

## ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020

24th Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 7

Afterfeast of the Entry Into the Temple.

Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus,

Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles,  
and Onesimus, disciple of St. Paul (1st c.)

Ephesians 2:14-22 | Luke 12:16-21

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**With the recent rise in Covid Cases**, His Eminence Archbishop Melchisedek has stated that a mask is now required in Church, as well as on Church grounds when socializing, even outside. This is a temporary measure; please continue to abide in love and faith as you have so diligently thus far. Singers and servers are exempted. Service schedule will not be altered, and we still have room in Church to safely hold many parishioners, so Church attendance is strongly encouraged for those feeling well.

**Friday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, @ 7pm** There will be a talk given “The Real Santa Claus: St. Nicholas of Myra”. It has not been decided yet but this will likely be a virtual or a hybrid event. This is especially meant as outreach so invite people! Flyers soon.

**The Wednesday night Inter-parish book study** via zoom is reading “Orthodox Worship: A Living Continuity with the Synagogue, the Temple, and the Early Church” Newcomers are always welcome.

Our **parish library** is always available to those interested; simply write down the title you’re checking out and the date so Fr. John can keep track of what goes where.

### **SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

#### **Wed. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm**—Compline & Akathist of Thanksgiving

**7:00pm**—Zoom book Club (email Fr. John for link, or call to ask for the call-in number if you are participating via phone)

#### **Thurs. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving Day)**

8:30 Moleben for Thanksgiving

#### **Fri. Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm**—Compline & Reading from the Lives of the Saints

#### **Sat. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30pm**—Great vespers, followed by confession

#### **Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am**— Epistle bible study

**10am**—Divine Liturgy, hours @ 9:40

#### **Prayer List Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Mary Behanna*—in memory of parents Andy & Petrina Gernat

*Sandy Klizas*—in memory of Stephen & Helen Drake / in memory of Frank & June Drake

*Dimitri & Pauline Petro*—birthday remembrance of Mother Julia, & Aunt Anne Spirko (Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>) / in memory of newly departed Priscilla Kaluponov / for health of brother, Dan / for health of Sandy Carroll / for health of Natalie, Rob, and Stephanie / for health of Nicholas, Alexandra / for health of Christine and Nick / for health of

Kyra Adam, Luke, and Noah / for health of Russell and Rachel / for health of Fr. Igor / for health of Jonah & Catherine

*Michael Horan*—memory eternal for loving wife, Rebecca / for safe travel of family / congratulations to grandson, Logan / for health of Cindy / for special intentions

*Vladimir Kash*—in memory of Charles ????????

*Pauline Aitken*—in memory of departed son, Kevin, grandson Nicholas and husband Lee / special intentions / for health of Son Bart & Daughter-in-law Tammy

*Sandy Aitken*—in memory of Dad, Lee / for the health of mother, Pauline, Fr. Igor, Fr. Patrick / for health of Bart, Tamara / in memory of Baba Eva & Uncle Jerry  
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#### **Altar Candles**

Sun. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, offered by Pauline Aitken, In memory of deceased son Kevin and Grandson Nicholas

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### **Thanksgiving...**

“Everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of salvation and eternal joy.

Thank You, O Lord, for having accepted this Eucharist, which we offered to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and which filled our hearts with the joy, peace and righteousness of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for having revealed Yourself unto us and given us the foretaste of Your Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having united us to one another in serving You and Your Holy Church.

Thank You, O Lord, for having helped us to overcome all difficulties, tensions, passions, temptations and restored peace, mutual love and joy in sharing the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for the sufferings You bestowed upon us, for they are purifying us from selfishness and reminding us of the “one thing needed;” Your eternal Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to worship You.

Thank You, O Lord, for this school [St. Vladimir Seminary], where the name of God is proclaimed.

Thank You, O Lord, for our families: husbands, wives and, especially, children who teach us how to celebrate Your holy Name in joy, movement and holy noise.

Thank You, O Lord, for everyone and everything.

Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your deeds, and no word is sufficient to celebrate Your miracles.

Lord, it is good to be here! Amen!” - Fr. Alexander Schmemmann -

### *From the Akathist of Thanksgiving*

Thou broughtest me into this life as if into a wonderful garden. I see the sky deep and blue, the birds as they chirp in flight; I listen to the soothing rustle of trees and the sonorous sound of waters; my mouth is enjoying fragrant and succulent fruits. How wonderful it is in Thy world and how joyous it is to be Thy guest!

How wonderful Thou art in the beauty of spring when all earth is being rejuvenated and thousands of sounds sing about Thee: Thou art the spring of life, Thou art the conqueror of death! In the pale moonlight with the song of the nightingale, the valleys and forests rest under a snowy white veil. The whole earth, Thy bride, is awaiting Thee, the Eternal Bridegroom. When Thou so clothest the grass of the field, how art Thou to adorn Thy chosen ones when they resurrect in the future age! How will then our bodies shine forth and our souls glitter!

When night falls upon the earth, the stillness of sleep reigns and sounds of the past day become silent; I see the splendor of Thy heavenly mansions. Flame and purple, gold and azure presage the indescribable beauty of Thy home and solemnly call forth: Let us go to the Father!

I look into Thy sky filled with stars. O how rich Thou art! How much light there is in Thee! Through the light of the distant stars Thou lookest at me from eternity. I am tiny and destitute, but the Lord is with me. His hand is always near me and He leads me with love in all my ways.

When swift lightning illumines the night, how pitiful and miserable our earthly candles seem. So also, deceitful earthly joys become colorless and dark when Thy light shines forth in the soul. Wherefore my soul struggles toward Thee and my heart yearns for Thee.

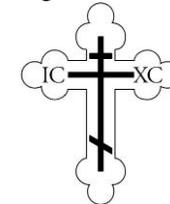
Blessed art those who sup with Thee in Thy kingdom. However, blessed art those whom Thou hast already here on earth accepted as partakers of Thy Mystic Supper. How many times, with Thy divine hand, Thou hast allowed me, a sinner, to receive in Holy Communion Thy Body and Blood. And I have received the Holy and felt Thy love, ineffable and wonderful.



*“Perform every work attentively, no matter how unimportant it may seem, as if being done before the face of God. Remember that the Lord sees everything.”—St. Nikon of Optina*

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