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24TH Sunday After Pentecost

THE VOICE

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Scheduled Readers - 2025

Sunday, November 23- Reader Nicholas Morelli
Sunday, November 30 – Reader Joshua Wherley
Sunday, December 7 - Mary Beth Gray
Sunday, December 14 - Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

THE NATIVITY FAST

"The sayings of the prophets are now fulfilled"

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 7
Afterfeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple
Saturday November 22
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Mark 16:1-8
Sunday, October 23
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Nicholas Morelli
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Reader Nicholas Morelli
Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22 Gospel: Luke 12:`16-21
Lighting of the Second Candle on the Advent Wreath

A BLESSED THANKSGIVING DAY
We. Our Servants, O Lord, are grateful for Your benefits bestowed upon us. And glorifying You, we praise, bless You and give thanks as we sing hymns to You. Extolling Your loving kindness we cry out: Glory to You, our Benefactor and our Savior.

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 8
Holy and All-Praised Apostle Andrew the First-called
Saturday, November 29
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Mark 16:9-20
Sunday, November 30
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Joshua Wherley
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Reader Joshua Wherley
Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17
Lighting of the Third Candle on the Advent Wreath

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-20

14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one,
and has broken down the middle wall of separation,
15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the
law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to
create in Himself one new man from the two, thus
making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both
to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to
death the enmity.17 And He came and preached peace to
you who were afar off and to those who were near.18 For
through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the
Father.19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers
and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and
members of the household of God,20 having been built
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus
Christ Himself being the chief corner stone,21 in whom
the whole building, being joined together, grows into a
holy temple in the Lord,

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground
of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 And he
thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I
have no room to store my crops?' 18 So he said, 'I will do
this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and
there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 And I will
say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for
many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry."
' 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will
be required of you; then whose will those things be which
you have provided?' "So *is* he who lays up treasure for
himself, and is not rich toward God."

THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT NICHOLAS

OUR ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY SAINT NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

6:00 PM VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY
for the Feast

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

Followed by a Lenten Luncheon
Please bring a meatless covered dish and/or dessert

AND

A VISIT FROM SAINT NICHOLAS

O who loves Nicholas the saintly,
O who serves Nicholas the saintly
Him will Nicholas receive
And give help in time of need.
Holy Father Nicholas!

ADVENT WREATH

The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord together with Feast of His Baptism in the Jordan are Feasts of Light celebrating the coming and manifestation of Christ the Light of the world. Nature itself helps us to experience these Feasts of Light.

With the coming of winter, the days get shorter and the nights longer, but once we reach Christmas itself the reverse begins to happen. Nature prepares for the Coming of Christ, the Light in the darkness and so do we during the Holy Season of Advent. The prophet Isaiah calls out in our darkness, *"Come…walk in the light of the Lord"* (Isaiah 2:5). That's not a streetlamp. That's a person: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, and our pathfinder

To help in our preparation, we have an Advent Wreath in Church. The Wreath, made of evergreens, will have six candles on it: one for each Sunday in Advent. After the homily, the children will come up to light the candles on the wreath each Sunday. This Sunday, November 23, we will light the second candle on the wreath.
Think about the holiday demands that stress you most. Picture them as flashing lights. Try to close your eyes to them by imagining instead the two candles lit on the Advent Wreath, a reminder of Christ, the Light shining in darkness.

2026 CHURCH CALENDARS

Through the kindness and generosity of Anthony Funeral Home, our Parish Family has been provided with 2026 Church Calendars. They are available on the front pew to be picked up.

OUR STEWARDSHIP – November 16, 2025

Candles:	**$ 110.00**
Sunday Tray Offerings:	**1,855.00**
Special Donation:	**10.00**
Bookstore:	**15.00**
Front Steps Project:	**505.00**
Tithely Donations:	**921.74**
TOTAL:	**$3,416.74**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS

With the celebration of Christmas just weeks away, please consider making a donation for poinsettias and decorations. Christmas Flower Offering Envelopes are available on the candle desk. Thank you for your generosity. The envelope has a space, if you wish, to make your offering "in memory."

FOR THE ALASKAN OCA SEMINARY

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart... God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:6).

During Advent – from November 15 -December 14, we are making our charitable offerings in support of the Seminarians and Catechists enrolled at Saint Herman's Seminary in Kodiak, Alaska.

REMEMBERING THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES
Subdeacon Anthony Freude, son of Fr Don and Popadia Donna
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila
Kristopher Barnhart, son of Diego and Chanelle

REMEMBERING OUR SICK & SHUTINS
Archbishop Onuphry of the Ukraine
Archbishop Benjamin
Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Andrew Moulton
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Mitred Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Priest Gabriel Bilas
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Valerie Zahersky
Reader John Paluch
Florence Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Niglio
Melissa Trace
Frances Hakim
Louis Hakim
Joey Gresh
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor
Ellen Rees
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