

**Services & Activities for St. Athanasius & St. Nina**

<b>Sunday, November 30</b>	<b>9:30am - Divine Liturgy</b> <b>11:15am - Children's Sunday School</b> <b>11:30am - Fellowship Hour</b> <b>12:00pm - Bread Ministry</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 2</b>	<b>6:30pm - <u>Vespers &amp; Catechesis @ St. Nina</u></b>
<b>Wednesday, December 3</b>	<b>6:30pm - Great Vespers for St. Barbara &amp; St. Alexander</b> <b>7:20pm - Fall Christian Catechesis Series</b> <b>8:20pm - Small Compline for Nativity Fast</b> <b>8:40pm - Confessions</b>
<b>Thursday, December 4</b>	<b>8:00pm - Adult Sunday School Online</b>
<b>Friday, December 5</b>	<b>11:00am - Akathist to St. Nicholas</b> <b>11:50am - Confessions</b> <b>6:30pm - Great Vespers for St. Nicholas Day</b> <b>7:20pm - St. Nicholas Program in Hall</b>
<b>Saturday, December 6</b> <i>St. Nicholas Day</i>	<b>9:00am - Festal Liturgy for St. Nicholas</b> <b>4:30pm - Mercer County Vespers &amp; Potluck</b> <b>6:30pm - <u>Lay Vespers @ St. Nina</u></b> <b>6:30pm - All-Night Vigil</b> <b>8:15pm - Confessions</b>
<b>Sunday, December 7</b>	<b>9:30am - Divine Liturgy</b> <b>9:30am - <u>Divine Liturgy, Potluck, &amp; St. Nicholas Visit @St. Nina</u></b> <b>11:15am - Children's Sunday School</b> <b>11:30am - Fellowship Hour</b> <b>12:00pm - Bread Ministry</b>



**This week we look forward to celebrating  
St. Nicholas Day !**

## Welcome to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church!

Welcome to all Visitors! Feel free to participate at your 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 neighbors.

### St. Nicholas Day Services & Celebrations

Join us for services honoring St. Nicholas this weekend on Friday and Saturday. On Friday there will be an Akathist and a Vespers for St. Nicholas, and after Vespers there will be some family-friendly programming in the Fellowship Hall. On Saturday join us for Divine Liturgy at 9am.

**St. Nicholas Gifts Outreach**  
We invite you to participate in our annual St. Nicholas Gifts Outreach! We have tags that include the child's name and age, along with gift ideas to help guide your shopping. If you would like to pick up a tag, please see Beth Walther.

*Please return all gifts by Sunday, December 7th.*

### Volunteer at Lexington Rescue Mission

"Volunteer at our Thanksgiving Meal on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> or our Christmas Meal on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. There are many spots still available! Find the sign-up sheets here: <https://lexingtonrescue.org/volunteer/>

Donate Food -



- Deliver to us here at 535 W 2nd Street
- Order from our Amazon link at the QR code above."

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### Diocesan Leadership

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

### Expanding our Instagram Outreach

We are looking for a volunteer or two to help record shorts from a sermon or images from the Liturgy and/or extract short edifying quotes from Fr. Justin's Intro to Orthodoxy courses. If you have these skills and are willing to try to make a few shorts, please tell Fr. Giorgi.

### Sisterhood Christmas Brunch

Sat. Dec 13 11:00-2:00 (after liturgy for St. Herman) at Deb Bishop's house - 504 O'Hara Dr. Danville, (925) 890-3002. Bring a fasting dish to share.



**On December 4th, we commemorate St. Barbara and St. Alexander, courageous martyrs for Christ.**

### Special Event on December 13 for St. Herman Feast AND St. Lucia (Lucy) Day

At 5pm December 13 (before Saturday Vigil at 630pm,) we will be making St. Lucia crowns and star boy hats -- gathering in the parish hall. We also plan to have Lussekatter, a traditional saffron bun made for St. Lucia's feast day. We will learn about some of these special traditions, where they come from, and of course, about St. Lucia's life! We also invite folks to bring their favorite St. Herman cookies. Fr. Justin will have a prize for his favorite St. Herman cookie (and prizes for all the kids who bring cookies.) It is a joy to celebrate both St. Lucia and St. Herman -- as he is the patron saint of our Church in America. (While this event will be a younger child-focused, all are welcome regardless of age!) An RSVP to Brooklyn Walters is welcome at 859-227-4662 by December 7, just so there are ample buns and craft materials."

### Woman with Cerebral Palsy in Lexington Needs Ride to Liturgy

- There is a woman living near Armstrong Mill Road who walks with a walker but cannot drive. If you are able to volunteer to give her a ride once or twice to church on Sunday, please let Fr. Justin or Fr. Giorgi know.

**The last choir rehearsal of the season** is December 18th @7pm. These help us prepare for various liturgical events and feasts. If you have an interest in joining the choir, reach out to Mat. Tamara or Zoe Kaylor.

**Adult Sunday School** classes are held online on Thursdays from 8-9pm via Google Meet. Join us virtually via this QR code any Thursday evening:



**Online Giving** If you find it more convenient to give online, please scan the QR code and follow the instructions on the website.



### Parish Leadership

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