

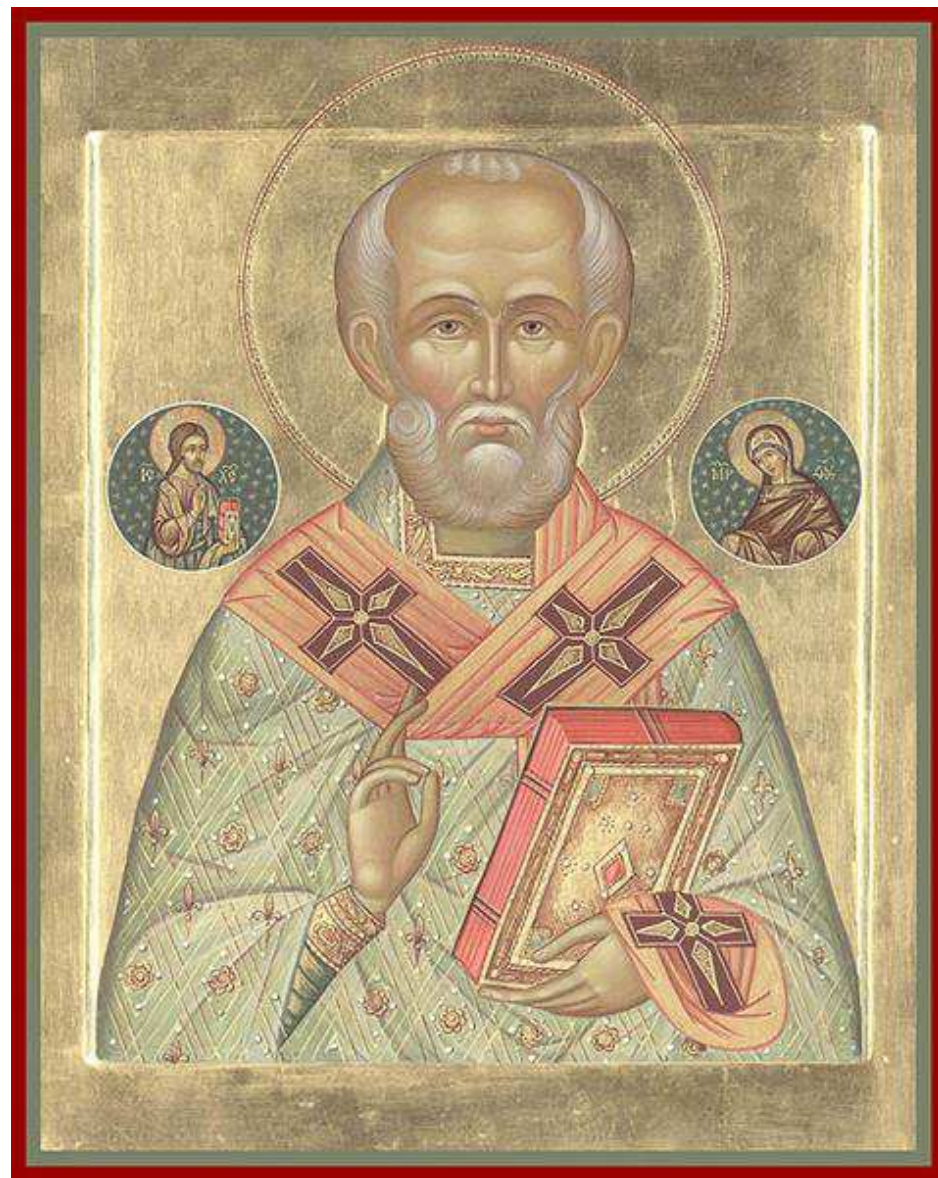
**SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER**  
**December 6**

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, 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 St. Nicholas at Izborsk, Ostrov, Mozhaisk, and Zarsk. There is, perhaps, not a single city without a church dedicated to him.

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

Peasants venerated St. Nicholas as a merciful intercessor before the Lord for all the people in their work. Ancient Kiev preserves the memory of the miraculous rescue of a drowning infant by the saint: Hearing the grief-filled prayers of the parents for the loss of their only child, the saint 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.

Two icon depictions of the wonderworker are especially numerous in the Russian Church: St. Nicholas of Zarsk, portrayed in full length, with his right hand raised in blessing and with a Gospel; and St. Nicholas of Mozhaisk, also in full stature, with a sword in his right hand and a city in his left. This recalls the miraculous rescue of the city of Mozhaisk from an invasion of enemies, through the prayers of the saint.



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DECEMBER 3, 2017

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

*Prophet Zephaniah;*

*Ven. Savva, Abbot of Zvenigorod, disciple of Ven. Sergius of Rádonezh;*  
*St. Theodulus, Eparch of Constantinople; Ven. John the Silent of St. Sabbas' Monastery;*  
*Hieromartyr Theodore, Archbishop of Alexandria;*  
*Monk Martyr Cosmas of St. Anne Skete; St. Gheorghe of Cernica*

“The Holy Spirit Himself made you a brightly shining beacon of the coming of the Lord, and so you urged the daughter of Zion to rejoice, Jerusalem to declare: Behold the King comes forth, bearing salvation.”

Kondakion for Zephaniah, Tone IV

## **ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA**

*Wednesday, December 6*

“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.”

Kondakion, Tone II

TODAY'S EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 5:9-19

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 18:18-27

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

Tuesday, December 5	6:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Wednesday, December 6	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - <b>St. Nicholas the Wonderworker</b>
Saturday, December 9	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, December 4 (St. Alexander Hotovitzky)	I Timothy 5:1-10 Hebrews 13:7-16	Luke 20:27-44 Luke 12:32-40
Tuesday, December 5 (Ven. Sabbas)	I Timothy 5:11-21 Galatians 5:22-6:2	Luke 21:12-19 Matthew 11:27-30
Wednesday, December 6	Hebrews 13:17-21	Luke 6:17-23
Thursday, December 7	I Timothy 5:22-6:11 I Timothy 6:17-21	Luke 21:5-7,10-11,20-24 Luke 21:28-33
Friday, December 8	II Timothy 1:1-2,8-18	Luke 21:37-22:8
Saturday, December 9	Galatians 5:22-6:2	Luke 13:18-29

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

**COMING EVENTS**

**DECEMBER:**

- 3, TODAY                    Installation of Parish Council members
- 4, Monday                7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 10, Sunday                Second Sunday Food Sale  
4:00 p.m. Pan-Orthodox Nativity Concert, at HTOC
- 11, Monday                12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 15, Friday                 6:00 p.m. Myrrh-Streaming Kardiotissa Icon of Theotokos at St. George Church, Canton
- 17, Sunday                HTOC Christmas (lenten) Potluck

**INSTALLATION:**

God’s Blessings to our new Parish Council members. They will be installed today after the Divine Liturgy.

**POTLUCK:**

HTOC will hold a Potluck Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 17, after the Divine Liturgy. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall and indicate the number of people attending from your family and well as the (meatless) food item you will bring.

**NATIVITY CONCERT:**

The annual Pan-Orthodox Nativity Concert will be Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4:00 p.m., here at HTOC. Refreshments will follow the concert, and a free-will donation will be taken to support the charitable work of the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy.

**“MYRRH-STREAMING” ICON:**

The miraculous “Myrrh-Streaming” Kardiotissa Icon of the Theotokos will visit St. George Romanian Orthodox Church in Canton on Friday, Dec. 15. A Paraklesis Service to the Mother of God will be at 6:00, followed by miraculous stories of the icon and an anointing with myrrh. The church is located at 144 30th St. N.W. in Canton, 44709.

**FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by Mary Ann Moga in memory of her beloved daughter Diane.

**LA COUPOLE:**

Christmas shopping? Please visit La Coupole to view a new selection of Christmas cards, ornaments and children’s books.

**SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:**

Please remember the Food Sale we will hold on December 10. Plan to bake some holiday specialties! As always, your donations are greatly appreciated.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

We are collecting to help St. Matthew Church, North Royalton, with their efforts in recovering from the devastating fire that occurred two weeks ago. Please use the “Special Collection” envelope and basket that is placed at the rear of the church. If you write a check, please write it to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church; the donations will be given at one time with a check from our parish.

**BOOK CIRCLE:**

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, December 11, at 12:30 p.m. We are reading The Winter Pascha by Fr. Thomas Hopko. Please read pages 66-126. All are welcome.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by Jerry Petrykowski. If you would like to offer Trinitarian covers in 2018, sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$8; \$20 for Pascha, Christmas, or special-order covers.

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

REGULAR COLLECTION, NOVEMBER 26	\$ 2778.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	20.00
BUILDING FUND	246.00
MORTGAGE FUND	80.00
CANDLES	103.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	10.00

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**

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**LETTERS FROM SOLOVKI**

March 4, 1934

Dear Irene,

The snowstorm swirls in endless circles, covering the window with a fine snowy ash and beating against the window glass. A hill of frosty dust has settled on the bush in front of the window, and this snowy pyramid grows with each advancing hour. The paths outside are covered up; when you try to go out, a snowy cloud bursts out from beneath your feet. Again and again the snow eddies whirl about. The winter decorations have been torn from the trees, and the trees stand with bare outstretched branches, rocking back and forth. Under these conditions work is impossible, so we are actually given a more relaxed and quiet period of time.

Let the window be covered with snow. It's good when that happens. The lamp here burns brighter; the flame of the candle gives off a fragrance that reminds of church. And I am again here sitting and thinking of you and the family. Every day is a combination of emotions and experiences: remembrance, observance, apprehension, solitude, crowdedness, cold, light, darkness, discovery, acceptance, forgetting, God's finger touching my conscience, a pang of loneliness, and then the feeling of immense gratitude which comes as I stand before my little icon.

In my last letter I began to tell you about how good it is to have a person that you can call a true friend, and that I now have such a friend in my roommate, Fr. Basil. Recently we were walking through the forest. A path had hardly been made through the deep snow, and we kept getting stuck. Nevertheless, we arrived at the Church of St. Onuphrii. Sometimes a day feels like a lifetime. We came there while it was still dark and it was very cold. In the darkness, reaching the church was difficult, through the snow-banks. Descending beneath the earth, we would stumble. It was half-dark in the church, as in a sepulcher. It brought to mind that cold day that Fr. Pavel come to visit; do you remember him? He was the young monk who took fasting extremely serious. As he was not in the best of health to start with, he should have been more careful, but he was a good and gentle soul. He did in fact die soon after. We all took communion that day that he visited. He was very influential in my life, and it was from him that I began to understand the words of the Proverbs, "A brother helped is like a strong city," and "There are friends who pretend to be friends, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:19,24). So too is Fr. Basil now.

For a Christian, every person is a neighbor, but far from every person is a friend. The mystical unity that is revealed in the consciousness of friendship permeates all aspects of life, makes every day golden, even cold, snow-swept, windy days! Loneliness is a terrible word, and "to be without a friend" has a mysterious relation as if living "without the presence of God."

*Your father, Fr. N.J.*