Sunday, December 6th  St. Nicholas

Memorials
Metropolitan Maximos (40 days), Julia Mylonas (40 days), Mariamthi Soukas (6 mo), Demetra Baker (1 yr), Harry Hazangeles (1 yr), Fr. Ephraim (1 yr), Christina (Nena) Valavanis, Christofilina & Haralambos Grigorides, Dr. Constantine Mamas, Stravros Mamas, Maria M. Petakos, John & Elieni Kourgelis, Lemonia Zinnis, James & Despina Yelagotes, Evdokia (Gloria) Vulopas (3 yrs), Maria, Stamatis & George Manolakis, Lembia & Panayiotis Halilis, Kalliope & Stilianos Floukas, Angeliki & Kostantinos Floukas, Linda Mylonas, Andreas, Aristoula, Mihail, Anastasia, Christos, Evangelia, Stella, Emmanuelou, Stella, Chrisoula, Christos, Kostantinos, Constantine Canias.

8:15 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
10:35 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Congregational Meeting

Monday, December 7th
10:30 AM Funeral of Michael Valudes

Tuesday, December 8th
7:00 PM OCF & YoPro Zoom

Wednesday, December 9th St. Anna
8:30 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Liturgy
6:00 PM Live-Stream Bible Study with Fr. Hector
7:00 PM Paraklesis to St. Nikiforos

Thursday, December 10th
10:00AM Women’s Virtual Book Study

Friday, December 11th
9:00 AM Paraklesis to The Theotokos

Saturday, December 12th St. Spyridon
8:30 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Liturgy
6:00 PM GOYA Zoom Meeting

Bazaar Food Items Available for Sale
4 Cases Chicken Souvlaki
1 Case Pork Souvlaki
(each case is $50 and contains 50 skewers)
6 Gallons Syrup—$5 each
5 (11 lb each) Tsatsiki Tub—$20 each
Please call the office if you are interested in purchasing any of the above items 717-394-1735

A reminder that masks must be worn in the church before, during, and after the services; and please do not congregate in the Narthex.

Congregational Meeting Today
The Congregational Meeting today will take place immediately after the Liturgy from the solea. A private live stream link has been emailed to all parishioners as an option to participate virtually. The 2021 proposed budget has been mailed to your homes with the December Annunciator.

Youth Christmas Card Activity
During the Congregational Meeting today, the youth of our church are invited to the Philoptochos Hall to help make 1,200 Christmas cards for the Turkey and Food Box delivery on December 19.

Upcoming Liturgies
† St. Anna—Dec. 9
† St. Spyridon — Dec. 12 (Vigil cancelled)
† St. Eleftherios — Dec. 15
† St. Dionysios — Dec. 17
† Christmas Eve Vesperal Liturgy — Dec. 24
† Christmas Day — Dec. 25
† St. Stephen — Dec. 27 (Sunday)

Donors needed for:
Altar Flowers, Altar Candles, & Candelabra Candles for December 25 & 27 ; January 10, 17 & 31
Please call the Church Office 717-394-1735 to make your donation.

Centennial Spiritwear
There are Centennial Aprons available for sale. $20 each
Please contact Tina Georges if you are interested in purchasing one at 717-314-4678 or email at tinell79@gmail.com

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, LANCASTER, PA
SUNDAY, December 6th, 2020 — 10th Sunday of Luke
Nicholas the Wonderworker
Nicholas the New Martyr

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker of Myra

This glorious saint, celebrated even today throughout the entire world, was the only son of his eminent and wealthy parents, Theophanes and Nona, citizens of the city of Patara in Lycia. St. Nicholas learned of the spiritual life from his uncle Nicholas, Bishop of Patara, and was tonsured a monk in the Monastery of New Zion, founded by his uncle.

Following the death of his parents, Nicholas distributed all his inherited goods to the poor, not keeping anything for himself. As a priest in Patara, he was known for his charity, even though he carefully concealed his charitable works, fulfilling the words of the Lord: Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth (Matthew 6:3).

He was present at the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea [AD 325] and, out of great zeal for the truth, struck the heretic Arius with his hand. For this act he was removed from the Council and from his archiepiscopal duties, until the Lord Christ Himself and the Most-holy Theotokos appeared to several of the chief hierarchs and revealed their approval of Nicholas.

A defender of God's truth, this wonderful saint was ever bold as a defender of justice among the people. On two occasions, he saved three men from an undeserved sentence of death. Merciful, truthful, and a lover of justice, he walked among the people as an angel of God.

Even during his lifetime, the people considered him a saint and invoked his aid in difficulties and in distress. He appeared both in dreams and in person to those who called upon him, and he helped them easily and speedily, whether close at hand or far away. A light shone from his face as it did from the face of Moses, and he, by his presence alone, brought comfort, peace and good will among men. In old age he became ill for a short time and entered into the rest of the Lord, after a life full of labor and very fruitful toil, to rejoice eternally in the Kingdom of Heaven, continuing to help the faithful on earth by his miracles and to glorify his God. He entered into rest on December 6, AD 343.

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WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS
We welcome our non-Orthodox friends and neighbors at all the liturgical services with a reminder that Holy Communion may be received only by prepared Orthodox Christians. Please sign the Visitor’s Registry in the Narthex if you wish to be contacted by the priest.

Father Hector Firoglanis, Pastor
Father Theodosios Palkis, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus
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A Greek document with texts in both Greek and English, including excerpts from the Bible and hymns of the liturgy.

The Greek text contains portions from the New Testament, specifically from Luke 13:10-17 and 13:17-21, which deal with the healing of a woman with a spirit of infirmity and the debate over working on the Sabbath.

The English text includes prayers and hymns from the Liturgy Epistle & Gospel Readings in Greek & English, as well as the Apolitkia Hymns of the Day in English & Greek.

The Greek text is accompanied by English translations, and the liturgical prayers and hymns are presented in both Greek and English.

The document is a rich resource for understanding the liturgical practices and theological teachings of the Eastern Orthodox Church.