



HOLY PROPHET NAHUM

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST &
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

DECEMBER 1, 2019

SAINTS OF THE DAY:

VENERABLE PHILARET THE ALMSGIVER OF AMNIA;
MARTYR ANANIAS THE PERSIAN;
THEOKLITOS, ARCHBISHOP OF LAKEDAEMONIA

****Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom****

✧ *During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the Entrance of the Theotokos. Then, the following:*

ENTRANCE HYMN OF REGULAR SUNDAYS

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, **Who art risen from the dead**, for now we sing unto Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✧ *After the Little Entrance, sing the following hymns:*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm and champion of kings, victorious Great-martyr George, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY

IN TONE THREE

Today the Virgin comes, comes unto to the cave to give birth to the Word, Who was born before all ages, begotten in a manner that defies description. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, if you should hear, and glorify with the angels and the shepherds. Glorify Him, Who by His will shall become a newborn Babe, and Who is our God before all ages!

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

*The Lord will give strength to His people. Ascribe to the Lord,
O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.*

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians (2:14-22)

Brethren, Christ is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the Cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And He came and preached peace to you, who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in Whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in Whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourteenth Sunday of Luke)

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:35-43)

At that time, when Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise ye the Lord from the Heavens, praise Him in the highest!

Know Some "Orthodox" Terms—

ACOLYTE: A person assisting the priest in ceremonies or services. In the early Church, the acolytes were adults; today, however, the duties are performed mostly by children (altar boys).

ANTIDORON: (Greek - "instead of the gifts") A small piece of the blessed bread (prosporon) given to each of the faithful after the celebration of the Eucharist. Originally, as a sign of hospitality, it was given to those who could not take communion, but it became a practice for it to be offered to all the faithful.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Council Meeting (TODAY) after Liturgy.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY (Tuesday, December 3)

New Study series on the Gospel of St. Mark—join us!

Feast of St. Nicholas & Documentary Discussion (Thursday, December 5): Join us at 6:00p for our prayer service and movie night!

Ladies' Society Dinner (Thursday, December 12): You're invited to a "thank you" dinner at 7:00p at the Saratoga Restaurant (Dutch Treat); please RSVP to Esther Simbol (812-249-9247).

Thanksgiving Baskets Charity

Many thanks to ALL who helped support this annual charity of our parish community - we take on a big task of donating approx. 200 baskets/meals to families in need across the Wabash Valley. We greatly appreciate your financial contributions and participation in the distribution of these baskets on the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving! **Thus far, we've collected approx. \$4,500—the full expense for over 200 baskets is \$6,000—still collecting donations!**

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities

Tuesday, December 3	WEEKLY Bible Study	11:00a
	Nativity Paraklesis	6:00p
Thursday, December 5 (St. Nicholas)	Akathist Service & Documentary, & Potluck Dinner	6:00p
Saturday, December 7	Great Vespers	6:00p
Sunday, December 8	Matins	9:00a
	Divine Liturgy followed by Church School & Fellowship Hour	10:00a
	Adult Education Class	12:00p
	Bethesda Gardens	2:00p

Preparing for Christmas

The Nativity Fast (Advent season) began on November 15. In order to prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies to properly celebrate the Nativity of Christ, the Church prescribes this season as a time of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. We can resist the impulses of our society to make Christmas a purely materialistic celebration, instead, focusing on Christ and His coming into the world by taking on flesh for the sake of our salvation. We're asked to fast from meat and dairy, increase our prayer, church attendance and spiritual reading, and freely give to others in need. Make this time a period of spiritual preparation!

Liturgical Schedule for the Nativity Fast

(weekday services—Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6:00p):

Nativity Paraklesis (December 3, 10, 12, 17, & 19)

Akathist to St. Nicholas (Thursday, December 5)



HOLY OBLATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR

TODAY—December 1, 2019

Holy Oblation & Fellowship Hour sponsored & hosted by George & Cathy Azar, for the health & well-being of their family.

December 8, 2019

Holy Oblation & Fellowship Hour sponsored & hosted by Preston & Gina White & Family, for their health & well-being.

December 15, 2019

Holy Oblation & Fellowship Hour sponsored & hosted by the Maloof Family, for their health & well-being & in memory of +Michael Maloof.

SUMMARY—NOVEMBER 24, 2019

WEEKLY INCOME

Pledges & Assessments	\$ 1,850.00
Candles/Cash	\$ 113.00
Bookstore	\$ 20.00
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$ 400.00
Donations—Ladies' Society	\$ 18,000.00
Total	\$ 20,383.00

Divine Liturgy Attendance: **70**

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Steven Ellis	2nd
George Azar	3rd
Joseph Tanoos	6th



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Upcoming Parish Events – Mark Your Calendars:

WEEKLY Bible Study (Tuesday mornings)

Feast of St. Nicholas (Thursday, December 5)

Christmas Caroling (Sunday, December 15)

Blessing of the Wabash River (Sunday, January 5)

General Parish Assembly (Sunday, January 26)