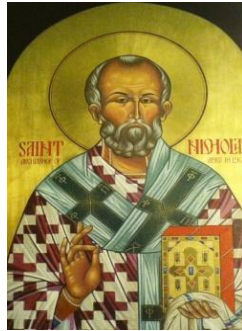


# The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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## SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2017 - GREAT MARTYR JAMES OF PERSIA

### PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, December 10** – Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Great Martyr James of Persia

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy**

Hymns – Tone 2 – Blue Pew Book pp. 84-86

**Epistle:** Ephesians 6:10-17

**Gospel:**

Luke 13:10-17

*Panachida for Anna Toth given by the Bonk Family.*

**Friday, December 15** – 6:30 PM – Pre-festive Service for the Nativity Fast

**Sunday, December 17** – Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Great Martyr Barbara

**\*\*\* 10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy**

Hymns – Tone 3 – Blue Pew Book pp. 87-89 (also, hymns and melodies for Saint Nicholas – pp. 124-127)

**Epistle:** Galatians 3:23-29

**Gospel:**

Mark 5:24-34



**TODAY (12/10)** – collection for OCPM (Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry)

**IMMEDIATELY**

**FOLLOWING THE SERMON!**

Please be generous! Thank you!

Confessions: (30 minutes) **Prior to** as well as **following scheduled services.** When you come for Confession, please prepare yourself and sit in the front pew. If you cannot make the scheduled service times, please let me know and we can set up a time that is convenient for you. Thank you!

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living : Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. Fr. John Gido. Fr. George Hutnyan. Fr. James Gleason. Fr. Tom Kadlec. Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Jonathan Tobias. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Baranik. Fr. Nicholas Wyborski. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Deacon James Phifer. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Constance Miloro. Pani Amy George. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Stephen Barnett. Ann Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Lovie Swingle. Stephanie Bonk. Joseph Majcher Sr. Joseph Majcher Jr. Bill Wassel. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Susan Danchak. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Madelyn Hodanich. Margaret Skotlewski. Johnny Huniyack. Anna Mae Kuklis. Maryann Ludwig. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. John Polanichka. Dana Polanichka. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Russell Spilka. Rita Sher. Jeff Thomas. Janet Pugh. AnnMarie Tigie. Gary Wassel. Michael Coviello. Mary Kay Wroblewsky.

At home : Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. Ann Richardson. Anna Senich.

Assisted Living : Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light : In memory of Denise Sovitch given by Laurence Czibik.

**Parish Life**

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:**

**FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!**

**Please remember those families who rely upon food donations to help make ends meet!** We have a food donation container in the Church Hall, and ***we need your help*** to fill this container with non-perishable food items: cans, dry goods, etc.

*“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food...”*



	<i>December 3, 2017</i>
\$435.00	General Collection
\$81.00	First Sunday
\$100.00	7 Day Light
\$1,296.00	Pirohi
\$21.00	Holy Days
\$3.00	Maintenance and Repairs
\$3.00	Heat Offering
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$11.00	<u>Taper Candles</u>
<b>\$1,957.00</b>	<b>Total Collection</b>

<b>FALL 2017 PIROHI SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>Wednesday Prep</b>	<b>Thursday Pinching</b>	<b>Friday Sales</b>
December 13	December 14	December 15

The **Men's Club** will meet **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy.

**Sunday School** will be held **this morning** immediately following Divine Liturgy. **NOTE: This is the last class until after the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

A special **THANK YOU** to all those who signed up for and bought gifts for our veterans down at the Gino Merli Veterans' Center! Please remember that **today is the final day to bring in the wrapped gift with the star attached.** The presents will be delivered this week. *God bless all of you!*

**Cookie Sale!** Our church will host a **cookie sale this Friday, December 15** (*the day of the final pirohi sale before Christmas*). We need cookies and other baked goods!

**Christmas Kolachi Sale!** The Men's Club is still taking orders for Kolachi. **Rolls are only \$8.00 each.** The available flavors are: Walnut, Poppy seed, Lekvar, Apricot, and Raspberry (Seedless) Coconut. **The pick-up date is this Friday, December 15, from 10 AM to 2 PM.** To order, there is a sign-up sheet in the Church Hall. Place your orders ASAP!

**Saint Nicholas Day Dinner!** Our **Annual Saint Nicholas Day Dinner** is scheduled for **next Sunday December 17, 2017!** **This banquet is held each year in celebration of our church's patron, Saint Nicholas, the Archbishop of Myra in Lycia!** This will be a roast beef dinner. Tickets are \$12.00. The dinner will include a Basket Raffle! Anyone who wishes to donate a Tricky Tray please see Jane Togher. Also, please sign up using the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule. **Let's have a great turnout! Thank you!**

**NATIVITY FAST PRAYER CHALLENGE!** Please remember to pray in your household the *Prayer for Peace* each and every evening during this Advent Season! With all the turmoil, anger, and hatred throughout not only this country but the world as a whole, we need to ask, together, the Almighty God to grant us His mercy and peace!



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday to **Nick Polanichka**, who will celebrate his birthday this coming Wednesday, December 13! May God grant him many happy and blessed years!  
**Na M'nohaja i Blahaja L'ita!**

## THE HOLY MARTYR JAMES THE PERSIAN

**TEXT** from: [THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid](#)

**IMAGE** from: [full-of-grace-and-truth.blogspot.com](http://full-of-grace-and-truth.blogspot.com)

“ James was born of Christian parents in the Persian city of Elapa (or Vilat), brought up in the Christian Faith and married to a Christian woman. The Persian King Yezdegerd took a liking to James for his talents and skillfulness, and made him a noble at his court. Flattered by the king, James was deluded and began offering sacrifices to idols that the king worshiped.

His mother and wife learned of this, and wrote him a letter of reproach in which they grieved over him as an apostate and one who was spiritually dead. Yet, at the end of the letter, they begged him to repent and return to Christ. Moved by this letter, James repented bitterly, and courageously confessed his faith in Christ the Lord to the king.

Angered, the king condemned him to death by a special torture: his entire body was to be cut up, piece by piece, until he breathed his last. The executioners fulfilled this command of the wicked king to the letter, and cut off James's fingers, then his toes, his legs and arms, his shoulders, and finally his head. During every cutting, the repentant martyr gave thanks to God. A sweet-smelling fragrance, as of a cypress, emanated from the wounds.

Thus, this wonderful man repented of his sin and presented his soul to Christ his God in the Kingdom of Heaven. James suffered in about the year 400. His head is to be found in Rome and a part of his relics in Portugal, where he is commemorated on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. ”

