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Sunday, December 7th, 2025

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria

Divine Liturgy - 9:00 am **Sunday School – 10:20 am**

Panachida for +***Anna Evanisko*** offered by Susan Deitle;
+William Fultz (24td Anniversary) and +Theresa Fultz (3rd Anniversary) offered by Thomas Fultz;
+Michael Pavlik offered by Roger Pavlik; +John Hobar offered by the family;
+Nicholas Timko offered by Catherine Timko; +***Sally Timko*** (40th Day) and
+***Nancy Gaydos and +Mary and +Phillip Timko*** offered by the Timko Family

Resurrection Tone 1 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 81-83

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Special Collection for the Altar Boys, Sunday December 7th

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Tue. 12/09 … +Andrew and Theresa Kerestesy offered by the family……8:00 am

Wed. 12/10 … +George Stevens offered by the family; +Mary and Stefan Stramanak and + Mary Czimbak (Perpetual)……8:00 am

Thur. 12/11 … +John and Mary Polak offered by Anna Polak; and +John Kanuch offered by Donald E. Kanuch (Perpetual)……8:00 am

Sat. 12/13 … Great Vespers……4:00 pm

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Sunday, December 14th, 2025

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Prophet Nahum

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***; +Mark A. DeCoske*** offered by wife, Rose Ann and family
+Nicholas Timko offered by Catherine Timko; and
+***Nancy Gaydos and +Mary and +Phillip Timko*** offered by the Timko Family
+Larry Buksa offered by Joe and Pat Kmetz; ***+Anna Vensel-Knaze*** offered by Steve Knaze;
+Rudolf Gregory offered by Very Rev. Archpriest Dr. Alexander and Pani Kerry Ganzi

Resurrection Tone 2 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 84-86

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17 Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

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

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

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Friday December 19th, 2025

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

Epistle: Hebrews 13:17-21 Tropar & Kondak: pages 123-127 Gospel: Luke 6:17-23

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Sat. 12/20 … Great Vespers……..……4:00 pm

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Sunday, December 21st, 2025

The Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Venerable Patapius of Thebes

Divine Liturgy - 9:00 am **Sunday School – 10:20 am**

Panachida for ***+Joseph Kuzmyak*** (40th Day)

+Nicholas Timko offered by the family; ***+William (Bill) Ryan*** offered by his family;

+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. Howard Klatt; and ***+Christina Simon***

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

Epistle: Colossians 1:12-18 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

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THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered the week of December 7th in memory of the ***24th Anniversary of the falling asleep of +William Fultz and the 3rd Anniversary of the falling asleep of Theresa Fultz by Thomas Fultz.***

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THE ALTAR CANDLES – are offered on Sunday December 7th in memory of ***Michael Pavlik by Roger Pavlik.***

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THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered the week of December 14th in memory of ***Patti Horbal by Gregory Horbal.***

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ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 14th, 2025

Please use the sign-up sheet in the Cathedral Auditorium

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COOKIE SALE – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th

Our A.C.R.Y. is having a cookie sale in the Cathedral Auditorium on Saturday, December 13th, 2025. We are asking for members (and others) to bake 5 dozen Christmas Cookies to sell at this fundraising event. Please bring your home-made cookies to the Cathedral Auditorium Friday, December 12th between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm for packing at 1:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the Cathedral Auditorium for types of cookies that are needed. Please see Dee Tvarozna for more details.

Packaged assorted Homemade Holiday Cookies are selling for $10.00 per 1-1/2 dozen at Christ the Saviour Cathedral Auditorium on Saturday, December 14th, 2025 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

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2025 CATHEDRAL DUES

As the calendar year comes to an end, all are reminded that the 2025 membership dues are due. Please fulfill your financial responsibility!

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Susan Kalcik (12/7) Metropolitan Gregory (12/7), Ethel Schappell (12/7), Candy Laichak (12/16), Courtney Matoylak (12/17), Sandra Miloro (12/17), Mary Ann Raslevich (12/18).*** You were remembered today in the Proskomedia.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Deacon Peter Sodini, Deacon Maximus Cannaverde, Alex Hurtsellers, Bradley Shaffer, Nicholas Cizin, John Bonnewicz-Coffey, John Fedornock III, Clay Rayburn, and Ignatios Leonardo.

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NEW BOILER FURNACE DONATIONS

Fr. Robert and Pani Kathy Buczak – $100.00
Ronald and Joan Bost - $50.00
Rich and Harriet Mirilovich - $100.00
Lynne Hood - $100.00
Julie Mastrine - $20.00
Michael and Chrystal Maticic - $75.00
Pani Betty Jean Baranik - $100.00
Michael and Jenifer Dzvonik - $100.00
Diana and Bernie Smith - $200.00
Darice Tvarozna - $100.00
Roger Pavlik - $100.00
Darby and Emilie Sprintz - $40.00

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ETERNAL MEMORY FUND

Thank you for your kind donations to our Eternal Memory Fund in Memory of +Joseph Kuzmyak

Fr. Robert and Pani Kathy Buczak-$25.00
Pani Betty Jean Baranik - $25.00
Dorothy Laichak - $20.00
A.C.R.Y. Chapter #20 - $100.00
Roger Pavlik - $25.00
Rose Ann Decoske - $50.00
Dave and Melanie Dudak - $25.00

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

The more the mind concentrates on praying, and is being humbled, the more it is enlightened by the grace of God. However, the more it gets dispersed and confused due to haughtiness, the more it becomes troubled; therefore, our mind, which is clean my nature, fills up with dirty thoughts.

Elder Paisios of the Holy Mountain

Seek out the truth by all means, but when it is not possible to find it out, let it be, and give it over to God; there, every truth and falsehood will become manifest. For it is better to let the guilty go without punishment than to punish the innocent.

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

The Lord never allows those who come to Him unhesitatingly to fall completely. When He sees them falter He helps them in their efforts, stretching a hand of power down to them and drawing them up to Himself. He works with them visibly and invisibly, consciously and unconsciously, until having climbed every step of the ladder, they draw near Him, wholly united with Him.

St. Symeon the New Theologian

It is one thing neither to be stung nor angered by affronts and insults, nor by temptations and trials, and another to be pleased by them. It is one thing to pray for people who do such things, and another to love them with all one's soul as benefactors, and still another to impress on one's spirit the face of each one of them, and then, with tears of sincere love, to embrace them dispassionately as true friends without the least trace of dislike making its nest in the soul.

St. Symeon the New Theologian

Guard yourself against luxury as against a plague. It greatly weakens a Christian soul. It teaches you to steal what is another's to offend people, and to hold your hand back from giving alms as is required as a Christian. Luxury is like a belly that knows no satiety, and like an abyss that devours what is good.

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

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Did you know that you can make donations to Christ the Saviour Cathedral on-line? Many parishioners and non-parishioners save time and efforts by donating to the Cathedral at: **https://www.acrod.org/directories/cathedral/**

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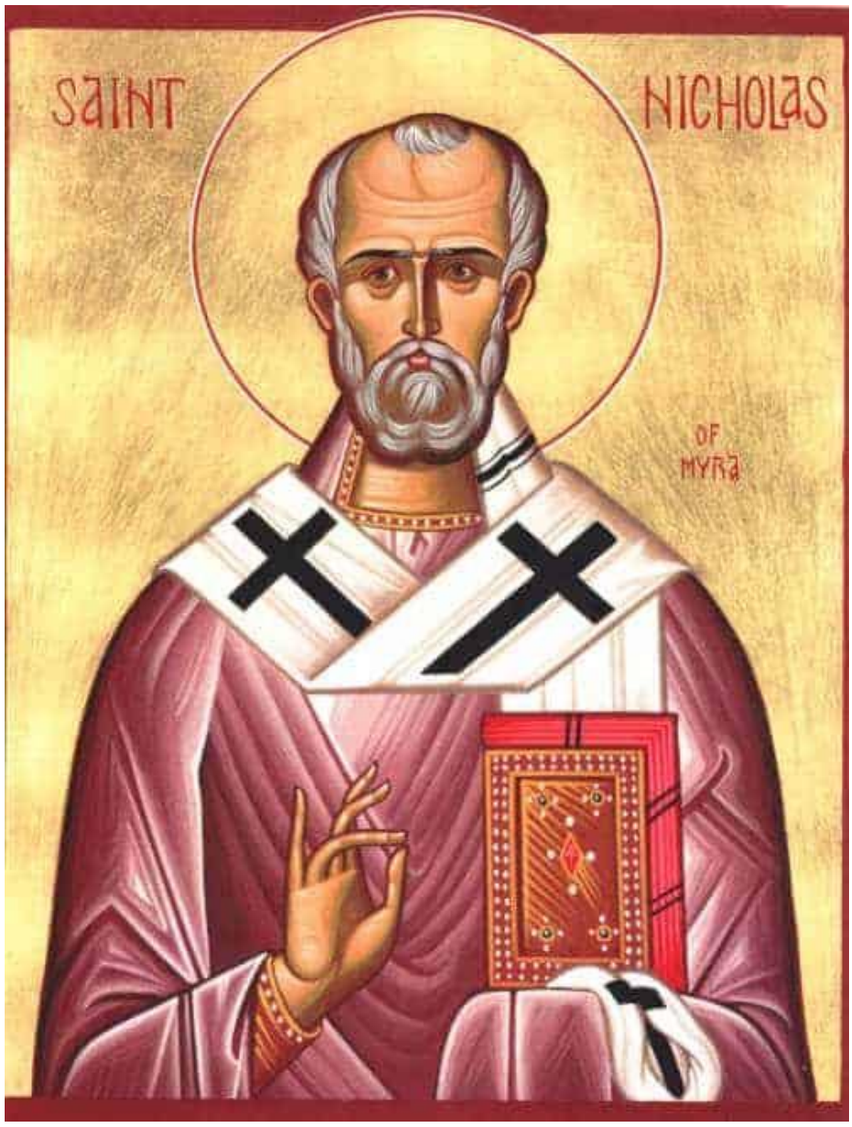
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You have never really lived
until you have done something for someone who cannot possibly pay you back
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Saint Nicholas, the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia is famed as a great saint pleasing unto God. He was born in the city of Patara in the region of Lycia (on the south coast of the Asia Minor peninsula), and was the only son of pious parents Theophanes and Nonna, who had vowed to dedicate him to God.

As the fruit of the prayer of his childless parents, the infant Nicholas from the very day of his birth revealed to people the light of his future glory as a wonderworker. His mother, Nonna, after giving birth was immediately healed from illness. The newborn infant, while still in the baptismal font, stood on his feet three hours, without support from anyone, thereby honoring the Most Holy Trinity. Saint Nicholas from his infancy began a life of fasting, and on Wednesdays and Fridays he would not accept milk from his mother until after his parents had finished their evening prayers.

From his childhood Nicholas thrived on the study of Divine Scripture; by day he would not leave church, and by night he prayed and read books, making himself a worthy dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Bishop Nicholas of Patara rejoiced at the spiritual success and deep piety of his nephew. He ordained him a reader, and then elevated Nicholas to the priesthood, making him his assistant and entrusting him to instruct the flock.

In serving the Lord the youth was fervent of spirit, and in his proficiency with questions of faith he was like an Elder, who aroused the wonder and deep respect of believers. Constantly at work and vivacious, in unceasing prayer, the priest Nicholas displayed great kind-heartedness towards the flock, and towards the afflicted who came to him for help, and he distributed all his inheritance to the poor.

Upon the death of Archbishop John, Nicholas was chosen as Bishop of Myra after one of the bishops of the Council said that a new archbishop should be revealed by God, not chosen by men. One of the elder bishops had a vision of a radiant Man, Who told him that the one who came to the church that night and was first to enter should be made archbishop. He would be named Nicholas. The bishop went to the church at night to await Nicholas. The saint, always the first to arrive at church, was stopped by the bishop. “What is your name, child?” he asked. God’s chosen one replied, “My name is Nicholas, Master, and I am your servant.”