

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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11/29/09

Stephen Kelsey - Church School

In the Nativity Fast

Sunday, Nov 29, **25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 8.** Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia (250).

Epistle:

Gospel:

Eph. 4:1-6

Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday, Dec 1

Fr. Mark at St. Tikhon's Seminary

Thursday, Dec 3

Daily Vespers, 5:30 pm

Saturday, Dec 5, **PATRONAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION -THE EVE OF ST. NICHOLAS**

Great Vespers with Litya, with His Grace, Bishop Nikon, and visiting clergy, 6 pm

Light lenten supper following.

Sunday, Dec 6, **26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1. ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA.**

Sixth Hour, 9:50 am

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, **10 am**

Epistle:

Gospel:

Eph. 5:9-19

Luke 17:12-19

Heb. 13:17-21 (St. Nicholas) Luke 6:17-23 (St. Nicholas)

_____St. Nicholas Church School Party, during coffee and fellowship

PARISH FEAST DAY - Saturday, Dec 5

It is our great joy that, once again, His Grace, Bishop Nikon, will visit us for Great Vespers with Litya on the eve of St. Nicholas Day, Saturday, December 5, at 6:00 pm. A lenten meal will follow Great Vespers, and His Grace will make himself available for questions. Priests and parishes of the Boston Deanery, as well as local Orthodox parishes, are invited to join us. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY - Sunday, Dec 6

On Sunday, December 6, our Parish Feast Day continues with Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Following Liturgy, we will celebrate our St. Nicholas party with the Church School. In honor of the wonderful goodness of our patron, St. Nicholas, there will be decorating the Christmas tree, a responsive story, presents, and more. All are invited during coffee and fellowship.

ANGEL TREE

This year we will have an Angel Tree set up at the entrance to the church hall. Each angel has the name of a child and a wish list. Parishioners are invited to take an angel, purchase the items on the list and return them to the tree unwrapped with the angel no later than December 13th. Please sign the sheet at the tree if you choose to participate. The gifts will be delivered to the Salvation Army for distribution to the families before Christmas. You may see Suzanne Kenney if you have any questions.

COLLECTION OF CANNED GOODS DURING ADVENT

We will be having a non-perishable food drive for the St. Joseph's Food Pantry in Salem throughout the month of November. There is a tremendous need in our area. Please help this worthy cause. Suggested items - tuna, peanutbutter, canned goods, canned fruit, canned soup, rice, instant mashed potatoes, pasta, tomato sauce, baking items (cake mix, brownie mix, etc.), snack items (crackers, granola bars).

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 5	Saturday	Parish Council Meeting with Bp Nikon, 4 pm
Dec 6	Sunday	Deadline for Community Christmas Card
Dec 12	Saturday	3 rd Annual Cookie Sale, 11 am - 2 pm
Dec 13	Sunday	Deadline for Poinsettia Orders and Angel Tree
Dec 20	Sunday	Monthly Parish Council Meeting
Dec 24	Thursday	Christmas Eve - Royal Hours, 6:30 am
		Vigil for the Nativity of Christ, 6 pm
Dec 25	Friday	Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Christ, 10 am

DEAR VISITORS

A warm welcome to those who are visiting and praying with us today. You are encouraged to come forward at the conclusion of the Liturgy at the Veneration of the Holy Cross to introduce yourself to Fr. Mark. Please plan to come downstairs for coffee and fellowship after the Liturgy and be welcomed and introduced to parishioners. We look forward to visiting with you.

ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

We have begun preparation of our Community Christmas Card. We list names in a special Christmas card that will be sent to all the members in our Church community. The deadline is Sunday, December 6th. Please see Maria Johnson for details.

COOKIE SALE DECEMBER 12

Our 3rd Annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be on our Feast Day, Saturday, December 12, from 11 to 2.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We are planning to decorate our church for the Nativity Feast with poinsettia plants. These flowers will beautify our church throughout the Christmas season. You may take them home after Divine Liturgy on January 6th. You have received an order form in the mail. Order forms may be brought into church or mailed to 64 Forrester Street, Salem, MA 01970. Please be sure to enclose payment with your order. All donations will be posted in the vestibule. Orders must be received by December 13th.

OTHER LOOKING AHEAD ITEMS

Dec 31	Thursday	New Years Eve - Great Vespers with Litya, 7 pm
Jan 1	Friday	New Years Day, Divine Liturgy at St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church, Peabody, 10 am
Jan 5	Tuesday	Royal Hours for Theophany, 6:30 am
Jan 6	Wednesday	Holy Theophany and the Great Blessing of Waters House Blessings Begin
Jan 18	Sunday	Zacchaeus Sunday Monthly Parish Council Meeting