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24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

December 1, 2019

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Ephesians 2:14-22 (Epistle)

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 Venerable Botolph of Iken (†7TH c.); Prophet Nahum (†7TH c. B.C.); Righteous Philaret the Merciful of Amnia in Asia Minor (†792); Martyr Ananias of Persia.

READERS: Hours: Rich BRUMER; Epistle: Rich BRUMER

GREETER: Kathy WHALEN

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** and **Memorial** for Valeriy MARTYNYUK followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

11:20 am St. Nicholas Sunday School

Thursday, December 5 **Eve of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker**

6:30 pm Vesperal Liturgy

Friday, December 6 **Nicholas the Wonderworker**

7:00 pm **Orthodoxy Study** Group Gathering. Topic: **THE BOOK OF ST. JAMES** *Invite a friend.*

Saturday, December 7

4:50 pm Ninth Hour; Confession

5:00 pm **Great Vespers**

Sunday, December 8 **25TH Sunday after Pentecost;** Ven. Patapius of Thebes (†8TH c.); Ven. Kirill, Abbot of Chelmogorsk (†1378); Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, Cæsar, and Onesiphorus (†1ST c.); Holy 362 Martyrs of Africa, martyred by the Arians (†477); Martyr Anthusa, at Rome (†5TH c.).

READERS: Hours: Marlo PERRY; Epistle: Maria LLAMAS

GREETER: Alex OUCHAKOV

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** followed by Fellowship with Lenten Potluck

11:40 am St. Nicholas Sunday School **Christmas Pageant**

ST. NICHOLAS DAY is December 6TH, we will have the service on the Eve of the Feast Day, Thursday, December 5TH at 6:30 pm. On Sunday, December 8TH we will celebrate the Feast Day of our Church's Patron Saint with Liturgy and a **LENTEN POTLUCK** to follow. Please bring a lenten dish to share. As an added bonus our Sunday school children plan to delight us with a wonderful show that afternoon.

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

FELLOWSHIP HOUR Please check when you can take your turn! A sign up sheet is hanging up on the hall bulletin board.

SCRIP is available at every Sunday Fellowship Hour.

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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IN MEMORY of Doris NELSON — founding member and past president of the St. Nicholas Ladies Aid organization, Marlo PERRY has generously donated an Icon "Theophany of Jesus Christ" to our church.

MANY THANKS TO BAKER family for hosting this mornings fellowship hour.
Sevasti BERGSTROM for completing repainting the St. Nicholas banner.

LADIES AID GROUP This year in lieu of the annual fall festival our ladies are holding an Online Avon Fund-raiser. For this event to be a success please share this with your friends and family. The fund-raiser will earn 40% on all core products you purchase and 25% on watches, clothing & some gift items. Visit <http://avon.com/fundraiser/stnicholaladiesaid1>.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Please consider making an offering to help offset our Christmas flower cost.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR Please take your turn! A sign up sheet is hanging up on the hall bulletin board for coffee hour rotation. **Come downstairs and socialize with your brothers and sisters in Christ.**

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPOSE OF ARCHBISHOP †JOB Ss. Peter & Paul Church, in Burr Ridge, will host clergy and faithful on Wednesday, December 18TH for Divine Liturgy at 9:30am & Memorial service. His Grace Bishop PAUL will preside over all services. A Lenten fellowship will follow. Memory Eternal!

PSALMS & HYMNS A Benefit Concert of Orthodox Liturgical Music sung in Church-Slavonic, Greek and English. The Lewis University Choir Dr. Lawrence Sisk, Director December 10, 2019 at 7:30pm St. John Chapel 112 Church Street New Lenox, Illinois 60451. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the New Lenox Area Historical Society for the preservation of the 120 year-old landmark building in which the Chapel worships. Please attend this spiritually edifying event in support of our sister community!

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

Arthur COOK Tom KOMPARE Richard JOVANOVIH Frank WHALEN Lubov SIROTUK Millie Radakovich Jose FELIX
Katherina BRADLEY Georgia PATTEN Matthew FIGURA June BRADLEY Peggy BENNETH Lydia ODOM

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

Today Epistle (Ephesians 2:14-22)

Brethren... For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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."

Апостол Дня (Ефесеянам 2:14-22)

Братия... Ибо Он есть мир наш, соделавший из обоих одно и разрушивший стоявшую посреди преграду, упразднив вражду Плотию Своею, а закон заповедей учением, дабы из двух создать в Себе Самом одного нового человека, устрояя мир, и в одном теле примирить обоих с Богом посредством креста, убив вражду на нем. И, придя, благовествовал мир вам, дальним и близким, потому что через Него и те и другие имеем доступ к Отцу, в одном Духе. Итак вы уже не чужие и не пришельцы, но сограждане святым и свои Богу, быв утверждены на основании Апостолов и пророков, имея Самого Иисуса Христа краеугольным камнем, на котором все здание, слагаясь стройно, возрастает в святой храм в Господе, на котором и вы устрояетесь в жилище Божие Духом.

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."