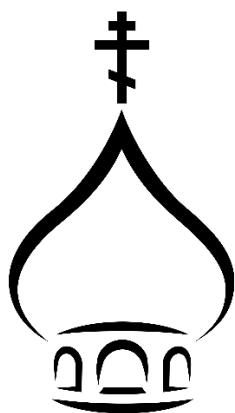


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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

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Parish Faithful,

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

We are about to enter into one of the two great Fasting periods, the Nativity Fast. This fast better prepares us to approach the day of the Nativity of Christ. In our daily life, we are immersed in our usual earthly cares and concerns. It can be difficult for us to put aside all these earthly things and turn to the heavenly things. But part of our life as Orthodox Christians is to live in both realities.

The Church, therefore, established a time of fasting: a time of repentance, introspection, of internal spiritual work, and of obedience to the traditions of the Church. When we properly assess what the Church has prescribed for us, we will see that there is a profound wisdom there. It is impossible for us to control our simple passions if we can't even control our appetites. The temptation to ignore fasting is to our detriment, in that without it, we lose a great tool in mastering control over ourselves

However, in our fasting we should make sure to avoid another temptation. That simply following a specific diet, or only eating once a day is by itself something that God desires for us. The reality is that the wisdom in the Church's fasting calendar is that this voluntary physical deprivation should produce a spiritual change. If our fasting is not accompanied by the development of spiritual fruit, then it's nothing more than a diet.

Spiritual fasting is essential: the reduction of entertainment, amusement, and of everything that takes away our focus on God is what we truly need to make the most of this period. This is why the Church also prescribed during this period an increased focus of spiritual matters. She calls us to more prayer, more almsgiving, more specific acts of love and compassion for our fellow man, and for the creation.

I sincerely pray that together we may complete the course of this fast, gaining spiritual benefit and that we may be able to fully contemplate the great gift of salvation from death and sin that Christ has given us in His incarnation. May the Lord bless your endeavors!

In Christ,
Archpriest Nikolai Breckenridge - Rector

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NOVEMBER

- Saturday, November 9** 4:30 pm - General Panikhida
5:00 pm - Great Vespers
- Sunday, November 10** **20th Sunday after Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
- Thursday, November 14** 9:00 pm - Akathist - Nurturer of Children
- Friday, November 15** **BEGINNING OF THE NATIVITY FAST**
- Saturday, November 16** 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
- Sunday, November 17** **21st Sunday after Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
- Wednesday, Nov 20** 6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia for Entry
- Thursday, November 21** **Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple**
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, November 23** 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
- Sunday, November 24** **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
- Saturday, November 30** 5:00 pm - Great Vespers

DECEMBER

- Sunday, December 1** **23rd Sunday after Pentecost**
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, December 5 6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia for St. Nicholas

Friday, December 6 **St. Nicholas the Wonderworker**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy



Saturday, December 7 **Christmas Bazaar**
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Bazaar

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, December 8 **24th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

12:00 pm - Parish Yolka

Thursday, December 12 9:00 am - Akathist - Nurturer of Children
6:00 pm - Great Vespers w/ Litia for St. Herman

Friday, December 13 **St. Herman of Alaska**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 14 5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, December 15 **Sunday of the Forefathers**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

3:30 pm - Choir Concert

Saturday, December 21 5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, December 22 **Sunday Before Nativity**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 24 **Eve of Nativity**

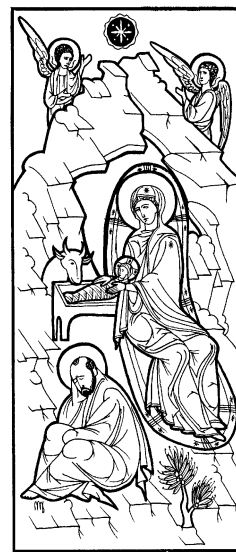
9:00 am - Royal Hours

7:00 pm - Nativity Vigil

Wed., December 25 **Nativity of our Lord**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy



Thursday, December 26 Synaxis of the Mother of God

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 28 5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, December 29 Sunday after Nativity

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

JANUARY

Friday, January 3

9:00 am - Royal Hours of Theophany

Saturday, January 4

4:30 pm - General Panikhida

5:00 am - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 5

Sunday before Theophany

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

7:00 pm - Theophany Comp.

w/ Blessing of Water

Monday, January 6

Theophany / Epiphany

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, January 7

Old Calendar Nativity (In Slavonic)

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

