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25TH Sunday After Pentecost

THE VOICE

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Scheduled Readers - 2025
Sunday, November 30 – Reader Joshua Wherley
Sunday, December 7 - Mary Beth Gray
Sunday, December 14 - Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

SCHEDULE OF DIVINSERVICES

THE NATIVITY FAST

"The sayings of the prophets are now fulfilled"

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

Holyday
SAINT NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER. ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA
Friday, December 5
6:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1
St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan
Saturday December 6
5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions
Matins Gospel: Luke 24:`-1-12
Sunday, December 7
9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Joshua Wherley
9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint Chrysostom
Epistle Reader: Reader Joshua Wherley
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SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

Walk in Unity

4 I, therefore, the prisoner]of the Lord, [b]beseech you
to walk worthy of the calling with which you were
called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with
longsuffering, bearing with one another in
love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in
the bond of peace. 4 *There is* one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called in one hope of your
calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God
and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and
in you all.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

10 Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on
the Sabbath. 11 And behold, there was a woman who
had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent
over and could in no way [a]raise *herself* up. 12 But
when Jesus saw her, He called *her* to *Him* and said to
her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."
13 And He laid *His* hands on her, and immediately she
was made straight, and glorified God.14 But the ruler of
the synagogue answered with indignation, because
Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the
crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to
work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not
on the Sabbath day."
15 The Lord then answered him and said,
]"Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath
loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead *it* away

to water it? [16] So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" [17] And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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.

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."

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.

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 covered meatless dish and/or dessert
AND
A VISIT FROM SAINT NICHOLAS

OUR STEWARDSHIP – November 23, 2025

Candles:	**$ 76.00**
Sunday Tray Offerings:	**1,870 .00**
Special Donation:	**200 .00**
Tithely Donations:	**231.00**
TOTAL:	**$2,377.00**

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 30, we will light the third 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.

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
David Elioff
Sofia Wsevolodov