

# ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

## December 30, 2018

**31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday after Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord.** Virgin Martyr Anysia at Thessalonica (285-305). Martyr Zoticus, Keeper of Orphans (4th c.). Apostle of the Seventy, Timon the Deacon (1st c.). Martyr Philoterus of Nicomedia (311). Ven. Theodora of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (8th c.). Ven. Theodora of Constantinople (10th c.). Monk Martyr Gideon of Karakallou (Mt. Athos—1818). St. Makáry, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1563).

### Services This Week and Next

Sat. Dec. 29	.....	<b>Panikhida for Greg Beskalo</b>	_____	4:15 p.m.
		Great Vespers/Confessions	_____	5:00 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 30	.....	Divine Liturgy	_____	9:30 a.m.
Mon. Dec. 31	.....	Great Vespers	_____	6:00 p.m.
Tue. Jan. 01	.....	<b>Circumcision of Our Lord/St. Basil the Great</b>		
		Divine Liturgy	_____	9:30 a.m.
Sat. Jan. 05	.....	Baptism of Seraphima	_____	11:00 a.m.
		<b>Eve of Theophany</b> Great Vespers/Litya	___	5:00 p.m.
		with Great Blessing of Waters		
Sun. Jan. 06	.....	<b>Theophany of our Lord</b>		
		Divine Liturgy	_____	9:30 a.m.
		<i>followed by Simple PotLuck to honor Fr. John, Matushka Brenda and John Anastasius</i>		
		Vespers	_____	3:30 p.m.
		<b>followed by Panikhida for Danton Papurkov</b>		
Mon. Jan. 07	.....	<b>Synaxis of the Forerunner and Baptist John</b>		
		Divine Liturgy	_____	9:30 a.m.

### Jan 6 Readers/Assistants

Hours and Thanksgiving Prayers.....Irene  
Epistle.....Yani  
Coffee Hour (*and fast-free Pot Luck*).....Irina T.  
Sunday School Assistant.....Herman

- ✙ **Memory Eternal for the newly departed Danton Papurkov (12/29/2109)**  
We received word yesterday of the repose of our dear brother Danton in Bulgaria. We will send more details and contact information for Elena, who is in Sofia. There will be a Panikhida for Danton after Vespers on Jan. 6th.
- ✙ **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, Diane, and Elena.

**Greg's Funeral and Panikhida Services:** Friday, Dec. 28, eleven parishioners including Fr. John and Diane's family celebrated the funeral of our brother Greg Beskalo at the Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church in Maynard, MA. Celebrants were Fr. Robert Dick and Fr. John, plus alter servers and a full choir. It was a beautiful service and a loving tribute to Greg's life as an Orthodox Christian, followed by burial in the Russian Brotherhood cemetery in Westford, MA, with a luncheon at the church. And yesterday at 4:15 we gathered at St. Nicholas for a Panikhida. Greg was a faithful servant both at Holy Annunciation and here at St. Nicholas.



**Baptism of Seraphima (Saorise) McChesney,** next Saturday, Jan. 5 at 11:00 a.m. Please join the McChesney family to celebrate the baptism of our newest baby, Saorise (Seraphima), for her illumination into the church. We are all called to help guide and care for the the faith of our children. We are blessed as a community to have welcomed three children into our family this winter!

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

**Theophany:** Next Saturday, Jan. 5 at Great Vespers and Litya, Fr. John will bless the Holy Waters. Remember to bring containers to take home Holy Water.

**Stewardship Appeal 2019:** By now you should have received your 2019 Stewardship forms/envelope in the mail. As we receive the abundant gifts from our Lord, Stewardship is one of the ways that we freely give back to Him.

**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.



<b>Collections</b>	
Last Week's Collection .....	\$2,068
Nativity Dec 25 Collection .....	\$377
2018 Budget .....	\$100,100
<b>Progress towards Budget .....</b>	<b>\$75,800 ....75.7%</b>
2018 Pledges .....	\$57,402
<b>Progress towards Pledges .....</b>	<b>\$63,266 .....110%</b>