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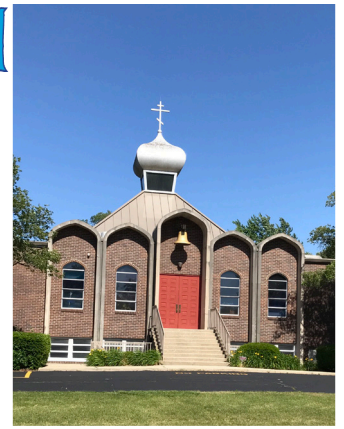
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26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

December 3, 2017
Ephesians 5:9-19 (Epistle)

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Luke 18:18-27 (Gospel)

**A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship and fellowship.
If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.**

TODAY Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias—635-605 B.C.)

9:40 am Hours

10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

11:20 am St. Nicholas Sunday School

Memorial for Valeryi MARTYNYUK husband of Zina MARTYNYUK and
father of Iryna BAKER & father-in-law to Mike BAKER

6:00 pm Catechumen / Adult Study Class - *Topic: "Orthodox Liturgy - Dismissal"*

Monday, December 5 Eve of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

6:30 pm Vespers Liturgy

Saturday, December 9

4:50 pm Ninth Hour

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, December 10 Our Church Parton Day

9:40 am Third & Sixth Hours

10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by **Lenten Potluck Dinner**

Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Chrismation of Tim Thomason.

11:20 am St. Nicholas Sunday School

6:00 pm Catechumen / Adult Study Class - *Topic: "Sacraments of the Baptism"*

MANY THANKS Nadia FISHER & BAKER family for hosting this mornings Fellowship.

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY Please get your photo taken today or any of the next two Sundays -- free of charge! Or, if it's easier, just send along via e-mail a "selfie" you've taken at home, a recent family portrait, etc. We'll accept either, as we don't want anyone to be left out!

**GOD BLESS YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS &
RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP!!!**

FELLOWSHIP HOUR Please check your schedule and see when you can take your turn! A sign up sheet is hanging up on the hall bulletin board for next months coffee hour rotation.

PASTORAL MINISTRY Call (815) 725-4742 or (630) 559-5785 to register as a parishioner, to initiate instruction in the Faith, to schedule sacraments, visitation, etc.

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SCRIP/MANNA With the Holiday season fast approaching consider buying your gift cards with us before heading out to shop. When you buy the scrip a percentage of your purchase is returned to St Nicholas by the vendors. You pay no more for these goods and services and are making a donation to our parish. You can purchase this scrip from Lori SNODE at the coffee hour, or call her at 815-693-7117.

See list of engaging retailers.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY is December 6th, we will have the service on the Eve of the Feast Day, Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 pm. On Sunday, December 10th we will celebrate the Feast Day of our Church's Patron Saint after liturgy everyone is invited to participate in our **LENTEN POTLUCK**. Please bring a dish to share, keep in mind that we are still observing Nativity Lent so dishes should reflect that.

BAPTISM & CHRISMATION On Sunday, December 10th Tim THOMASON will be officially welcomed into the Orthodox Faith through the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Chrismation. On Sunday, January 7th, Old Calendar Christmas Day, Glen JOHNSON will be bestowed the sacraments of Chrismation (Confirmation). Many Years to them!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE SALE On Saturday, December 16th at 10am our church will host the annual bake sale. We will be selling **Homemade Assorted Cookie Trays** in one pound containers. Please bring 5-6 dozen of the same cookie (no gooey for sticky frosting as they will be stacked) by Saturday, December 16th at 9am to be included in cookie trays. Helpers with the bake sale are also requested.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following people, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

MaryAnn MAGERKO

Tom KOMPARE

Juliana MATUSIAK

Fr. John MATUSIAK

Nancy JOVANOVIH

Georgia PATTEN

Gloria WATSON

If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, please let me know.

Today Epistle (Ephesians 5:9-19)

Brethren... For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

Апостол Дня (Ефессянам 5:9-19)

Братия... Потому что плод Духа состоит во всякой благодсти, праведности и истине. Испытайте, что благоугодно Богу, и не участвуйте в бесплодных делах тьмы, но и обличайте. Ибо о том, что они делают тайно, стыдно и говорить. Все же обнаруживаемое делается явным от света, ибо все, делающееся явным, свет есть. Посему сказано: "встань, спящий, и воскресни из мертвых, и осветит тебя Христос". Итак, смотрите, поступайте осторожно, не как неразумные, но как мудрые, дорожа временем, потому что дни лукавы. Итак, не будьте нерассудительны, но познавайте, что есть воля Божия. И не упивайтесь вином, от которого бывает распутство; но исполняйтесь Духом, назидая самих себя псалмами и славословиями и песнопениями духовными, поя и воспевая в сердцах ваших Господу.

Today Gospel (Luke 18:18-27)

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Евангелие Дня (Луки 18:18-27)

И спросил Его некто из начальствующих: Учитель благий! что мне делать, чтобы наследовать жизнь вечную? Иисус сказал ему: что ты называешь Меня благим? никто не благ, как только один Бог; знаешь заповеди: не прелюбодействуй, не убивай, не кради, не лжесвидетельствуй, почитай отца твоего и мать твою. Он же сказал: все это сохранил я от юности моей. Услышав это, Иисус сказал ему: еще одного недостает тебе: все, что имеешь, продай и раздай нищим, и будешь иметь сокровище на небесах, и приходи, следуй за Мною. Он же, услышав сие, опечалился, потому что был очень богат. Иисус, видя, что он опечалился, сказал: как трудно имеющим богатство войти в Царствие Божие! ибо удобнее верблюду пройти сквозь игольные уши, нежели богатому войти в Царствие Божие. Слышавшие сие сказали: кто же может спастись? Но Он сказал: невозможное человекам возможно Богу.

FOR OVER 110 YEARS SAINT NICHOLAS CHURCH HAS BEEN SERVING THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITHFUL IN JOLIET AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.