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TONE 2

DECEMBER 2, 2018

EOTHINON 5

27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • 14TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

*THE HOLY PROPHET HABAKKUK • MARTYR HABIB THE NEW •; MARTYR MYROPE OF CHIOS
VENERABLE JOHN, HERACLEMON, THEOPHILOS AND ANDREW OF EGYPT
MARTYR STEPHEN UROSH, THE SERBIAN KING • VENERABLE IOANNIKIOS OF DEVITCH*



On December 6 we commemorate our Father among the Saints Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia. His parents, Theophanes and Nona, returned their gift of an only child to God by dedicating Nicholas to Him. Following their death, Nicholas distributed all his inherited goods to the poor, not keeping anything for himself. *He especially gave gifts to poor children, so that he became popularized as “Santa Claus.”*

In his charity, Nicholas carefully concealed his works, fulfilling the words of the Lord: Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth (Matthew 6:3). Merciful, wise and fearless, Nicholas was a true shepherd to his flock and entered into eternal rest on December 6, 343.

ST. NICHOLAS WILL VISIT THIS WEDNESDAY

Liturgy on the Eve of the Feast: 6 pm Wednesday, December 5.

Children of *all* ages are invited to leave their shoes in the coat rooms (you can just come into church in your socks). After Liturgy, you may find that St. Nicholas has put something in them!

Dinner, Celebration and Visit by St. Nicholas follow.



LITURGY VARIATIONS

3RD ANTIPHON: TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (TONE 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death,
O Thou deathless and immortal One, then
Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly
power. And when Thou didst raise the dead

from beneath the earth, all the powers of
Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ,
Thou Giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

When Thou didst submit Thyself....

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays:	Matins, 8:50 AM	Confession:	After Saturday Vespers
	Divine Liturgy, 10 AM		During Sunday Matins
Wednesdays:	Vespers, 6:30 PM		Or by Appointment
Saturdays:	Great Vespers, 5 PM		

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled

Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

CHILDREN going to church school and their teachers should come down the center aisle first. (Small children may need to be assisted by their parents.)

ALL OTHERS should wait until an usher dismisses your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come down for Communion.



*Remember to turn
cell phones off!*

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared through prayer, fasting and confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book, and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil during the coffee hour. You may inquire with him how you can become a member.

Troparion for St. George (Tone 4, Russian)

As Deliverer of captives and Defender of the poor, Healer of the infirm, Champion of kings, victorious Great-Martyr George,

intercede with Christ, our God, for our souls' salvation.

Kontakion in Preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Tone 3)

The Virgin cometh today to the cave to give birth, ineffably to bring forth the Word eternal. Therefore, rejoice, O earth at the message.

With the angels and shepherds give glory to Him who shall appear by His own will as a young child, He Who is from eternity God.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Tone 2; Psalm 117.14, 18 LXX)

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (6.10-17; 27th Sunday after Pentecost)

BRETHREN, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take the whole armor of God, that you may be able

to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18.35-43; 14th Sunday of Luke)

AT THAT TIME, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on

me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to Him; and when he came near, He asked him, "What do you

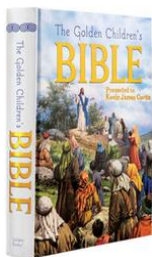
want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight

and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By the Sharaya family, in memory of Zakia Sharaya (1-year memorial).
- By John (Jeff), Joanne and Junia (Julia) Beck, for the repose of Joanne's mother, Lauretta Hood (9-day memorial).

A sign-up sheet for baking and offering the prosphora (altar bread) is posted on the bulletin board, next to the elevator. You can also contact Thelma Hoover at (317) 782-1633.



CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY

All church school classes will continue preparing for the Christmas Pageant, which they will offer next Sunday, December 9.



ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

This is the time of year when we reflect upon our many blessings and give thanks to our almighty God. It is also the time to re-evaluate our stewardship commitment for the coming year. This commitment is in the form of our annual stewardship pledge. This is the pledge we make to continue the operational support of our church for the coming year and is separate from the building fund/mortgage pledge.

At the end of today's Liturgy, Ronald and Lynette Freeman will share with us their story of faith, as part of our reflecting on the meaning of stewardship.

Offer unto God
thanksgiving;
and pay thy vows
unto the most High:
And call upon me
in the day of trouble:
I will deliver thee,
and thou shalt glorify me.

Psalms 50:14-15

Our pledge drive will culminate next Sunday, December 9, our annual “Pledge Sunday.” That will be the day we step forward at the end of Liturgy and renew our commitments to sharing in the Lord’s work by making our pledges for 2019. Afterwards, our stewardship committee will serve brunch in thanksgiving for you and all our stewards.

We hope everyone is striving to reach a goal of at least 10% of their total income as a pledge. If you can’t reach 10%, please consider increasing your pledge from last year and continue to work toward 10% in the future.

Father Nabil, the parish council and stewardship committee are asking for 100% participation from all members of St. George Parish. Please help us reach our goal!

The Stewardship Committee,
Duke Haddad and Patrick Koers

Special Parish Meeting Today

On **Sunday, December 2**, we will hold the vote for the official **acceptance of the 2017 financial statement, in the temple, at the conclusion of Liturgy**. There will be no other business at this special meeting.

The reports were distributed two weeks ago, when we had our accountant and bookkeeper on hand and held a special meeting for questions. Extra copies are available in the narthex.

Fall 2018 Adult Study: Orthodox Christian Faith and Practice

Wednesdays: 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Text

Hopko, Father Thomas. *The Orthodox Faith*. Four volumes. Revised and expanded by David C. Ford. Available in print or online at oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith

Everyone is welcome to join, even if you didn’t attend previous sessions.

Syllabus

- Dec. 5** **Spirituality (Vol. IV pp. 16-143 new; Vol. IV pp. 8-30, 95-155 old)**
Love, Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving
- Dec. 12** **Spirituality (Vol. IV pp. 146-82 new; Vol. IV pp. 158-99 old)**
Sexuality, Marriage, Family, Sickness, Suffering, Death, Judgment

Christmas Eve Schedule: Monday, December 24



With the angels, the shepherds, the wise men and all the saints, then, let us come to adore Him Christmas Eve.

8:30 a.m. **Royal Hours of Christmas**

10:00 a.m. **Divine Liturgy** (Paramon of Christmas)

While we encourage all to come to both the morning and night services (which are not the same), this may be an excellent opportunity for young children and entire families to celebrate the birth of Christ together, especially if attendance at the late service be impossible.

8:30 p.m. **Christmas Matins**

10:00 p.m. **CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY**

In celebration of the Feast and as a token of our love and appreciation of you, Fr. Nabil and Khouriyah Elaine will host dinner in the church hall immediately following Liturgy, assisted by our parish council.

Tuesday, December 25

NO Services

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS: PRE-CHRISTMAS FAST

November 15 marked the first day of the **NATIVITY FAST**, which runs for forty days, until Christmas. During this time, we abstain from meat and dairy products. Then the last few days of the fast—Dec. 20-24—become stricter, when fish, wine and oil are also excluded. Everyone should also plan to make their confession sometime during the fast.

Please Join Us for Fellowship after the Liturgy

The ushers will hand you the announcements bulletin as you exit via the north (side) doors of the nave, following the dismissal and verbal announcements.

READING FROM THE SYNAXARION

On December 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Holy Prophet Habakkuk.

Habakkuk was the son of Asaphat from the tribe of Simeon. He prophesied the coming of Christ 600 years His Nativity, during the time of King Manasseh, and foretold the destruction of Jerusalem. When Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, attacked Jerusalem, Habakkuk sought refuge in the land of the Ishmaelites. From there he returned to Judea, where he lived as a farmer. One day he was carrying lunch to the workers in the fields, when suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared to him and said: Go carry the dinner that thou hast into Babylon unto Daniel, who is in the lion's den. But Habakkuk responded: Lord, I never saw Babylon; neither do I know where the den is. Then the angel took him by the hair and instantly brought him to Babylon, to the lion's den, where Daniel had been cast by King Cyrus as a punishment for not worshiping the idols. Daniel took and the dinner which God had sent him (Daniel 14:34-37). Then the angel of God again took Habakkuk back to his field in Judea. He died at an old age. His relics were discovered in Palestine during the reign of Theodosius the Great.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Habib the New; Martyr Myrope of Chios; Venerable John, Heraclemon, Theophilos and Andrew of Egypt; Martyr Stephen Urosh, the Serbian king; and Venerable Ioannikios of Devitch. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

On December 4 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the contest of the holy Greatmartyr Barbara of Heliopolis in Syria, and her fellow Martyr Juliana.

The pagan Dioscorus locked up his only daughter Barbara in a high tower. Once, while her father was away, she came down from the tower and met some Christian women who revealed the true Faith of Christ to her. Learning of his daughter's faith, Dioscorus beat her severely. However, the Lord Himself appeared to her with His angels and healed her. A certain woman, Juliana, upon seeing this, desired martyrdom for herself. They were ultimately led to the place of execution, where Dioscorus himself slaughtered his daughter, and Juliana was killed by the soldiers in the year 306. That same day, lightning struck the house of Dioscorus, killing him. On this day, we also commemorate our Righteous Father John of Damascus, Monk and Presbyter of Mar Sabbas Monastery.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please include in your daily prayers the following—those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)

LIVING

Metropolitan Paul and **Archbishop John Fr. Joseph** Shaheen, in rehab. following surgery, 12/10
Fr. Cassian and **Kh. Ruth** Newton, 12/3
Carol Abraham, Carmel Care Rehab., 1/8
C. Edward Edge, 12/25
Elias Altawil, Carmel Care Rehab., 12/15
Fouad Fred Musleh, Copper Trace Rehab., 12/15
Stephen Baranyk, 12/9
Susan Moore and **Andrea** Tabanelli, Joanne Beck's sister and sister-in-law, 1/7
Hani Sarweh, cousin of Oussama, Samar and Amer Nahas, 12/25
Alexandru, friend of Jeff Beck, 12/21
Jean Llewelyn, friend of Natalie Ashanin, 12/13
Kevin Kelly, Leo Khamis' teacher, 12/10
Neil and **Themia** Sandven, cousins of Kh. Elaine Hanna, 12/7
Liana Fedor and **Christine** Cataldo, Liza Nahas' sister and aunt, 12/5
Trenton Wesley, deployed in Afghanistan
Those displaced by fires in California
All those suffering from illness, violence or want throughout the world

DEPARTED

Fr. Stephen Rhudy, 12/21
William McKnight, 1/5
 President **George** H. W. Bush, 1/9
Lauretta Hood, Joanne Beck's mother, 1/6
James VanHorn, friend of Brian Phillips, 12/24
Richard Arbuckle, Michael's father, 12/22
Janice Elaine Beveridge, James' mother, 12/20
Fawwaz Dahdal, father of Zain Ishak and Sherin Khamis, 12/18
Nathan Saleh, grandson of Marcele Saleh and nephew of Iman Kiritsis, 12/18
Nadia Hanna, Fr. Nabil's aunt, 12/17
The victims of violence in California, Pittsburgh, Egypt, Syria and throughout the world

ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

December 2018

Sun. 2	Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School classes • Special Parish Meeting • Knights of St. George Meeting Teen SOYO meeting, 4 pm at the Flarises' (8307 Courtney Dr, Fishers)
Wed. 5	<i>Eve of the Feast of St. Nicholas</i> Divine Liturgy , 6 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Nicholas Dinner & Visit • Basics of Orthodox Christianity • "Where in the World?" class
Sat. 8	Great Vespers , 5 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confessions heard afterwards
Sun. 9	<i>Stewardship Commitment Sunday</i> <i>Choir Appreciation Sunday</i> Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church School classes • Church School Christmas Pageant • Brunch
Wed. 12	<i>Eve of the Feast of St. Herman of Alaska</i> Divine Liturgy , 6 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner • Basics of Orthodox Christianity • "Where in the World?" class
Sat. 15	Charity Gift Delivery , 10 am Great Vespers , 5 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confessions heard afterwards

See the full calendar and the latest additions and updates at www.stgindy.org/calendar