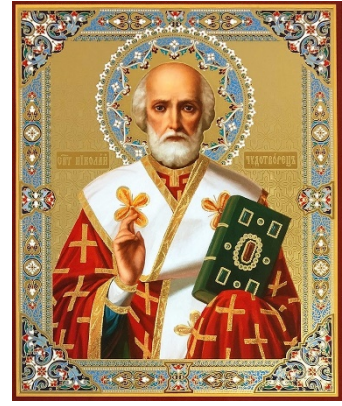


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**Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Mother of God - Sunday before the Cross**

**Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)**

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!”

**Tone 4 Troparion (Translation of the Relics)**

The day of the joyous celebration has come; the city of Bari rejoices and with it the whole universe leaps from joy, singing the spiritual songs and psalms. For today, the holy feast, on the occasion of the transfer of the honorable and exceedingly healing relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, has shone forth with the radiant rays, like the sun that does not set, driving away the darkness of temptations and calamities from those who faithfully exclaim to thee: “Save us, as our protector, O great Nicholas!”

**Tone 4 Troparion (Nativity)**

Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe! The Sun of righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse, He bestowed a blessing. By destroying death, He has granted us eternal life.

**Tone 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)**

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

**Tone 3 Kontakion (Translation of the Relics)**

Your relics, O Saint Nicholas, came out as a star from the east to the west. The sea was sanctified by your journey, and the city of Bari, through you, has received the grace. For working for us, you have appeared as an excellent, wonderful and merciful Wonderworker.

**Tone 4 Kontakion (Nativity)**

By your nativity, O most pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness, Adam and Eve — from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: “The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life.”

**Epistle - Galatians 6:11-18 (Sunday Before), 1 Corinthians 16:13-24**

**Gospel - John 3:13-17 (Sunday Before), Luke 5:1-11**

**Alleluia Verses**

v. I have exalted one chosen out of My people. (*Ps. 88:18b*)

v. For My hand shall defend him and My arm shall strengthen him. (*Ps. 88:20*)

**Magnificat - Tone 8 (Instead of it is Truly Meet)**

Magnify, O my soul, the most glorious birth of the Mother of God!

Virginitly is foreign to mothers; childbearing is strange for virgins. But in you, O Theotokos, both were accomplished. For this all the earthly nations unceasingly magnify you.

## Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule**
  - Wed Sept 25 6:30PM Akathist to St. Nicholas followed by Bible Study
  - Thu Sept 26 6PM Vespers
  - Fri Sept 27 8AM Divine Liturgy - Elevation of the Cross
  - Sat Sept 28 6PM Vespers
  - Sun Sept 29 10AM Divine Liturgy
- **Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6:30PM** - \*Check calendar for any exceptions\* - An Akathist to St. Nicholas begins at 6:30pm with Bible Study to follow led by Fr. Stefan. We are continuing with Volume Two of St. Nikolai's letters. New faces welcome anytime!
- **Pita For Sale - TODAY** - The Kolo will be selling personal size pitas on Sunday, Sept. 22nd. Choices include burek, gibanica, apple, spinach (posno) and potato (posno). Mmmmm....see you there!
- **Are these yours?** - Have you forgotten your nice cake pan at the church during fish fry? Or maybe a nice Pyrex baking dish? How about your plastic containers? We have great news! They are likely in the box under the tammie stairs in the back kitchen area. Please pick them up no later than Sunday, September 29!
- **Refrigerator Cleanout** - Kitchen refrigerators will be EMPTIED on Thursday, September 26 and cleaned for the choir concert weekend. If you have left anything in the fridge, it will be cleaned out on 9/26. Please remove it before then, thank you!
- **Regarding Church Envelopes** - Are you receiving church envelopes? Are you not using them because your stewardship donation is submitted electronically? If you are receiving church envelopes but not using them for your stewardship contribution, please email Sandy Mireles MSandy.Mireles@gmail.com or Janet Pribanic, janet.pribanic@gmail.com and let us know. We will discontinue them. Thank you!
- **95th Anniversary Concert - Oct 4-6** - Save the date for the 95th Anniversary of our St. Nicholas Choir! Keep an eye out for details.
- **Church Security** - Please note, that effective immediately, the hall doors will no longer be open before church on Sunday mornings. This change is being made for security reasons for all parishioners. Please enter the upstairs church doors for liturgy. If you are bringing food for cake/coffee hour, please enter upstairs then open the kitchen door from the inside for your drop off, and make certain it is closed and locked before going upstairs for liturgy. Thank you!