

Parish Services & Activities December 2 - 10

◆ Saturday, December 2 f/w/o *St. Porphyrios of Greece*

- 6:30pm Great Vespers* / No Confessions

◆ Sunday, December 3 f/w/o

- 8:30pm **Baptism**
- 9:30am Divine Liturgy*
- 11:10am Children's SS
- 11:30am Fellowship Hour Team D (Bradshaw)
- 12pm Bread Ministry (Audrey, Ashlee)
- 12pm SES Reading Group
- 5-7pm Youth Group

◆ Monday, December 4 *Hieromartyr Alexander Hotovitz*

- 6:15pm Parish Council Meeting

◆ Tuesday, December 5 *Ven Sabbas the Sanctified*

- 9am-1pm Decorate the Church for Nativity
- 6:30pm **Great Vespers for St. Nicholas**
- 7:20pm St. Nicholas Program

◆ Wednesday, December 6 f/w/o *St. Nicholas Feast Day*

- 7am **St. Nicholas Liturgy**
- 6:30pm **Vespers**
- 7:20pm Christian Ed Class: Continuing New OCA Catechism Series
- 8:20pm **Compline & Confessions**
- 8-9pm Adult SS via zoom

◆ Thursday, December 7 w/o *St. Ambrose of Milan*

◆ Friday, December 8

- 11am Akathist to **St. Nicholas** / Confessions
- 6:30pm Women's Night (at Kathryn's)

◆ Saturday, December 9 f/w/o *Conception of the Most Holy Theotokos*

- 6:30pm Cathedral Vigil*
- 7:30pm Confessions

◆ Sunday, December 10 f/w/o

- 9:30am Divine Liturgy*
- 11:10am Children's SS
- 11:30am Fellowship Hour Team A (Lourie)
- 12pm Bread Ministry (Mat Tamara, Ian, Rebecca)

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Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

December 3, 2023 / 26th Sunday After Pentecost

Readings for Today: Ephesians 5:9-19 (*Epistle*) Luke 18:18-27 (*Gospel*).

**Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia
Feast Day December 6—St. Nicholas Gifts are due!**



Great Vespers for St. Nicholas is served on Tuesday the 5th at 6:30pm and following a special St. Nicholas Program and treats for the kids.

Festal Liturgy is served on Wednesday the 6th at 7am.

His Beatitude Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada

His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Dallas and the South

His Grace Bishop Gerasim, Bishop of Ft. Worth, Diocesan Administrator

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Welcome on this 26th Sunday After Pentecost

Visitors should feel free to participate at their comfort level. Greeters and Doorkeepers are happy to assist you. **As a reminder to all**, Holy Communion is only given to Orthodox Christians who have kept fast, made recent confession, and are at peace with their neighbor.

Today before Liturgy, Nina Catherine Potts, infant daughter of Bryan Andrew & Anna Potts, was Baptized into the Orthodox Faith. Many Years to the Potts Family and to Nina's Godparents, Adam & Diane Chisholm!

Today is Samantha Anastasia Aquino's last Sunday with us. She is graduating from Asbury University and moving back to her home state of Texas. Many Years Samantha!

Parish Life Activities Happening This Sunday

- 11:10am Children's SS
- 11:30am Fellowship Hour Team D (Bradshaw)
- 12pm Bread Ministry (Audrey, Ashlee)
- 12pm SES Reading Group
- 5-7pm Youth Group

Liturgical Services for the Week Ahead

- * 6:30pm **Great Vespers for St. Nicholas** on Tuesday
- * 7am **St. Nicholas Liturgy** on Wednesday
- * 6:30pm **Vespers** on Wednesday
- * 8:20pm **Compline & Confessions** on Wednesday
- * 11am **Akathist to St. Nicholas / Confessions** on Friday

Women of St. Andrew Orthodox Church have invited us to join them on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30pm for a special presentation on REFUGE FOR WOMEN. If you plan to go, please let Mary Bradshaw know by December 10. <https://refugeforwomen.org/>

Parish Life Activities for the Coming Week

- * 6:15pm Parish Council Meeting on Monday
- * 9am-1pm Decorate the Church for Nativity on Tuesday
- * 7:20pm St. Nicholas Program on Tuesday
- * 7:20pm Christian Ed Class following Wednesday Vespers
- * 8-9pm Adult SS via zoom on Wednesday
- * 6:30pm Women's Night (at Kathryn's) on Friday

Date	Bread Ministry (12-12:30pm)	Counting	Doorkeeper	Fellowship Hour	Greeter	Prospora
12/3	Audrey Wagener, Ashlee Hanover	Mary Cook, Michael Harover	Michael Naughton	Team D (Bradshaw)	Rebecca Wilson	Steve Bishop
12/10	Mat Tamara, Ian, Rebecca Wilson	Grace Sowers, Teresa Name	Linda Frangedakis	Team A (Lourie)	Tommy Evans	Mary Bradshaw
12/17	Hannah Kamau, Eduard Svystun	Laura Walther, Ashlee Harover	Jeremiah Naughton	Team B (Kamau)	Tommy Evans	Alina Rizea
12/24	David/Mary Bradshaw, Steve/Sandy Skees	Mary Cook, Logan Sowers	Hannah Kamau	Potluck (fasting)	Ronald McKinley	Lourie Family

St. Elizabeth Sisterhood News

- ◆ **Volunteer for Lexington Rescue Mission** on Friday, Dec. 22, 2023 from 3:00-6:00 pm. We will be serving a Christmas meal to the homeless at Broadway Christian Church, 187 N Broadway, Lexington, KY. There are still spots open. If interested see Mary Bradshaw or email her at mary.bradshaw81@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Baby Baskets** are in the conference room for expectant mothers Hannah Kozar and Frankie Henry and new mom Amanda Eichelberger Please share gifts by Sunday, December 3.
- ◆ **Sisterhood of St. Elizabeth Christmas Tea** on December 16 from 11am-2pm at the home of Deb Bishop. Please plan to join us for a time of food, fellowship and fun! Details TBA.

Prayers are Requested for Amanda Eichelberger and her family— Amanda suffered a sickness this past week that put her (at 8 months along in her pregnancy) in the ICU. Fr. Justin offered her an emergency Baptism (yes, this rite exists in the service books) and we conducted it right in the hospital room. Amanda delivered a healthy baby boy, 6lbs 6oz, last Thursday and is continuing treatment for her sickness. We are excited to welcome Amanda into the Orthodox Faith (and her family in due time)!

Reminder that your Donation to the Special Collection for an Ordination/Christmas Gift for Giorgi Lomsadze, (who will become our second priest, God willing, in 2024) is due by next Sunday, December 10. Giorgi will be ordained to the Diaconate on December 13 at St. Vladimir's and his priestly ordination will be at St. Athanasius sometime in the spring 2024.

Mark Your Calendars for Nativity Services

- ❖ **Royal Hours Anticipating Nativity**, Friday, Dec 22 at 11am / Confessions
- ❖ **Vespers for Nativity** on Sunday, Dec 24 at 11:15am
(immediately following Liturgy)
- ❖ **Nativity Vigil & Christmas Carols** on Sunday, Dec 24 at 6:30pm