

Divine Liturgy

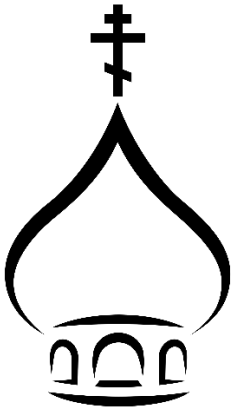
Sunday, January 4, 2026

30th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Before the Theophany

Forefeast of the Theophany

Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles



SAINT NICHOLAS
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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.

(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)

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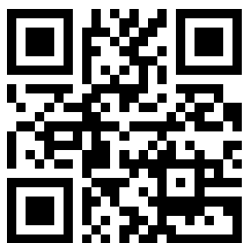
Schedule for the Week January 4, 2026

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Forefeast of the Theophany.

Sunday before Theophany. Synaxis of the Seventy Apostles: James (Jacob), the brother of the Lord; Mark the Evangelist; Luke the Evangelist; Cleophas, the brother of Joseph the Betrothed; Simeon, the son of Cleophas; Barnabas; Justus; Thaddæus; Ananias; Stephen the Archdeacon; Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, and Parmenas of the Seven Deacons; Timothy; Titus; Philemon; Onesimus; Epaphras; Archippus; Silas; Silvanus; Crescens; Crispus; Epenetus; Andronicus; Stachys; Amplias; Urban; Narcissus; Apelles; Aristobulus; Herodion; Agabus; Rufus; Asyncritus; Phlegon; Hermes; Patrobus; Hermas; Linus; Gaius; Philologus; Lucius; Jason; Sosipater; Olympas; Tertius; Erastus; Quartus; Euodius; Onesiphorus; Clement; Sosthenes; Apollos; Tychicus; Epaphroditus; Carpus; Quadratus; Mark, called John; Zenas; Aristarchus; Pudens; Trophimus; Mark; Artemas; Aquila; Fortunatus; and Achaicus. (1st c.). Ven. Theoctistus, Abbot at Cucomo, in Sicily (800). Repose of St. Eustathius I, Archbishop of Serbia (ca. 1285). St. Aquila, Deacon, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves–14th c.). Confessors Zosimus the Hermit and Athanasius the Commentarius (Superintendent of Prisoners), Anchorites, of Cilicia (3rd-4th c.). St. Nikephoros the Leper (1964). Ven. Euthymius and twelve other Monks, martyred at Vatopedi (Mt. Athos–1285). Ven. Onuphrius of Chilandari (Mt. Athos), Martyr (1818).

Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Regular Office Hours will resume after the House Blessing Season.



In an effort to make my scheduling more efficient, and to avoid a bunch of back-and-forth emails, please take advantage of my new scheduling app at www.calendly.com/frnikolai You can also scan this QR code with your phone, to be taken directly to the site. With this you can schedule a confession outside of the usual Vespers times, or schedule a 1-hour in-person or Zoom meeting with me. - Fr. Nikolai

Coffee Hour Today

Coffee Hour today is hosted by The Brown Family

All donations will be in support of Saint Olympia Orthodox Church.

Saint Olympia is a small OCA Orthodox Mission Parish in Norwood New York. It is an isolated church in upstate New York that is almost 80 miles away from the nearest Orthodox Church (which is in Canada). Saint Olympia is small but growing and currently has seven catechumens. Their building was recently damaged by flooding and is in need of significant repairs, including new electrical and drywall, repaired stairs, and exterior work.

The parish and community of Saint Olympia is important to the Browns because in March of 2025 when Micah was involuntarily activated as part of the New York National Guard's response to the last year's corrections officers strike, Micah was only able to participate in the life of our church (and even to celebrate annunciation) because there was a mission parish in upstate New York. St. Olympia not only provided a welcome church home away from home but also offered ceaseless prayers on behalf of all National Guardsmen, corrections officers, and prisoners during that difficult time.

Please consider donating to St. Olympia Orthodox Church. Further donations can be made via PayPal through the Donate Tab of St. Olympia's website at <https://www.saintolympiaorthodoxchurch.org/>.

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

****Live Stream will also be available for all services.****

Monday, January 5

Eve of Theophany

9:00 am - Royal Hours

TBD - Holy Supper

7:00 pm - Theophany Compline w/ Blessing of Waters

Tuesday, January 6

Holy Feast of Theophany

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 7

Old Calendar Nativity (In Slavonic)

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 10

5:00 am - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 11

31st Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 17

5:00 am - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 18

32nd Sunday After Pentecost

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 24

5:00 am - Great Vespers

Sunday, January 25

33rd Sunday After Pentecost, Sunday of Zacchaeus

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 31

5:00 am - Great Vespers

Sunday, February 1

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

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Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Forefeast)*

Prepare, O Zebulon, and adorn thyself, O Naphtali! River Jordan, cease flowing, and receive with joy the Master coming to be baptized! Adam, rejoice with our first Mother, and do not hide yourselves as you did of old in Paradise; for having seen you naked, He has appeared to clothe you with the first garment. Christ has appeared to renew all creation.

Tone 3 Troparion *(Apostles)*

Holy Apostles of the Seventy entreat the merciful God to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions!

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

Tone 2 Kontakion (*Apostles*)

O faithful, let us praise with hymns the choir of the seventy disciples of Christ. They have taught us all to worship the undivided Trinity, for they are divine lamps of the faith.

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Forefeast*)

Today the Lord enters the Jordan and cries out to John: "Do not be afraid to baptize Me. For I have come to save Adam, the first-formed man."

Tone 6 Prokeimenon (*Sunday Before*)

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! (*Ps. 27:9a*)

To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)

Epistle

Read by Reader Nicholas Lezinsky

(2 Timothy 4:5-8 (*Sunday Before*)) But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O God, be bountiful to us and bless us, show the light of Thy countenance upon us, and have mercy on us. (Ps. 66:1)

That we may know Thy way upon the earth, and Thy salvation among all the nations. (Ps. 66:2)

Gospel

(Mark 1:1-8 (Sunday Before)) The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.'" John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps. 148:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Donations Received In Memory

In Memory Of George Belzner, Offered by: Mary Howell

In Memory Of Nancy Sabol, Offered by: Elizabeth Sabol

In Memory Of Doroty Stafiniak, Offered by: Paul Gaynor, Patrica Grammes, Michele Guydan, Mary Kate Harkens, Greg & Rosalie Radio, Michael & Fran Slivka, James Trobetsky,

Panikhida for Dorothy Stafiniak

We will be having a Panikhida in memory of Dorothy Stafiniak, for her 40th day of repose on Saturday, January 10th, at 4:30 pm, before Great Vespers. Please join us if you are able!

Candle Offerings for Sunday, January 4, 2026

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of My Mother, Offered by Elizabeth Sabol

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

In Memory Of Alexander & Pauline Radchuk, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Votives in Iconostas

In Memory Of My Mother, Offered by Elizabeth Sabol

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of Mom, Dad & Joan, Offered by Pat & Tom

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Memory Of Joan & Mary, Offered by Pat & Tom

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of William & Mary Keysock, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist (2)

In Memory Of Nancy Junda, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of Nancy Junda, Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

In Honor Of Matthew Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

Happy Birthday Michael Slivka, Offered by Fran Slivka

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of the Theophany of Our Lord

In Memory Of Michael & Mary Stetz, Sisters Joan & Mary.
Offered by Pat & Tom

Request for Annual Church Organization Reports

Please note that all Church Organization Reports must be submitted to the Administrative Assistant by January 15, 2026 in order to prepare the packets for the Annual Parish Assembly. Packets will be distributed to parishioners from the candle desk beginning on February 1, 2026 for their review prior to the meeting on February 15, 2026.

Theophany House Blessings

Dear faithful, Glory to Jesus Christ! This year, I am attempting as much as possible to schedule 2026 House Blessings electronically. Therefore I've created an online sign-up form. We will also have the normal paper sign up at the candle desk, for those who don't wish to fill in the form themselves. Blessings will begin on Thursday, January 8th, and are arranged according to location, so be sure to check both the time and the location on the schedule when you sign up. The sign-up form can be found at www.stnicholasoca.org/theophany2026

In Christ,

Archpriest Nikolai Breckenridge

Baked Goods Still Available First Come, First Served!

As of the time of bulletin writing, the following baked goods were still available. Please note that this is subject to change. Please see Pat or Maxine to purchase.

Frozen Rolls (Apricot, Poppy, Lekvar) - \$10

Frozen Paska Bread

Frozen Kiffles (Nut, Apricot, Poppy) - \$5

Frozen Borscht - \$10

Reminder - Please Take Home Your Dishes!!!

Many thanks to those who provided delicious baked goods for our Christmas Bazaar! Don't forget to collect your containers from the racks in the kitchen. Please note items left after January 31, 2026 will be donated or tossed.

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers for the Health of the Servants of God:

Archbishops: Melchisedek Pleska, Nathaniel Popp

Igumen: Patric Carpenter, David Lewis

Archpriests: Nikolai Breckenridge, Thomas Edwards, John Perich, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, David Shewczyk, Ian Shipley, James Weremedic, John Onofrey, George Hasenecz, Emilian Hutnyan, John Nightingale, Gregory White

Deacons: Geoffrey LoBalbo

Matushki: Liudmyla Breckenridge, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic, Stephanie Onofrey, Julia Romanchak, Susan Kon

Servants: Bethany Bruder, Theresa Butler, Jennifer Bzik, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Val Danchenko, Alexis Defoe, Maryann Dudash, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, David Gowarty, Tom Grammes, Rachel Hardesty, Artemiy Hartman, Kalista Hartman, Dorothy Havrilko Nicholas Hazzard, Marina (Margaret) Heitzenrater, Don Holobeny, Jonathan Hontz, Sava Hrebinka, Sherry Hromiak, Krista Irwin, Michael H. Isbansky, Shirley Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Alexandra Keysock, William Keysock, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, Bernard Kusior, Jean Kusior, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Radu Lungu, Mircea Lupo, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Amber Metz, Michael Metz, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Kiera Pheiffer, William Podlusky, Kathy Porter, William Potter, Rosalie Radio, Laurel Riley, Gordon Roberts, Leah Roberts, Barbara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Connor Samuels, Robert Schainfeld, Catherine Shea, Janice Shumbata, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Maeve Stuckey, Jerry Volkert Irene Witanek, Sandra Wyslutsky

Catechumens: Shane Ernst, Nicholas Heacock, Mithrin Moses, Adam and Nicole Pell, Robert Peloquin, Bryan Peterson, Alejandro Santiago

Handmaidens: Ruth Finlaw, and her unborn child

Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.