

## ***CHURCHES OF ST. NICHOLAS***

The name of the great saint of God, the hierarch and wonderworker Nicholas, a speedy helper and suppliant for all hastening to him, is famed in every corner of the earth, in many lands and among many peoples. In Russia there are a multitude of cathedrals, monasteries and churches consecrated in his name.

The first Russian Christian prince Askold (+882) was baptized in 866 by Patriarch Photius with the name Nicholas. Over the grave of Askold, St. Olga built the first temple of St. Nicholas in the Russian Church at Kiev. Primary cathedrals were dedicated to him at Izborsk, Ostrov, Mozhaisk, and Zarsk. At Novgorod the Great, one of the main churches of the city, the Nikolo-Dvorischensk church, later became a cathedral.

Famed and venerable churches and monasteries dedicated to St. Nicholas are found at Kiev, Smolensk, Pskov, Totopetsa, and other large cities in Russia. Moscow had dozens of churches named for the saint and also three monasteries. One of the chief towers of the Kremlin was named the Nikolsk.

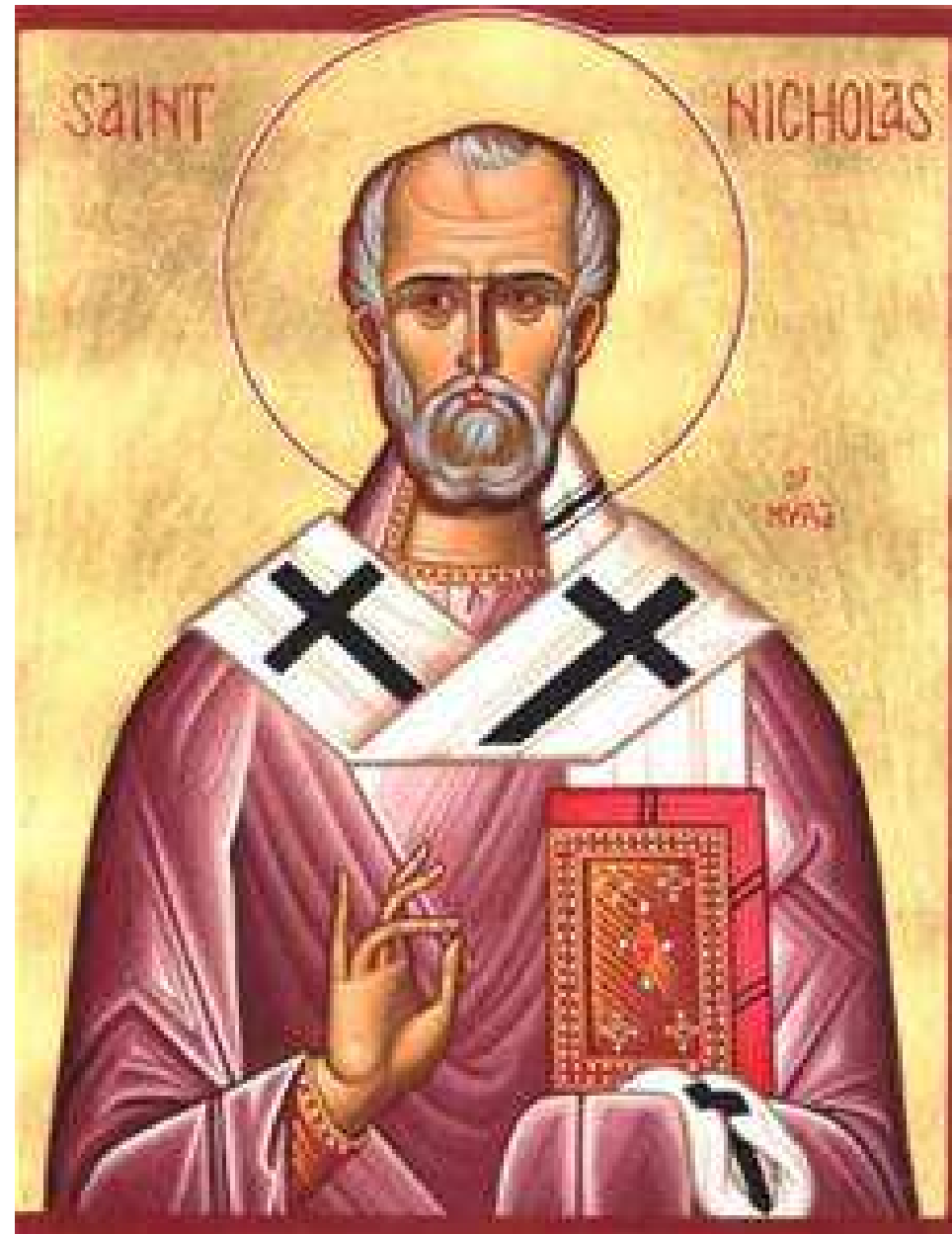
Many of the churches devoted to the saint were those established at market squares by Russian merchants, sea-farers and those who traveled by land, venerating the wonderworker Nicholas as a protector of all those journeying on dry land and sea. They sometimes received the name among the people of "Nicholas soaked."

Many village churches in Russia were dedicated to the wonderworker Nicholas, venerated by peasants as a merciful intercessor before the Lord for all the people in their work. And in the Russian land, St. Nicholas did not cease his intercession. Ancient Kiev preserves the memory of a miraculous rescue by St. Nicholas of a drowning infant. He heard the grief-filled prayers of the parents for the loss of their only child, took the infant from the waters, revived him, and placed him in the choir loft of the church of Holy Wisdom before his wonderworking icon. In the morning the infant was found safe by his parents.

St. Nicholas is the patron of travelers, and we pray to him for deliverance from floods, poverty or any misfortunes. He has promised to help those who remember his parents, Theophanes and Nonna.

St. Nicholas is also commemorated on May 9 (the transfer of his relics) and on July 29 (his nativity).

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DECEMBER 6, 2020

## ***TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***St. Nicholas the Wonderworker,  
Archbishop of Myra in Lycia***

“O Nicholas, holy hierarch, your flock has recognized you by the brilliance of your works. You are a model of kindness and rule of faith, a teacher of self control. Your lowliness has raised you to the heights of fame, and your poverty has filled your hands with riches. Beg Christ, our God to save our souls.”

Troparion, Tone IV

### ***The Conception by Righteous Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos Wednesday, December 9***

“Today, we see how tenderly God inaugurates His ineffable plan of salvation, for Anna conceives a pure and spotless child reserved especially for the Lord. The powers of heaven are ecstatic with joy, so let us also cry out with them to Anna: Joy to you for deserving to conceive the mother of God.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY’S EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 5:9-19  
HEBREWS 13:17-21

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 17:12-19  
LUKE 6:17-23

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Saturday, December 12      5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

|                                     |  |   |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Monday, December 7                  | I Timothy 5:1-10                         | Luke 20:27-44                           |
| Tuesday, December 8                 | I Timothy 5:11-21                        | Luke 21:12-19                           |
| Wednesday, December 9<br>(St. Anna) | I Timothy 5:22-6:11<br>Galatians 4:22-31 | Luke 21:5-7,10-11,20-24<br>Luke 8:16-21 |
| Thursday, December 10               | I Timothy 6:17-21                        | Luke 21:28-33                           |
| Friday, December 11                 | II Timothy 1:1-2,8-18                    | Luke 21:37-22:8                         |
| Saturday, December 12               | Galatians 5:22-6:2                       | Luke 13:18-29                           |

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**COMING EVENTS**

**DECEMBER:**

|              |  |
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| 12, Saturday | 10:00 a.m. EOWG Presentation at St. Matthew Church; North Royalton |
| 13, Sunday   | Second Sunday Food Sale  |
|              | Parish Council meeting   |
| 14, Monday   | 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle                               |

***HOLIDAY FOOD SALE!***  
***NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13***  
***IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.***

Everyone is welcome to shop holiday favorites following the Divine Liturgy next week. Tables will be set up in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are able to donate baked goods or meal favorites, please participate.

**DONATION ENVELOPES:**

The boxes of envelopes for 2021 weekly offerings are available in the vestibule.

**BOOK CIRCLE:**

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, December 14, at 12:30 p.m. at the church. We are reading All is Well, pages 48-93.

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN’S GUILD:**

The EOWG will meet Saturday, Dec. 12, 10:00 a.m., at St. Matthew Church in North Royalton. All women are invited to the presentation of “Our Own Journey to Bethlehem.” There will also be a fundraiser of an Essential Oils Sale with free samples and a drawing; as well as a Diaper Drive for ZOE for Life!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:**

Please donate for the flowers that adorn our church during the Nativity season. There is a special envelope in your box.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR OCF:**

The Orthodox Christian Fellowship is a Pan-Orthodox ministry that keeps Orthodox college students connected with their faith. It provides fellowship, friendship and comfort to young people during what is often a difficult and confusing time of life. Our parish is proud to acknowledge that one of our parishioners, Andrew Gluntz, is currently the chair of the OCF’s Student Leadership Board, and his sister, Alexandra, is a regional Student Leader.

Today, and for the next two weeks, we are collecting donations to support the OCF. There is a special basket designated at the rear of the church. If writing a check, please make out to “Holy Trinity Orthodox Church.”

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

The Parish Council will meet next Sunday, Dec. 13, at 10:45 a.m.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by MaryAnn Bobulsky.

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| REGULAR COLLECTION, 11/28/20     | \$ 8557.00 |
| CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT | 260.00     |
| BUILDING FUND                    | 835.00     |
| CANDLES                          | 60.00      |
| LOCAL CHARITIES                  | 20.00      |
| SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND            | 210.00     |
| KITCHEN REMODEL                  | 1400.00    |
| ST. HERMAN’S HOUSE               | 1025.00    |
| IN MEMORY OF DIMITRY BAKAN       | 20.00      |
| CHRISTMAS FLOWERS                | 10.00      |
| COFFEE HOUR 11/15/20             | 42.00      |

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### ST. NICHOLAS – AN IDEAL BISHOP

*In honor of St. Nicholas, who we commemorate today, we are offering the following selection from St. Gregory the Theologian, passages of whose writings we have used in the Trinitarian throughout this year. St. Gregory lived after St. Nicholas, about a hundred years, and he doesn't refer to him in his works; but he must have known of him, and his description of what a bishop is fairly accurately describes St. Nicholas.*

He [St. Nicholas] sought to model himself on previous pastors, some for their mental power, others for their activity, others in meekness, others in zeal, others in dangers, gathering from one and another various forms of beauty, and combining them in his single soul, he made one perfect form of virtue out of all; and as it is a great thing for those who have received an example to pass on virtue to others, he for our advantage has become an example to those who came after him.

He was brought up, from the first, in religious habits and practices, after a brief study of literature and philosophy, so that he might not be utterly unskilled in such subjects, or ignorant of matters which he had determined to despise. For his generous and eager soul could not brook being occupied in vanities, like unskilled athletes, who beat the air instead of their antagonists and lose the prize. From meditating on every book of the Old and New Testament, he grew rich in contemplation, rich in splendor of life, combining them in wondrous sorts by that golden bond which few can weave; using life as the guide of contemplation, and contemplation as the seal of life. For the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and, so to say, its first swathing band; but, when wisdom has burst the bonds of fear and risen up to love, it makes us friends of God, and sons instead of bondsmen.

Thus brought up and trained, as even now those should be who are to preside over the people, and take the direction of the mighty body of Christ, according to the will and foreknowledge of God, he was invested with this important ministry. As he was one of those who draw near to God Who draws near to us, he was deemed worthy of the holy office and rank, and, after passing through the entire series of orders, he was entrusted with the chief rule over the people, having received the priesthood as the reward of virtue, to be the fountain and life of the Church.

The duties of his office he discharged in the same spirit as that in which he had been prepared for it. He was sublime in action, lowly in mind; inaccessible in virtue, most accessible in dialogue; gentle, free from anger, sympathetic, sweet in words, sweeter in disposition; angelic in appearance, more angelic in mind; calm in rebuke, persuasive in praise, without spoiling the good effect of either by excess. Rebuking with the tenderness of a father, praising with the dignity of a ruler, his tenderness was not dissipated, nor his severity sour; for the one was reasonable, the other prudent, and both truly wise; his disposition sufficed for the training of his spiritual children, with very little need of words; his words with very little need of the rod, and his moderate use of the rod with still less for the knife.

*From the writings of St. Gregory the Theologian*