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Sunday, December 17th, 2023

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Great Martyr Barbara and Juliana at Heliopolis

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday - 9:00 am **NO Sunday School**

Panachida for ***+Very Rev John Baranik***, ***+Don Konitsky, and +Colleen Pugh*** offered by Father Robert and Pani Kathy Buczak***;***
+Larry Buksa offered by Christ Nyce; ***+Anna Vensel-Knaze*** offered by Steve Knaze;
+Rudolf Gregory offered by Very Rev. Archpriest Dr. Alexander and Pani Kerry Ganzi

Resurrection Tone 3 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 87-89
Epistle: Colossians 1:12-18 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

Saint Nicholas Day Fund-raiser Dinner for Christ the Saviour Seminary

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Mon. 12/18 … ***Vespers for the Feast of Saint Nicholas 4:00 pm***

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Tuesday December 19th, 2023

The Feast of St. Nicholas The Wonderworker ArchBishop of Myra in Lycia

Patronal Feast of the Carpatho-Rusyn People and the Diocesan Church Schools

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am
Tropar & Kondak: pages 123-127
Epistle: Hebrews 13:17-21
Gospel: Luke 6:17-23

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Sunday, December 24th, 2023

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday - 9:00 am **No Sunday School**

Panachida for ***+Bill and Peg Ryan*** offered by the Family; ***+Robert Pringle*** (40th Day)
+Charles Arendas and +Sandy Able (Birthday Remembrance) offered by the Family;
+Mary and George Semancik, Susan Semancik, and Martha Dietzen;
+Mrs. Caroline Dudak offered by Mrs. Rose Kisic; and ***+Christina Simon***;
+Larry Buksa offered by sister, Kathy Feathers, and friend Jim Claycomb
+Donna Zizan offered by Kathryn Oravec

Resurrection Tone 4 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 90 & 128
Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

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Services for the week of December 24th

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Wed. 12/27 … +Christina Simon; + Florence Kanuch offered by Donlad E. Kanuch; and
+ Anna Lazarak (Perpetual)…….....8:00 am

Sat. 12/30 … Great Vespers……..……4:00 pm

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Sunday, December 31st, 2023

The Thirtieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday before the Feast of the Nativity; of the Genealogy

Divine Liturgy/Choir Sunday – 9:00 am **No Sunday School**

Panachida for ***+Mary Pavlik*** offered by Roger Pavlik; ***+John, Ruth, Michael, and James Horner***, offered by the Horner family; ***+Departed Cathedral Pastors: Father Andrew Zapatocky, Protopresbyter Joseph Mihaly, Protopresbyter John Miller, and Protopresbyter John Yurcisin;*** ***+John Smider*** offered by Anna Smider; and ***+Larry Buksa*** offered by Joe and Pat Kmetz

Resurrection Tone 5 - Tropar & Kondak pages 93 & 129
Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

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FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ICON OF SAINT NICHOLAS ***are offered in honor of Saint Nicholas by Susan Kalcik, Nick Bocher, and Mitzi Fischbach.***

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – are offered for ***Maryann Raslevich (12/18), Nick Timko (12/20), and Christopher Miloro (12/21).*** You were remembered today in the Proskomedia.

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CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 27 @ 6:30 pm

Final Choir practice for the Holy Day is Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:30 pm

The Choir will sing the responses to the Divine Liturgy Sunday, December 24th, December 31st; Saturday Evening, January 6th, 2024 and Sunday January 7th, 2024

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THE ALTAR CANDLES and THE ETERNAL LAMP - are offered this week in memory of ***+Helen Dutko by the Tvarozna Family***.

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A.C.R.Y. NEWS

January is designated for our "Souper Bowl" collection, Please place cans, dry packages, or packs of noodles on the Cathedral Auditorium Stage. The Sunday School and ACRY wish all parishioners a Blessed Spiritual Christmas.

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CATHEDRAL CHARITY BOX - REMINDER

Did you know that the Cathedral has a charity box for the less fortunate of the parish? On the back of the last pew on the "Virgin's side" of the church is a small wooden box in which you may put your offering to help those in need. Thank you for your stewardship of our parish!

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ST. NICHOLAS RETURNS A KIDNAPPED CHILD



A wealthy man begat a son through the intercessions of Saint Nicholas. The man built a chapel in his house in honor of the saint. Yearly the grateful father celebrated the saint's feast. Now it happened that his estate was near the territory of the Hagarenes. One year, his young son was captured by them and was made to serve them as a slave. The following year, as the father was keeping the Feast of St. Nicholas, the lad at the same time was bearing a valuable cup of wine to his Hagarene master. Though his parents kept the saint's memory, the grief they suffered over their kidnapped son was ever present. Even on that joyous feast day, they wept for their son. In the meantime, the young boy was also weeping, and his master demanded to know why. The young boy disclosed the fact that the Feast of Saint Nicholas was being celebrated at his home, and he was sad he was absent. The Hagarene, infuriated by this reference to the saint said spitefully: "Your Saint Nicholas can do as he pleases, but you are staying right here!" Then suddenly, a mighty wind demolished the Hagarene's palace, took up the boy with the cup still in his hand, and carried him to the threshold of the chapel where his parents were offering up prayers to Saint Nicholas. When they found their son in their midst, the joy and gratitude they experienced could not be described by human words! ***O Holy Father Saint Nicholas, save us from our captives!***

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PRAYER CHAIN

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Veronica Buczak
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Michael Sakmar
Joseph Muchesko
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Michael Derby
Barry Gilchrist
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Andy Walls

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Eva Zeleniak-Whitak
Malcolm Barnes
Ann Koehnlein
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Judith Rowlands
Angeline Komara
Arianna Risso
Charlie Erisman
Rachael Costlow
Marshall Rosenow
Shirley Mazurak
Donna Babble
Richard Barnes
Michael Logan
Lloyd Broadwater
Nick Timko
Erin Demich
Mary Ann Muchesko
Joella Hamlin
Donna Martyak
Michaela Miller
Arianna Jade Miller

Taylor Miller
Jennifer Gardenhour
Valentina and Olga Yaremenko
Steve Prieber
Aberdeen Rudge
Pat Hanuska
Dwight Nugle
Rose and Terry Fyock
Rosalia Horner
Beverly Mayo
Al Kuzmyak
Michael Paul Gost
Brooklyn Balamuto
Matushka Helen Jasiukowicz
Joanne Democko
Robert and Barbara Stokes
Marcia Matthews
Jolene McClain
Georgene Coulter
Tanya Britan
Frank Porembka
Daniel Porembka
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Demetra Mavrophilipos
Rose Conjelko
Cindy Birth
Roger Zankey
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Paul Kalinyak
John Rosiak
Louis Pocchiari
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Brianna Thompson
Elijah Groff
Lisa Shaffer
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Michael Mehalacki
Matthew Hanak
Carol Labad
Carter McAuly
Michael Yaremenko
Alex Yarementko
Pauline and Margaret Blehi

Lauri LaBuda
Dorothy and Kathy Bayconish
Nicholas and Carole Blitva
Lorie Joseph
Mary Frances Dutko
Clarabella Knight
Matushka Mary Margaret
Remona Blunt-Wall
Patti Sweeney
Samantha Salway
Joan Bost
Cheryl Reese
Sheri Smay
Geroge Kuzmiak
Jackson Enhro
Lisa Luterman
Jeanne Norris
Jennifer Shrift
Kristo Burkett
Amanda May
Jean Romesburg
Michael and MaryAnn Savering
Marilyn Stolzfus

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Our New Candelabrum Box



Lighting Candles

Lighting candles is an important part of Orthodox worship. We light them as we pray, making an offering to accompany our prayers. Orthodox typically light candles when coming into the church - and that is usually the best time to light them, but there are times when candles should not be lit. It is not proper to light candles during the Epistle or Gospel readings, during the Little or Great Entrances, and the sermon.

Traditionally tapered candles are made of pure beeswax. The use of beeswax candles represents the purity and plasticity of the soul. In comparison, candles in glass holders traditionally employ oil rather than wax. Many of the non-beeswax candles made today are not made of wax at all, using instead a kind of petroleum product. These are especially pernicious in that they often give off an oily odor and always create a horrid amount of soot on walls.

12 symbolisms of lighting candles in Church.

St. Symeon gives these six symbolisms:

1. The candle symbolizes the purity of the soul because it is purely made from beeswax.
2. Since we can easily carve anything into a candle, the candle symbolizes how our soul can be easily imprinted (with good or bad).
3. The candle symbolizes God's Grace as wax is made from blooming flowers that give forth fragrance.
4. Just as the candle gives food to the flame, so by Theosis (our nature is made into flame that burns sin and gives light)
5. The candle symbolizes the light of Christ which gives light in the darkness.
6. The candle symbolizes the light and peace that every Christian must have. When the candle burns it enlightens and comforts mankind giving light in the darkness.

Our Holy Father Nicodemus of Mount Athos gives us these 6 explanations:

1. We light candles for the glory of God who is the true and only light that enlightens every man.
2. We light candles to disperse the darkness of the night to comfort ourselves from the fear of darkness.
3. We light candles to show the joy that is in our hearts.
4. We light candles to honor saints and martyrs of our Faith just as early Christians lit candles at the graves of the martyrs.
5. We light candles to symbolize our good works, as the Lord says, "Thus let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in the heavens."
6. We light candles for the forgiveness of sins of both those who light the candles and of those for whom the candles are lit. For this reason, in churches in many places, there are separate candle stands for the living and other ones for the dead.

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