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## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Colossians 3:4-11 (Epistle)

Luke 14:16-24 (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** **Sunday of the Forefathers;** Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria, and his mother, Martyr Evanthia (†2<sup>ND</sup> c.); Ven. Paul of Latros (†955); St. Stephen the Confessor (†8<sup>TH</sup> c.); Ven. Tryphon, Abbot of Pechenga, & Martyr Jonah (†1583); Martyr Eleutherius (†3<sup>RD</sup> c.);

**READERS:** Hours: Rich BRUMER; Epistle: Marlo PERRY

**GREETER:** Deacon DAVID

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

11:40 am St. Nicholas Sunday School

### Friday, December 20

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

### Saturday, December 21

10:00 am **CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**

4:50 pm Ninth Hour; Confession

5:00 pm **Great Vespers**

### Sunday, December 22 **27<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; Sunday before the Nativity;**

Great Martyr Anastasia, "Deliverer from Bonds", and her teacher, Martyr Chrysogonus, and with them Martyrs Theodota, Evodias, Eutychianus, (ca. †304).

**READERS:** Hours: Rich BRUMER; Epistle: Sevasti BERGSTROM

**GREETER:** Cindy GALLICK

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** and **Memorials** for: Nadezhda, Ivan, Stephan & Nina Ouchakov's grandparents followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

11:20 am St. Nicholas Sunday School

## CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE 2019

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Christmas Vigil

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:40am Hours

10:00am Christmas Liturgy

**Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:40am Hours

10:00am Christmas Liturgy

**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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**MANY THANKS TO** EVERYONE for hosting last Sundays Lenten Potluck. Sunday School teachers and all children for last weeks Nativity play. Antony Brian HILK for donating the All Saints who shone forth in Scotland icon. BODNARCHUK family for hosting this mornings fellowship hour and for decorating this years Christmas tree located next to our altar.

**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE** This Saturday 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 by Saturday, December 21<sup>ST</sup> at 9am to be included in cookie trays. Bake Sale helpers requested.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** Elena PAVLOV donated a beautiful selection of handmade Christmas cards, they are available for purchase at the candle desk, all the proceeds from the sales go to St. Nicholas Parish.

**THE SPIRIT OF GIVING -- "STARS OF HOPE"** Our gratitude to those of you who bring the joy of the Christmas season by gifting hope and love in adopting "dismissal stars" and providing them with much needed necessities and a few treats! Our parishes members collective enthusiasm and ability to motivate others has resulted in sponsoring 19 such children this year, once again a new record!

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

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** will be next Sunday, December 22<sup>ND</sup> at 12:30pm

**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 Kathy HANNEMAN Lydia ODOM

**MANY YEARS... Happy Birthday** to Anna VILCHIS on December 16<sup>TH</sup> & Hanna STASYUK on December 21<sup>ST</sup>.

**May God grant all our celebrants Many Happy and Healthy Years!**

**Today Epistle (Colossians 3:4-11)**

Brethren... When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

**Today Gospel (Luke 14:16-24)**

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

**Апостол Дня (Колоссянам 3:4-11)**

Братия... Когда же явится Христос, жизнь ваша, тогда и вы явитесь с Ним во славе. Итак, умертвите земные члены ваши: блуд, нечистоту, страсть, злую похоть и любостяжание, которое есть идолослужение, за которые гнев Божий грядет на сынов противления, в которых и вы некогда обращались, когда жили между ними. А теперь вы отложите все: гнев, ярость, злобу, злоречие, сквернословие уст ваших; не говорите лжи друг другу, совлекшись ветхого человека с делами его и облечись в нового, который обновляется в познании по образу Создавшего его, где нет ни Еллина, ни Иудея, ни обрезания, ни необрезания, варвара, Скифа, раба, свободного, но все и во всем Христос.

**Евангелие Дня (Луки 14:16-24)**

Он же сказал ему: "Один человек сделал большой ужин и звал многих, и когда наступило время ужина, послал раба своего сказать званым: 'Идите, ибо уже все готово.' И начали все, как бы сговорившись, извиняться. Первый сказал ему: 'Я купил землю и мне нужно пойти посмотреть ее; прошу тебя, извини меня.' Другой сказал: 'Я купил пять пар волов и иду испытать их; прошу тебя, извини меня.' Третий сказал: 'Я женился и потому не могу придти.' И, возвратившись, раб тот донес о сем господину своему. Тогда, разгневавшись, хозяин дома сказал рабу своему: 'Пойди скорее по улицам и переулкам города и приведи сюда нищих, увечных, хромых и слепых.' И сказал раб: 'Господин! исполнено, как приказал ты, и еще есть место.' Господин сказал рабу: 'Пойди по дорогам и изгородям и убеди придти, чтобы наполнился дом мой. Ибо сказываю вам, что никто из тех званых не вкусит моего ужина, ибо много званых, но мало избранных.'"