

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

A Parish of The New England Diocese ✦ Orthodox Church In America

December 16, 2018

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4. Sunday of the Forefathers.
Prophet Haggai (Aggæus—50 B.C.). Martyr Marinus of Rome (3rd c.). Bl. Em-
press Theophano (Theophania—893-4). St Sophia (1542).

Services This Week

No Services or Study Group until Saturday

Saturday	Dec. 22	Baptism of Lucas Mckinley	11:00 a.m.
		Great Vespers and Confessions	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Dec. 23	Divine Liturgy (Sunday of the Fathers)	9:30 a.m.
Monday	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve: Great Vespers and Litya	5:00 p.m.
		(followed by pot luck dinner)	
Tuesday	Dec. 25	Nativity of our Lord Divine Liturgy	9:30 a.m.
		Vespers	6:00 p.m.

Today's Readings

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

Next Week's Readings

Galatians 1:11-19

Matthew 2:13-23

Dec. 23 Readers/Assistants

Hours and Thanksgiving Prayers	Lucian
Epistle	Mat Brenda
Coffee Hour	Irene
Sunday School Assistant	Henry

For the health and well-being of: Archpriest Joseph and Matushka Julia, Abdullah, David, Stanislav, Leonard, Timothy, Helen, Fenaeda, Raya, Dennis, Svetlana, Konstantin, Vladislav, Nancy, Maria, Al, Michael, Alexandra, Gregory, Helen, Edie, Lou, and June (sister of Rick).

Announcements

Thank you Church Cleaners—to those who came to clean and beautify our church yesterday morning: Soren, Steven, Marina, Nick, Irina T, Herman, and Irene V. We worked listening to Byzantine chant, with humor and efficiency, and by 10:30 walked out into Spring-like air.

December Charity: The charity for December is **Barton's Crossing**. Funds collected will be used to purchase personal items such as towels, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, etc.

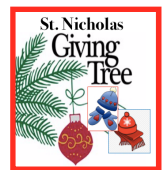
Christmas Cookie Exchange Today: will take place right after Coffee Hour.

Food Basket: Please remember to donate non-perishable, up-to-date food items, including baby food and personal care items for the St. Nicholas food basket. Even pet food is needed. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and for remembering that the Nativity season calls us to special charity as well as prayer and celebration.



Emergency Calling Tree: Irene has a form that we ask everyone to fill out (quick 3 questions) in order for the Parish Council to prepare a calling tree when we encounter dangerous driving conditions or emergencies and need to cancel services. We want to know how (or if) you would like to be contacted in case of a closing. Thank you.

The Giving Tree: you will see a basket in front of the tree to collect unwrapped warm socks, gloves, mittens, scarves and hats for our neighbors across the street.



Upcoming Baptisms: we are blessed to have new babies in our church! Please mark your calendars for the following baptisms:

Baptism of Lucas Mckinley, Saturday Dec. 22 at 11:00 a.m.

Baptism of Seraphima (Saorise) McChesney, Saturday Jan. 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Potluck: There is a signup sheet in the coffee room for anyone who will be staying for the potluck dinner after Great Vespers and Litya on Monday, Dec. 24 at 5:00 p.m. See Tanya for more information.

A Special Theophany Service and Thanks! After the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 6, we will say thank you to Fr. John, Mat. Brenda and little John Anastasius with a simple Pot Luck Meal (**fast free!**) and Coffee Hour. It is fitting that after three close-together baptisms Fr. John will serve his last (Sunday) liturgy at St. Nicholas in the celebration of Christ's Baptism and the distribution of Holy Water! Please bring your love, thanks, a serving of food and good luck for our priest in his resumption of work on his PhD at Yale. We hope that Fr. John and family will visit us and that this isn't a "good bye"! Fr. John's last service will be Monday, Jan. 7 — the Synaxis of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John.



Please look for your 2019 Stewardship letter/appeal coming soon

December Birthdays

Olga A. _____ 12/06
Lisa _____ 12/11
Danton _____ 12/13

Collections

Last Week's Collection\$2,666
2018 Budget.....\$100,100
Progress towards Budget\$73,35576%
2018 Pledges\$57,402
Progress towards Pledges.....\$61,148106%