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BULLETIN – 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & 10<sup>TH</sup> OF LUKE

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*Many Years -- Birthday*

Marilyn Nicholas December 8  
Shane Jeremiah Johnson December 9

*Many Years – Anniversary*

Fr. George and Kh. Suzanne Washburn December 10

**CHOIR & CHANTER APPRECIATION**

Today an offering will be taken to help support the music ministry of Ss Peter & Paul. If you are able, please give generously to this vital ministry of our parish.

**A Visit from St. Nicholas!**

**Today @ 5:00 pm**

**In the parish hall**

**Bring a bell and a voice to sing  
Christmas Carols**

**URGENT NEED**

Ron Roberson, who had a stroke recently, needs help while his wife is out of town. If you are able to fix dinner for Ron at 6:00 pm, clean up afterwards, and check on Ron's status, please contact Marilyn Spurgeon, who is scheduling helpers, at 831-345-5448. This is part of the Kindness Ministry.

**STEWARDSHIP CALLING SNAPSHOT**

On November 17 Gerry Elwell was chosen to serve as the initial coordinator of the Property Maintenance Ministry Team. On Wednesday, November 20 at the last Parish Council meeting, the Council delegated

authority to this ministry team to choose among bids for repair of the church's north transept roof (choir wing). Gerry welcomes input in person or by phone at 831-345-7102.

**VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY**

**for**

**St. Ignatius the God-bearer**

**Thursday, December 19**

**6:00 pm**

*Followed by fasting food potluck*

**CHURCH BOOKSTORE**

Celebrate the real meaning of Nativity with gifts from the bookstore in the parish hall. Both Thia Franck and Sh. Donna Wentzel will help you with your purchases.

**NATIVITY SCHEDULE**

**Royal Hours & Vespereal  
Divine Liturgy for the Feast  
Tuesday, December 24  
beginning at 9:00 am**

**10:00 pm**

**Festal Orthros & Divine  
Liturgy**

*Many Years*

*December 13 Fr. Richard Ballew*

*This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – December 9-15, 2019*

12/9 Mon 6:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal  
12/10 Tues 6:00 am – Readers Orthros  
12/11 Wed 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy  
6:00 pm – Vespers  
12/12 Thurs 6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group  
12/13 Fri 10:00 am – Women’s Book Study  
12/14 Sat 10:00 am – Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline  
12/15 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros  
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy-Forefathers  
of Christ  
10:20 am – Church School

*Looking Ahead –*

*December 18 Morning Divine Liturgy*

*Parish Council*

*December 19 Vespertal Divine Liturgy*

*December 20 Women’s Book Study*

*December 22 Youth Group*

*December 24-January 3 Church Office Closed*

*December 24 Royal Hours*

*Vespertal Divine Liturgy*

*Festal Orthros & Divine Liturgy for the*

*Feast of Nativity*

*December 27 Nativity Dinner*

*January 1 Vespers*

**TIMES FOR CONFESSIONS**

Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during Orthros prior to 9:15 am, before or after Vespers on Wednesday evenings (by appointment), on Saturday evenings following Compline, and by appointment during the week. If you desire to go to confession during Orthros, please send a message to one of the priests through one of the deacons.

**CALENDARS**

Be sure to pick up your December calendar flyer in your church mailbox and remove personal items and outdated papers.

**Orthodox Tidbits**

Fasting is one of the gifts that Our Lord has given us, through His Church. One of the basic necessities of life is food. Our hunger is a sinless passion. It is necessary for us to survive, but it is a passion nonetheless. Because our hunger is one of the most basic drives in our lives, it is also a good starting point in learning how to control ourselves.

The sinful passions that accompany hunger are gluttony and drunkenness. Both of these passions are easy to identify and correct, so fasting helps us to learn to control ourselves by learning to limit what we eat and drink. Learning to control these more basic passions helps in learning to control the more difficult passions, such as lust, anger, jealousy, pride.

Christ commented after casting out a demon, “This kind can only come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.” The Church teaches that this refers not only to demons, but to the passions as well. We fast, not because fasting will save us—it is Christ who saves us—but we do so out of obedience, since He asked us to and because it aids us in our struggle to purify ourselves from sin.

+Fr. Nathan

**ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN**

The Antiochian Women will meet on December 15 during coffee hour. Bring your ideas for a social activity and service project for the Nativity season. Any woman 18 and older is a member of the Antiochian Women, so come and learn more about the group and the larger sisterhood of Antiochian Women.

*“Love every person, regardless of his sinful state. Sin is sin, but the basis of a human being is one and only—the image of God.”*

*St. John of Kronstadt*