# Christ the Saviour Cathedral

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**Sunday, December 18th, 2022**

# *The Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

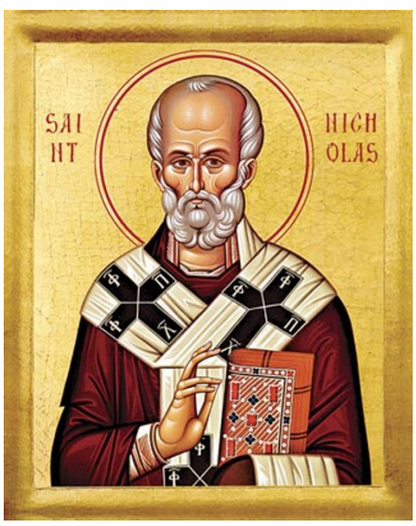
***Saint Sabbas the Sanctified***
**Divine Liturgy / Choir Sunday– 9:00 am**

Panachida for ***+William Ryan*** offered by the family; ***+Fr. John Baranik, +Don Konetsky, and +Colleen Pugh*** offered by Fr. Robert and Pani Kathy Buczak
***+Charles and Elsie Arendas and Sandy Abele*** offered by the family;
***+Helen Dutko*** offered by Darice Tvarozna and family;
***+Donna Yarina*** offered by Alberta and Scott Hanak;
***+Michael J. Hanak*** offered by Ms. Joanne Potts;
***+Rudy Sochor*** offered by Mitch and Linda Altschuler and family; ***+Patti Horbal*** offered by husband, Gregory Horbal; and ***+Randy Horbal*** (1st Anniversary) offered by his family

Resurrection Tone 2 - Tropar & Kondak pages 84-86
Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

## *St. Nicholas Day Fundraising Dinner for Christ the Saviour Seminary*

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**Monday December 19th, 2022**

# *The Feast of St. Nicholas The Wonderworker Arch-Bishop 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 25th, 2022**

## *The Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*
## *The Sunday of the Holy Forefathers*

**Divine Liturgy - 9:00 am** **No Sunday School – 10:20 am**

Panachida for ***+Caroline Dudak*** offered by John and Victor Zlataholva; ***+Mary and George Semancik, Susan Semancik, Michael Dietzen and Martha Dietzen;*** ***+Elaine Dutko*** (Birthday Remembrance) offered by Ann Melanie Yurcisin; ***+Michael Yazvak***; ***+Christina Simon***; and ***+Departed Cathedral Pastors: Father Andrew Zapatocky, Protopresbyter Joseph Mihaly, Protopresbyter John Miller, and Protopresbyter John Yurcisin.***

Resurrection Tone 3 – Tropar & Kondak: Pages 87-89

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

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**Services for the week of December 25th**

**Thu. 12/29** … +Florence Kanuch offered by Donald Kanuch; and +Anna Lazarak ……...8:00 am

**Sat. 12/31** … No Vespers Scheduled

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**Sunday, January 1st, 2023**

## *The Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost*
### *Sunday before the Feast of the Nativity; of the Genealogy*

***The Holy Martyr Boniface***

**Divine Liturgy– 9:00 am**

Panachida for ***+Anastasia and John and Andrew Podolak*** offered by family; ***+Mary Pavlik*** offered by Roger Pavlik; ***+Michael Hanak Sr.*** (62nd Anniversary) offered by daughters Margaret (Hanak) Blehi and Dorothy Irene (Hanak) Bayconish; ***+John Smider*** offered by Anna Smider; ***+John Petrick***; and ***+Alex Stolicza*** (Perpetual)

Resurrection Tone 4 - Tropar & Kondak pages 90 & 129

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

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**DEEPEST SYMPATHIES** - to Cathedral parishioner ***Thomas Fultz on the falling asleep of his wife, Theresa this past Saturday***. May her Memory be Eternal!

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**THE ETERNAL LAMP** – is offered this week in memory of ***+Helen Dutko by the Tvarozna Family***.

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**THE ALTAR CANDLES** – are offered today in memory of ***+Helen Dutko by the Tvarozna Family***.

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**BIRTHDAY PRAYERS** – are offered this week for ***Maryann Raslevich (12/18), Nick Timko (12/20), Christopher Miloro (12/21), Alberta Hanak 90th Birthday (12/23), and Roxanne Miloro (12/25).*** You were remembered today in the Proskomedia.

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## ACRY LOTS-O-LUCK Calendars are available
### See Christina Sakmar

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Candy Pick-up is Sunday December 18th at the Ed Center, Thanks to all who bought or sold candy. Kurtis Dutko was the top seller with over $600.00 of sales. Special thanks to chair-persons Justin and Amanda Dutko. No Sunday School for the next 4 weeks. Sunday School will resume classes on January 15th, 2023. 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 wishes all parishioners a Blessed Spiritual Christmas. Never forget: The Reason for the Season is the Birth of Jesus our Saviour and Redeemer. – ***Dr. Louise Brudnak -Sunday School Director***

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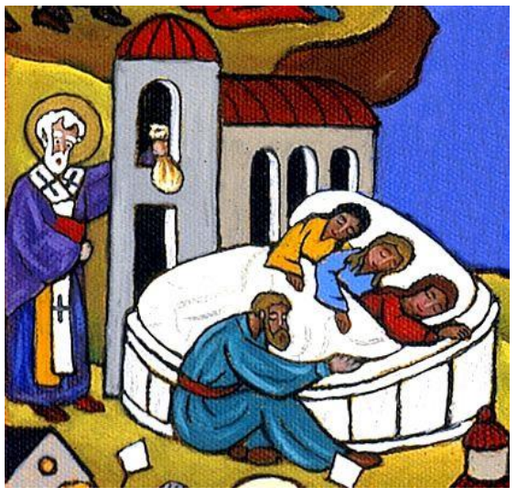
## CATHEDRAL SENIORS NEWS

Our **Cathedral Seniors Financial Secretary**, Susan Kalcik, has asked to be relieved of her responsibility as the financial secretary of the seniors group. Any **Cathedral Senior member** willing to take over this responsibility is asked to contact Fr. Buczak. Thank you for your consideration.

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## ST. NICHOLAS &THE THREE MAIDENS



At that time, there was a very wealthy man from Patara who had three beautiful daughters. From the enemy's malice, this father had fallen on hard times and into a deep poverty. He then conceived a notion of committing his young daughters to slavery. By divine Grace, Saint Nicholas learned of this impending catastrophe and was determined to do something about it. The Priest Nicholas bound three hundred gold coins in a sock and secretly went by night to the poor father's house. The saint observed an open window and threw the sock full of gold coins through the window; it landed with a thump. The saint did not wait to see by whom or how it was found. He instead took himself away under the cover of the night, lest anyone would see and recognize him. Moreover, Father Nicholas did not want to embarrass the former wealthy man. He resolved to act secretly as is said in the Holy Scriptures: "Let not your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be given in secret. (Matthew 6:3-4)." The saint wished to avoid the praise of men that he might receive praise only from God. The following morning, when the father and the three daughters arose, it was the father who found the sock full of gold coins. Since he could not identify who this great gift was from, he gave thanks to God. Soon after, he betrothed his eldest daughter to a wealthy man. Saint Nicholas, with the intention of assisting the second daughter, then prepared another sock filled with three hundred gold coins. He went quietly and secretly to the house and cast the coins through the same open window. When the father and the two remaining daughters arose, they quickly looked to see what they had received. Once again, he discovered the sock and marveled at this second occurrence. He now became curious to learn who had the goodness to bestow such generosity. The father then betrothed his second daughter. He still maintained hope that God would provide for the youngest daughter. From that day on, the father never left the open window in the event that his benefactor might appear. Saint Nicholas wished to help the third daughter as well. He again prepared the sock of money. The saint approached the window secretly by night. Inside the window the father and the daughter waited. Suddenly the sack came through the window. The father quickly arose and chased his benefactor crying out: "Stop! Stop! Do not hide yourself from me." The father immediately recognized Father Nicholas. The saint, seeing that he was discovered, made the man vow to keep his identity secret. The following day, the youngest daughter was betrothed. After all three daughters were married, the father lived the rest of his life in peace and mindful of giving glory to God. Overwhelmed with gratitude, the father kept the secret of this great good rendered by Saint Nicholas; and so it was revealed much later.

***O Holy Father Saint Nicholas, Pray for us!***

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## QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

God wants and desires only one thing from us: our humbleness. He does not need anything else; just to humble ourselves, so He can make us partakers of His divine grace, which was granted to us through the mystery of Holy Baptism. Although we did not love Him yet, neither had we struggled to acquire grace, He gave it to us as a gift out of His extreme kindness. He is only asking from us to humble ourselves and respond out of gratefulness and appreciation to His love. Thus, divine grace, which abides in us, will be activated and function accordingly. It will make us love God and get to know Him; it will do everything for us, if only we humble ourselves and allow for it to act. The only obstacle to the energy of God's grace, is our pride, our lack of humility. ***St. Paisios the Athonite***

Many rich and powerful men would pay dearly to see the Lord or His Most Pure Mother, but God does not appear in riches, but in the humble heart. Any of the poorest of men can be humble and come to know God. He needs neither money nor reputation to come to know God, but only humility. ***St. Silouan the Athonite***

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## PRAYER CHAIN

Thomas Buczak
Cindy LaBarr
Annie Mishurda
Steve Martyak
Veronica Buczak
Jessica McLaughlin
Michael Sakmar
Joseph Muchesko
Roberta Kovalik
Theresa Milkovich
Kira Pronin
Alexxa Lowery
Romayne Laichak
Debbie Dawson
Zachary Rogina
Robert J. Gritzer
Ron Kuzmyak
Paul Kalcik
Henry Laichak
Beverly Tinkle
Ronald Kmet
Michael Derby
Barry Gilchrist

Barbara Virostek
Robert Janeway
Helen Duray
Andy Walls
Jack Dahl
Eva Zeleniak-Whitak
Malcolm Barnes
Ann Koehnlein
Larry Eisenhauer
Evelyn Houston
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
Veronica Ronchak
Mary Jane Matolyak
Michaela Miller
Arianna Jade Miller
Taylor Miller
Jennifer Gardenhour
Margaret Blehi
Valentina Yaremenko
Olga Yaremetko
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 Stokes
Barbara Stokes
Marcia Matthews
Jolene McClain
Georgene Coulter
Tanya Britan
Frank Porembka
Daniel Porembka
Dr. Rose Ann Jordan
Elmer C. Laslo
Demetra Mavrophilipos
Gaynell Shrift
James Davis
Rose Conjelko
Cindy Birth
Roger Zankey
Jess Ambrose
Nelia Yurcisin
Paul Kalinyak
John Rosiak
Louis Pocchiari
Ed and Christine Sakmar

Julie Locher
Denise Stroud
Brianna Thompson
Infant Hale
Elijah Groff
Lisa Shaffer
Stephen Machik
Aniee Himes
Michael Mehalacki
Matthew Hanak
Carol Labad
Carter McAuly
Alberta Hanak
Michael Yaremenko
Alex Yarementko
Pauline Marie Blehi
Sierra Gathagan
Lauri LaBuda
Dorothy and Kathy Bayconish
Nicholas and Carole Blitva
Lorie Joseph
Mary Frances Dutko

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