off your cookies **during the day.**

SATURDAY, December 12 is the date for the **Parish Annual Cookie Walk.** The event will begin at 9:00am and continue until 3:00pm, or until the cookies run out. Cookies and helpers are needed for this event. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please **invite** your friends, neighbors, and family members to this annual parish fund-raiser. Please see **Natalie May** for more information.

Memory Eternal – The father of Meni Mari, **Petros**, fell asleep in the Lord this past week in Greece. Also, **John McManus**, the husband of Helen, passed away this week. May God grant eternal rest to the newly departed, and may He comfort those who survive them.

We wish a **belated farewell to John and Winifred Kosachook** who have recently relocated back to Little Falls, NJ. We pray that God bless them and keep them in their new situation.

We are in the midst of the **Nativity Fast.** We are called by the Church to **abstain from eating meat and dairy products** until the Feast of the Nativity. We are also urged to come *individually* during this season to the sacrament of Confession. Father Gary hears confessions **after every Vespers service** or by appointment. Please avail yourself of the grace that pours forth from the sacrament of Confession.

Nut, apricot, prune, and poppy and other flavored rolls are available for sale at \$12 apiece. Please see **Cathy Berger** to make your purchases. These rolls make a perfect dessert for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

We continue to **collect food** to help keep local food pantries stocked. Please leave your donations of non-perishable food items in or by the blue bin located at the rear of the church narthex.