

My Christmas Gift to St. Nicholas

It is estimated that the average American spends over \$500 on gifts alone for Christmas. This doesn't count food, decorations and other things associated with the season. Figuring that in would put it well over \$1000! I have made the challenge in the past to tithe (Donate 10%) of what you spend on Christmas and give it to your parish of St. Nicholas. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. (Matthew 6:21)

Signs of the Season for Orthodox Christians

Due to the great joy of this season in which we celebrate the great feasts of Christmas, Circumcision and the Divine Manifestation, the Church calls us to reflect this in our liturgical and daily practices from December 25 to January 14, the final day of the feast of the Divine Manifestation (Theophany)

1. There is no fasting (except on January 5, Theophany Eve)
2. There is no kneeling at both public services and private prayer
3. You should greet everyone saying Christ is Born! (Khristos Razhdayetsya!), and answering, Glorify Him! (Slavite Yeho!). You may greet one another in this manner up to the feast of the Encounter in the Temple (February 2).
4. From January 6-14, the greeting changes to Christ is Baptized (in the Jordan)! Khristos Kreshchayetsya vo Yordani!

The Church Calendars for 2025 are available on the table at the entrance to the Pro-Cathedral. Please help yourself to as many as you would like. We thank the Joseph Misencik Funeral Home for once again sponsoring our calendars.


TODAY'S FEAST: Sunday after the Nativity: Commemoration of the Holy Righteous David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the Brother of the Lord. In Jerusalem, the saints mentioned above were combined with a feast that the Jews of Hebron celebrated on December 25 or 26 in honor of the Old Testament Patriarch Jacob. Later on, the Christians substituted St James for Jacob, and then the commemoration of the Brother of the Lord became associated with his ancestor King David. In time, St. Joseph was also linked with it.

The Holy Prophet-King David was a forefather of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh. The youngest son of Jesse, David shepherded a flock of sheep belonging to his father. During a battle with the Philistines, he vanquished the giant Goliath in combat, which decided the outcome of the war in favor of the Israelites.

After King Saul and his son perished, David was proclaimed king of the southern part of Israel, and after Saul's second son was killed, he became king of all Israel. He built a new capital, Jerusalem and a new tabernacle. His great wish to build a Temple was not realized. It was foretold to him that his son would build the Temple.

The life of the Prophet David was darkened by a grievous falling: he took Uriah's wife for himself, and sent her husband Uriah to his death in battle. St David gave a model for repentance in Psalm 50/51. King David died in great old age with steadfast faith in the coming of the promised Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ.





The Wonderworker

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Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.

January 2025

Christ is Born!

Khristos Razhdayetsya!

Al Maseeh Wolod!

Khristos Gennatai!

Hristos se nastel!

Glorify Him!

Slavite Yeho!

Magheedoohoo!

Doxasate!

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Schedule of Services

(December 29, 2024—February 2, 2025)

Sunday, December 29

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 2; The Sunday after the Nativity in Which the Holy Righteous Ones Are Commemorated: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord; The Final Day of the Nativity: Our Holy Father—Among-the-Saints, Peter (Mohyla), Metropolitan of Kyiv, Halych and All Rus'; Our Venerable Mother Melania the Younger of Rome (439)

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, January 5

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 3; The Sunday before Theophany; Eve of the Divine Manifestation (Theophany); Bishop-Martyr Theopemptus of Nicomedia, and Martyr Theonas, (303); Our Venerable Mother Synkletika of Alexandria (ca. 350)

9:30 a.m. - The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Individual Absolutions

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth
The Great Sanctification of the Jordan Water
Installation of the New Parish Council Officers

Sunday, January 12

The Sunday after the Divine Manifestation, Resurrectional Tone 4; The Seventh Day of the Divine Manifestation; The Holy Woman-Martyr Tatiana of the Rome and those who suffered with her (226-235); Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Sava I, First Archbishop of Serbia (1237)

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, January 19

Resurrectional Tone 5; Our Venerable Father Makarios the Great of Egypt (390-391); Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Mark, Archbishop of Ephesus (15th c.)

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, January 26

Resurrectional Tone 6; Our Venerable Father Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arcadius and John, of Constantinople (5th-6th c.); The New Martyrs and Confessors, Who Suffered Death at the Hands of the Godless in 1917 for the Faith of Christ in Rus'-Ukraine

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, February 2

The Meeting (Encounter) of Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Temple; Resurrectional Tone 8 (Zacchaeus)

9:30 a.m. - The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Individual Absolutions

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth
Panakhida for +John & +Mary Zayac, +Michael, +Anna & +Michael W Melneczyn offered by Shelly Hejnal
Holy Anointing Мирование

January Milestones - Birthdays: 7, Clifford Ruggles; 8, Maryann Liguore; 26, Issa Hanna & 28 James Valli. May our Good God grant her and her family peace, health, salvation, and longevity for many blessed years, на многая і благая літа!



St Nicholas Celebration

Our parish celebration of St. Nicholas Day on Sunday, December 15 was the best we have had in many years. Many thanks to everyone who contributed, многая і благая літа!

Superbowlsky 21!

Sunday, February 9, 2025. Tickets are still \$10 each for a single box on the board and are available from Maria Hejnal. The boards will be posted via our Facebook page and for those who request it, an email will be sent after squares are picked so you will know your numbers before the game. Cash or checks can be made out to: St Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church. All Money and tickets will need to be returned no later than Saturday, February 10, 2024. To get your tickets please contact Shelly Hejnal via ukiemom4@aol.com, text her @ 440-728-4485 or call after 5:00 pm. If you are out of town and want to get any tickets, please contact her for VENMO info and we will make sure a ticket (or tickets) will be filled out for you. Make sure your ticket stub is

filled out completely with your name, phone number and email address. All monies and tickets need to be returned to the person who sold them making sure all goes in the hopper on Sunday, February 9. If you happen to be one of the lucky winners per board, we will contact you.

#	Sunday Feb. 9, 2025	#
NAME		St. Nicholas Pro-Cathedral 2101 Quail Street Lakewood, OH 44107 
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Church Dues and Donations Envelopes for 2025 are also available. If one has not been assigned to you, bring it to the attention of any member of the Parish Council, or Fr. Dennis.

