

THE VOICE

Parish Newsletter: December 2019-January 2020

Saint Elia the Prophet Orthodox Church

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A Parish of the Orthodox Church in America

**His Beatitude Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington,
Metropolitan of All America and Canada**

His Eminence, Archbishop Alexander, Diocese of Toledo

Mitred Archbishop Father Don Anthony Freude, Rector

Reverend Protodeacon James M. Gresh, *Attached*

2019 Parish Council

President: Subdeacon Terrence A. Bilas

Vice President: John Bohush IV

Secretary: Sandy Graham

Treasurer: Anthony Dodovich

Members: Veronica Bilas, Bud Graham,
Sarah Niglio, Joshua Wherley

Choir Director: Subdeacon Terrence A. Bilas

Assistant Directors: Anastasia Bohush, Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

Reader Michael Luc

Church School:

Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude

2019 Sisterhood of St. Juliana

President: Veronica Bilas; Vice President: Sandy Graham

Secretary: Sarah Niglio; Treasurer: Mary Magensky

Workers of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr

Coordinators: Reader Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

HOURS AND EPISTLE READERS Dec.2019 – Jan. 2020

Sunday, December 1

Hours: Joshua Wherley

Epistle: Joshua Wherley

Sunday, December 8

Hours: Reader Michael Luc

Epistle: Reader Michael Luc

Sunday, December 15

Hours: Reader Aaron Gray

Epistle: Reader Aaron Gray

Sunday, December 29

Hours: Subd. Terrence Bilas

Epistle: Anastasia Bohush

Sunday, January 5

Hours: Sue Ellen Turscak

Epistle: Sue Ellen Turscak

Sunday, January 12

Hours: Sarah Niglio

Epistle: Sarah Niglio

Sunday, January 19

Hours: Bud Graham

Epistle: Bud Graham

Sunday, January 26

Hours: Sandy Graham

Epistle: Sandy Graham

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING THE ARMED FORCES

Subd, Anthony Freude, son of Fr. Don and Popadia Donna

Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Mickey Stokich

Leonora Evancho

Larissa Freude Newman

Anastasia Haymon

Joseph Boyle

Phyllis George

Connie Pysell

Carl Palcheff

Matushka Myra Kovalik

Matushka Christine Zebren

Sarah Niglio

Lisa Nastoff

Sandra Dodovich

Angelo Lambo

Florence Lambo

Gary Turner

Infant Child Aria

Matushka Laryssa Huntyan

Matushka Suzanne Senyo

Bud Graham

GENERAL PARISH MEETING

A General Parish Meeting will be held on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8,** following the Divine Liturgy. the **2020 Parish Council** will be elected. Anastasia Bohush , a member of the **Nominating Committee** will p present the names of the nominees who have willingly accepted their nomination.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES
DECEMBER 2019 - JANUARY 2020

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7

Prophet Nahum

Saturday, November 30

5:00 pm – Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, December 1

9:45 am Hours – Joshua Wherley

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Joshua Wherley

EPISTLE: Ephesians 2:14-22 GOSPEL: Luke 18:18-27

Lighting of the 3rd Candle on the Advent Wreath

****FEAST OF SAINT. NICHOLAS THE
WONDERWORKER, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA
IN LYCIA**

Thursday, December 5

**6:00 pm Vespers and Divine Liturgy of Saint John
Chrysostom**

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8

Venerable Patapius of Thebes

Saturday, December 7

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, December 8

9:45 am Hours – Reader Michael Luc

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:1-6 GOSPEL: Luke 17:12-19

Lighting of the 4th Candle on the Advent Wreath

**26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1
SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS**

Saturday, December 14

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, December 15

9:45 am Hours – Reader Aaron Gray

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray

EPISTLE: Colossians 3:4-11 GOSPEL: Luke 14:16-24

Lighting of the 5th Candle on the Advent Wreath

Panakhida for the repose of the soul of +Betty Jean Wulff as requested by her family

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CHRISTMAS HOLY WEEK

Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has ben opened to all; adorn yourself, O Ephrata, for the Tree of Life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit; if we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam. Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning.

PREFESTIVE VESPERS

Thursday, December 19 – 6:00 pm

Vespers of the Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ

Friday, December 20 – 6:00 pm

Vespers of the Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ

**27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2
FOREFEAST and SUNDAY BEFORE THE
NATIVITY OF CHRIST. Greatmartyr Anastasia
Saturday, December 21**

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, December 22

9:45 am Hours – Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Anastasia Bohush

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:1-25

Lighting of the 6th Candle on the Advent Wreath

PREFESTIVE VESPERS

Monday, December 23

6:00 pm Vespers of the Forefeast of Christmas

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FEAST OF CHRISTMAS

***The Nativity According to the Flesh of
our lord God and Savior Jesus Christ***

Tuesday, December 24

9:00 am ROYAL HOURS OF CHRISTMAS

5:00 pm VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 25

**10:00 am DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT
JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**SECOND DAY OF THE FEAST OF THE
NATIVITY – SYNAXIS OF THE MOST-HOLY
THEOTOKOS**

Thursday, December 26

9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

**THIRD DAY OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY
Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen**

Friday, December 27

9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Christos razdajetsja! Christos e Rodi! Mir Boze!

C Rozdectvom Christovim! Christos Gennatai!

Masheeh Wuleda! Buon Natale! Feliz Navidad!

Joyeux Noel! Wesoly Swiat! Krisztus Szuletik!

Froliche Weinachten! Chestita Koleda!

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**28TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3 –
SUNDAY AFTREER THE NATIVITY. Holy
Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the
King and James, the Brother of the Lord**

Saturday, December 28

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, December 29

9:45 am Hours: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

EPISTLE: Galatians 1:11-19

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-23

SLAVA for St. Juliana the Merciful

THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Casesarea in Cappadocia.

Tuesday, December 31 - [New Year's Eve]

**6:00 pm Vesperal Divine liturgy of St. Basil the Great
*Prayers for the New Year – 2020***

**29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4
SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**

Saturday, January 4 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers / Confessions

Sunday, January 5

9:45 am Hours – Sue Ellen Truscak

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sue Ellen Truscak

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-18

GREAT SANCTIFICATION OF WATER

FEAST OF THEOPHANY

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The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

Christ is Baptized n the Jordan! Glorify Him!

Monday, January 6

8:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**For those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, a
Light is risen.**

For unto us a Child is born! Unto us a Son is given!

And of His peace there shall be no end.

Isaiah 9:2,6

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY. Martyr Tatiana

Saturday, January 11 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers/ Confessions

Sunday, January 12

9:45 am Hours – Sarah Niglio

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sarah Niglio

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:7-13

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-27

31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 6

St .Mark of Ephesus

Saturday, January 18 -5:00 pm Great Vespers / Confessions

Sunday, January 19

9:45 am Hours – Bud Graham

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Bud Graham

EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

GOSPEL: Luke 18:35-43

32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 7

Saturday, January 25

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, January 26

9:45 am Hours – Sandy Graham

10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham

EPISTLE: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

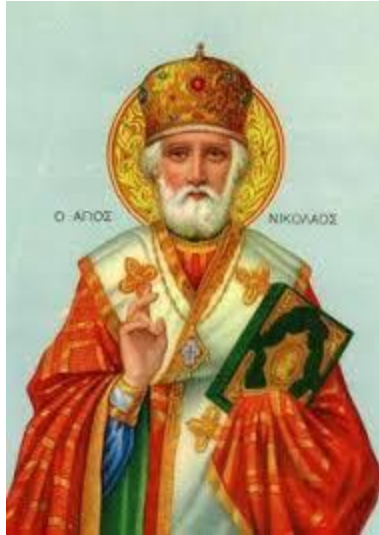
****SYNAXIS OF THE ECUMENICAL TEACHRS
AND HIERARCHS: Basil the Great, Gregory the
Theologian and John Chrysostom**

Wednesday, January 29 – 6:00 pm

Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT NICHOLAS

OUR ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY SAINT NICHOLAS CELEBRATION



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019
6pm Vespers Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019
10 am Divine Liturgy

**Followed by a Covered Dish
Lenten Luncheon**

**Main entree will be provided.
Please bring a side and/or dessert**

**And Welcome
A VISIT FROM SAINT NICHOLAS**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

The celebration of our Lord's Nativity is fast approaching and poinsettias and other and other decorations will need to be purchased. **FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available at the Candles Desk. Thank you for helping to make the Church festive by your generous donations.

CHURCH SCHOOL – 2019-2020



Our Church School Classes are held on Sunday mornings in the Church Hall following Holy Communion.

SISTERHOOD OF SAINT JULIANA NAME DAY

Our Parish Sisterhood of St. Juliana the Merciful Name Day falls on **Thursday, January 2, 2020**. Following the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, December 29, 2019**, we will honor St. Juliana and mercifully entreat here for her prayers with a **SLAVA**.
Through the prayers of St. Juliana the Merciful, Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

January Parish Council – to be announced

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Our Parish Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 26, 2020** following the Divine Liturgy

The Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar

Commemorated **on December 25**



The Nativity of Christ was revealed to the Magi by a wondrous star. Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Theophylactus, commenting on Saint Matthew’s Gospel, say that this was no ordinary star. Rather, it was “a divine and angelic power that appeared in the form of a star.” Saint Demetrius of Rostov says it was a “manifestation of divine energy” (Narrative of the Adoration of the Magi). Entering the house where the Infant lay, the Magi “fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented Him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh” (Mt. 2:11).

The names of the three Wise Men (Magi) do not appear in the Gospels. The tradition that there were three visitors from the east is very ancient, but their names are only mentioned in the Middle Ages.

Bones reputed to be the relics of the three kings have been in the cathedral at Cologne, Germany since 1164.

Commemoration of the Shepherds in Bethlehem who were watching their flocks, and went to see the Lord

Commemorated on **December 25**

In the stillness of midnight (Wisdom of Solomon 18:14-15), the proclamation of the birth of the Savior of the world was heard by three shepherds watching their flocks by night.

An angel of the Lord (Saint Cyprian says this was Gabriel) came before them and said: "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). The humble shepherds were the first to offer worship to Him Who condescended to assume the form of a humble servant for the salvation of mankind.

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ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN WOMEN

**Annual Winer Mini Retreat
and
Continental Breakfast
Saint Thomas Eastern Orthodox Church**

Saturday, January 25, 2020

9:30 am – 12 noon

Speaker: Dr. Bill Shaheen

"Icon Secrets"