

## Word for the Day

**Saint Pelagia the Penitent** was converted to Christianity by Saint Nonnus, Bishop of Edessa (Saturday of Cheesefare Week). Before her acceptance of Christianity through Baptism, Pelagia was head of a dance troupe in Palestinian Antioch, living a life of frivolity and prostitution.

One day Pelagia, elegantly dressed, was making her way past a church where Saint Nonnus was preaching a sermon. Believers turned their faces away from the sinner, but the bishop glanced after her. Struck by the outer beauty of Pelagia and having foreseen the spiritual greatness within her, the saint prayed in his cell for a long time to the Lord for the sinner. He told his fellow bishops that the prostitute put them all to shame. He explained that she took great care to adorn her body in order to appear beautiful in the eyes of men. "We... take no thought for the adornment of our wretched souls," he said.

On the following day, when Saint Nonnus was teaching in the church about the dread Last Judgment and its consequences, Pelagia came. The teaching made a tremendous impression upon her. With the fear of God and weeping tears of repentance, she asked the saint for Baptism. Seeing her sincere and full repentance, Bishop Nonnus baptized her.

By night the devil appeared to Pelagia, urging her to return to her former life. The saint prayed, signed herself with the Sign of the Cross, and the devil vanished.

Three days after her baptism, Saint Pelagia gathered up her valuables and took them to Bishop Nonnus. The bishop ordered that they be distributed among the poor saying, "Let this be wisely dispersed, so that these riches gained by sin may become a wealth of righteousness." After this Saint Pelagia journeyed to Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives. She lived there in a cell, disguised as the monk Pelagius, living in ascetic seclusion, and attaining great spiritual gifts. When she died, she was buried in her cell.

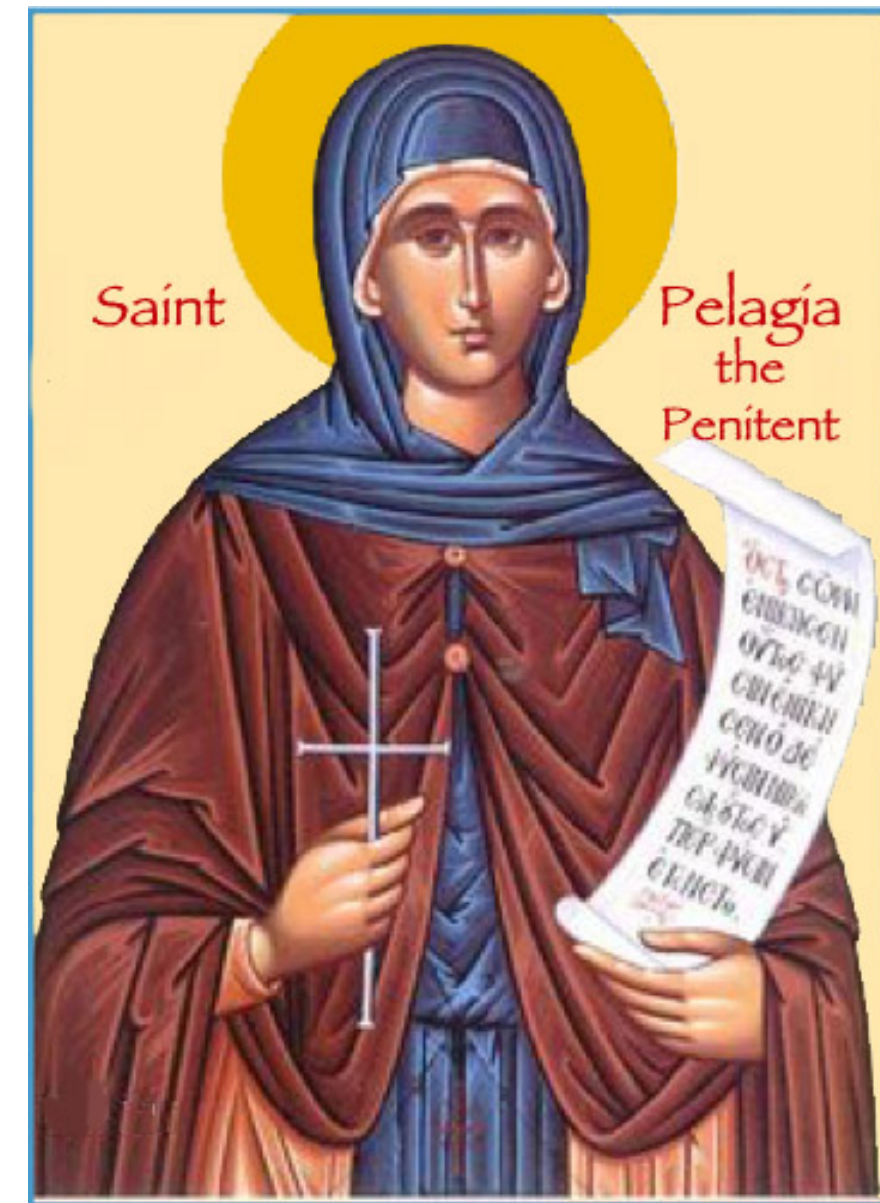
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## ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish Of The New England Diocese ✝ Orthodox Church In America

**October 8, 2017**

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Ven. Pelagía the Penitent (457). Ven. Dosiféi (Dositheus), Abbot of Verkneóstrov (Pskov—1482). Ven. Tryphon, Abbot of Vyatka (1612). Ven. Thaïs (Taíssia) of Egypt (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Pelagía of Antioch (303). Monk Martyr Ignatius of Prodromou (Mt. Athos—1814). Ven. Philotheus, Patriarch of Constantinople (1379).



## Divine Services

Saturday, Oct. 14.....Reader's Vespers.....6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Oct. 11.....Reader's Vespers.....6:30 p.m.  
 (followed by Study Group)  
 Sunday, Oct 14 .....Divine Liturgy .....9:30 a.m.  
 (Hours Begin at 9:00 a.m.)

### Today's Readings

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11  
**Gospel:** Luke 7:11-16

### Next Week's Readings

2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9  
 Luke 8:5-15

### For Next Week, Oct. 15

Hours and Thanksgiving Prayers .....Barbara Parhizgar  
 Epistle:.....Tanya Bogaevskaya  
 Coffee Hour: .....Alla Yefremova

**For the health and well-being** of Archpriest Joseph and Matushka Julia, Abdullah, David, Tony, Stanislav, Leonard, Timothy, Helen, Fenaeda, Raya, Dennis, Svetlana, Konstantin, Vladislav, Nancy, Maria, Al, Michael, Ludmila, Nick, Koren, Gregory, Mat. Myra.

## October Birthdays

Elena Papurkov (06), Tanya Bogaevskaya (08), Sophia Chelukhova Leinbaugh (21) Irina Trioufanova. (31)  
**Anniversary:** Nicholas and BaibaKorsakov (02)

## Announcements

**October Charities.** We are collecting for the local **Habitat for Humanity.** This wonderful local and national organization uses volunteers to build low income housing for folks who wouldn't be able to afford financing a home.

## Upcoming Events

**Wed. Oct. 11 Reader's Vespers** followed by our first **Study Group** of the Church New Year. Participants will listen to and discuss a podcast from Fr. Evan Armatas on Fr. Thomas Hopko's "55 Maxims" of faith.

**Fall Sunday School:** We will start the year with a get together and Movie Night on Friday October 13. If you can help out for Movie Night we can use your presence! Please let Tanya know. **First day of Sunday School will be October 15.**

**Daily Vespers and Adult Study Group:** We will begin our Fall Daily Vespers services October 11 followed by Adult Study Group, led by Tanya. **Sunday, October 15: By-Laws Update - Save the Date**

**Oct. 15 Bylaws Vote:** Our updated by-laws were approved by the Diocese and now await a formal vote by our parish. Next week during coffee hour we will vote to officially approve them. We have sent out electronic copies of the By-Laws and there are some printed copies available for review (if you take one please bring it back to church). Please come on Oct. 15 to ratify the By-Laws, a project initiated by the OCA for parishes to update their by-laws. The local committee included Fr. Joseph, Nick, Pat and Irene.

**Oct. 15: Parish Council Meeting:** after Coffee Hour

**St. Nicholas Food Basket:** Remember to donate to the local food pantry by bringing canned and nonperishable donations for the basket in the back.

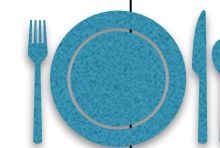


### Barton's Crossing Meal Schedule

*(a charity ministry of St. Nicholas)*

**Nov 5: Team C: Spaghetti/Meat Balls**  
 (Nick, Marina, Barbara, Diana F., Lucian)

**Dec 3: Team A: Chicken-Macaroni Casserole**  
 (Tanya, Irina T, Alla Y, Paula, Galina)



### Collections

Last Week's Collection.....\$642  
 2017 Budget .....\$96,142  
 Progress Towards Budget..\$64,854