

PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER VIRGIN MARY
(Pokrov)

December 4th 2022

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Cantor
Joseph Luzanski

Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy

Sunday: 8:30am
Holyday: 9am

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or by
appointment

Served By

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Father Vasyl has informed us that conditions for our priests and their families in western Ukraine have worsened. Winter is coming and times will be especially hard for these people.

He knows a priest who has taken five families into his home. A priest's income is \$200 a month and he is taking care of all of these people on his meager income.

The displaced families are being accepted and cared for, but the churches don't have enough resources to house and feed them. The children also need to continue schooling. They simply need more money.

Divine Liturgy Intentions

December

- 4 +Arlene Martin by Louis & Joseph Portana
- 8 +Helen Luzanski by son Joseph
- 11 +Stephen Nagy by daughter Joann
- 18 +Irene Kustra by husband Mike

January

- 1 +Arlene Martin by Mary and John Portana
- 6 +Mary Nartic by Carol Luzanski

24th Sunday After Pentecost

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Menologion

SS Barbara & John Damascene

St. Barbara, Great-Martyr, endured death A.D. 290 during the reign of Diocletian and Maximianus, Emperors.

Our venerable father, St. John Demascene, Doctor of the Church, born in Syria, educated by St. Comas, succeeded his father as the Caliph's Vizier. He distributed his possessions among the poor, retired to the monastery of St. Sabbas at Jerusalem. Laboring and writing much, he championed the Faith against the Iconoclast Emperor Leo the Isaurian, and was sentenced to have his right hand cut off. It was miraculously restored by the Theotokos. By him was composed the beautiful "Canon of the Resurrection." He lived to be 104 years old, died in the 2nd half of the 8th century A.D. (Between A.D. 750 - 780.)

Nativity Fast November 15th thru December 24th

December

6 St Nicholas the Wonderworker and Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

9 (8) The Conception of the Most Holy Mother of God by the Righteous Anna

Divine Liturgy 9 am

Reminder:

There is a list for Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp intentions in the vestibule of the church.

If you have a Divine Liturgy intention please let me know in order that I can put an announcement into the Sunday bulletin.

Joe

There are two very important feast days this week.

On Tuesday we celebrate Holy Father Nicholas who is the patron of the eastern church.

Remember to put out your shoes on the evening of 5th "in the hope that Saint Nicholas soon will be there."

On Thursday we celebrate the Conception of Saint Ann. In the west it is celebrated as the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

St. Mary's Christmas Cookie Sale

We will get \$10 per dozen for them. They will buy all that we make.

1. If you can help, make as many dozen cookies as you can.
2. You decide what kind / flavor. Do what works best for you.
3. Make them small or 'sample size'
4. The Church will be paid \$10 per dozen
5. (and we don't have to sit and 'sell them
5. Please put them in zipper—lock bags or plastic lid containers
7. NOT boxes or uncovered trays. They will be put on a plastic tray for serving at the event.
3. Mike will need them by Thursday December 8th before 2 pm.
9. Please drop them at Church or at Mike's house in Irwin. Arrange a time by calling him at 724-691-6406.

Ask a Priest Anything Question: Is it Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost?

In Old English the words Ghost and Ghostly were often used to refer to the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. Today, Ghost has come to mean only spirits of the deceased. So, the English translations have gone to the word Spirit. That is closer to the Hebrew original, in that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the living God, "ruach elohim

Remember that, on December 13-14th at 9am, we have been invited to help pinch priohi at Saint Stephen's church. We are doing this in order to provide Christmas gifts our orphans in Ukraine.

You may also donate money for this project.

Many thanks to all of you who have already donated cookies for the Christmas sale.

Today We Are Going To Decorate the Church For Christmas

We always have a great deal of fun doing this.

This year we will not have Mike Rustra helping us. We may lose one or two more to deer hunting. The more hands we have the quicker it goes.

Whether or not you are able to decorate there will coffee and goodies in the church hall.



Saint Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra is transformed in our modern secular culture as Santa Claus. It is interesting - and telling - to consider what the Church remembers him for. Yes, he is said to have punched Arias in the nose for denying the divinity of Jesus. But most of the stories that come to us through history are of him living the Christian life - like providing a dowry to three young women so they could marry and avoid slavery (the three bags of gold he threw through their windows landed in their stockings, and so today we hang our stockings by the chimney with care). All of the stories about Archbishop Nicholas that come to us through history are about his love for people - especially the poor. St. Nicholas was good. So good that his goodness shines through history - and radiates even from the man in the red suit. Such goodness can only be found in one who dwells intimately with Lord - for He is the only good One (Mt 19:17).