

ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

December 23, 2018

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 5. Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ.

Sunday before the Nativity. Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete: Theodulus, Saturninus, Euporus, Gelasius, Eunician, Zoticus, Pompeius, Agathopus, Basilides, and Evaristus (3rd c.). Martyr Euporus (3rd c.). Repose of St. Theoctist, Archbishop of Novgorod (1310). St. Niphon, Bishop of Cyprus (4th c.). St. Paul, Bishop of Neo-Cæsarea (4th c.).

Services This Week and Next

Eve of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Mon. December 24 Great Vespers with Litya _____ 5:00 p.m.
Pot Luck Supper (after Liturgy)

The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Tue. Dec 25**Nativity of our Lord**

Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30 a.m.
Vespers _____ 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Dec. 26**Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos**

Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30 a.m.

Sat. Dec. 29Panikhida for Greg Beskalo _____ 4:15 p.m.
Great Vespers/Confessions _____ 5:00 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 30Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30 a.m.

Mon. Dec. 31Great Vespers _____ 6:00 p.m.

Tue. Jan. 01**Circumcision of Our Lord/St. Basil the Great**

Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30 a.m.

Sat. Jan. 05Baptism of Seraphima _____ 11:00 a.m.

Eve of Theophany Great Vespers/Litya ___ 5:00 p.m.
with Great Blessing of Waters

Sun. Jan. 06**Theophany of our Lord**

Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30 a.m.

followed by Simple PotLuck to honor Fr. John, Matushka
Brenda and John Anastasius (no Sunday School)

Vespers _____ 3:30 p.m.

Sat. Jan. 07**Synaxis of the Forerunner and Baptist John**

Divine Liturgy _____ 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 30 Readers/Assistants

Hours and Thanksgiving PrayersSteven
Epistle.....Yani
Coffee HourEmilie
Sunday School Assistant.....Herman/Irene

† Memory Eternal for the newly departed Greg Beskalo (12/21/2109)

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, and Diane.

Rest of Gregory Beskalo

Sadly, our brother in Christ, Greg, died Friday at Berkshire Medical Center after a tragic fall at home. Please keep Diane and the Beskalo-Dunn family in your prayers. The Visitation and Funeral will take place at **Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church** (15 Prospect St, Maynard, MA 01754.) Visitation is Thursday, Dec. 27 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. with a Panikhida at 7:00 p.m. Friday, December 28, at 11 a.m. is the Burial Matins with interment at the Russian Brotherhood Cemetery in Westford. (town next to Maynard). There will then be a luncheon at the church following the burial.

J.A. Healy Sons Funeral Home (<http://www.healyfuneralhome.com>) is in charge of arrangements. Funeral details and Greg's obituary will soon be posted on their website. If you plan on going to the funeral you may want to carpool. Maynard is about 127 miles from Pittsfield.

There will be also be a Panikhida **here** at St. Nicholas next Sat. (12/29) at 4:15 p.m. before Great Vespers.

Welcome the new Illuminated, Lucas McKinley, whose baptism was yesterday morning. Congratulations to his parents, Oksana and Larry, and his sponsor Eugene.

Nativity Donation Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

December Charity: This is the last Sunday for **Barton's Crossing**.

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

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 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.



Collections

Last Week's Collection	\$1,794
2018 Budget	\$100,100
Progress towards Budget.....	\$73,355.....74%
2018 Pledges.....	\$57,402
Progress towards Pledges ...	\$61,817....108%