

The Saint Nicholas Chronicle



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SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 2017 – GREAT MARTYR BARBARA

PARISH CALENDAR

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

Feast of Saint Nicholas the Wonder-Worker

Monday, December 18 – 6:30 PM – Great Vespers with Litija

Tuesday, December 19

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Special Hymns – Blue Pew Book pp. 123-127

Epistle: Hebrews 13:17-21 Gospel: Luke 6:17-23

Friday, December 22 – 6:30 PM – Pre-festive Service for the Nativity Fast

Sunday, December 24 – Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, the Patriarchs (2nd Sunday before The Nativity) / Daniel the Stylite

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns – Tropar Tone 4 (Blue Pew Book p. 90) / Special Hymns – p. 128

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

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. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Faye Snell. Russell Spilka. Rita Sher. Jeff Thomas. Janet Pugh. AnnMarie Tigue. 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 Walter Orzolek given by Family.

Parish Life

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:

December 10, 2017

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...””

\$592.75	General Collection
\$65.00	7 Day Light
\$3.00	Holy Days
\$93.00	Church Dues
\$11.00	Taper Candles
\$14.00	Eternal Light
\$3.00	Heat Offering
\$285.00	Flowers
<u>\$105.00</u>	<u>Orthodox Prison Ministry</u>
\$1,171.75	Total Collection

Parish News

A special **THANK YOU** to all those who helped make both our Kolachi Sale and our Christmas Cookie Sale a success! God bless each and every one of you!

Also, a **THANK YOU** for all those who helped make our Fall Pirohi Season a success! This is a crucial ongoing fundraiser for our Church and we are truly grateful for all who come and work. It is most appreciated!

Update: This past Wednesday (12/13/17), the presents for those at the Gino Merli Veterans' Center were delivered. Thank you for making Christmas a little merrier for our Veterans!

Saint Nicholas Day Dinner! Please remember that our **Annual Saint Nicholas Day Dinner** is **today!** This banquet is held each year in celebration of our church's patron, Saint Nicholas, the Archbishop of Myra in Lycia! 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!

THE GREAT MARTYR BARBARA

TEXT from: THE PROLOGUE of Ohrid

IMAGE from: myocn.net

“ This glorious follower of Christ was betrothed to Christ from an early childhood. Her father Dioscorus was a pagan and was renowned for his position and wealth in the city of Heliopolis in Egypt. Dioscorus locked up his only daughter Barbara, brilliant in mind and of beautiful countenance, in a high tower. He surrounded her with every comfort, gave her female servants, erected idols for worship, and built her a bathing room with two windows. Looking through the window at the earth below and the starry heavens above, Barbara's mind was opened by the grace of God.

She recognized the One True God, the Creator, despite the fact that she did not have a human teacher to bring her to this knowledge. Once, while her father was away from the city, she came down from the tower and, according to God's providence, met some Christian women who revealed the true Faith of Christ to her. Barbara's heart became inflamed with love for Christ the Lord.

She ordered that a third window be cut open in the bath so that the three windows would represent the Holy Trinity. On one wall she traced a Cross with her finger, and the Cross etched itself deep in the stone as if cut by a chisel. A pool of water sprang forth from her footprints on the floor of the bath, which later gave healing of diseases to many. Learning of his daughter's faith, Dioscorus beat her severely and drove her from the tower.

He pursued her in order to kill her, but a cliff opened up and hid Barbara from her brutal father. When she appeared again, her father brought her to Martianus, the magistrate, who handed her over for torture. They stripped the innocent Barbara and flogged her until her entire body was covered with blood and wounds, but the Lord Himself appeared to her in prison with His angels and healed her.

A certain woman, Juliana, upon seeing this, desired martyrdom for herself. Both women were severely tortured and with mockery were led through the city. Their breasts were cut off and blood flowed from them. They were finally led to the place of execution, where Dioscorus himself slaughtered his daughter, and Juliana was slain by the soldiers.



That same day, lightning struck the house of Dioscorus, killing him and Martianus. Saint Barbara suffered in the year 306. Her miracle-working relics rest in Kiev. Glorified in the Kingdom of Christ, she has appeared many times even in our own day, sometimes alone and sometimes in the company of the Most-holy Theotokos. ”

Kontakion (Toned 4)

O honorable and triumphant Barbara, * you believed in the Holy Trinity * and renounced the multiplicity of pagan deities. * You fought for your faith with great courage * and were not frightened by the threats of your persecutors, * but declared instead in a clear voice: * I adore the one God in three Divine Persons.

SAINT NICHOLAS THE ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA IN LYCIA



WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH SAINT NICHOLAS

Search for the words in the puzzle below.

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 W J R W I E H K S D K O W B U
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SAINT	FATHER	WONDERWORKER	GIFT
HOLY	MYRA	FAITH	POVERTY
ARCHBISHOP	TEACHER	VIRTUE	HUMILITY

O who loves Nicholas the Saintly,
 O who serves Nicholas the Saintly.
 Him will Nicholas receive,
 And give help in time of need,
 Holy Father Nicholas.

O who dwells in God's holy mansions;
 Is our help on the land and oceans.
 He will guard us from all ills,
 Keep us pure and free from sins.
 Holy Father Nicholas.

Nicholas, tearfully we sinners
 Beseech you fervently in our prayers.
 Help us in our tribulations
 Comfort every Christian nation.
 Holy Father Nicholas.

Troparion (Tone 4)

The sincerity of your deeds has revealed you to your people * as a teacher of moderation, * a model of faith, and an example of virtue. * Therefore you attained greatness through humility, * and wealth through poverty. * O Father and Archbishop Nicholas, * ask Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion (Tone 3)

You were truly a priestly worker in Myra, O Holy Nicholas, * for zealously living the Gospel of Christ, * you dedicated your life to your people; * you saved the innocent from death. * Therefore, you have been sanctified * as one who has entered the mystery of God's grace.