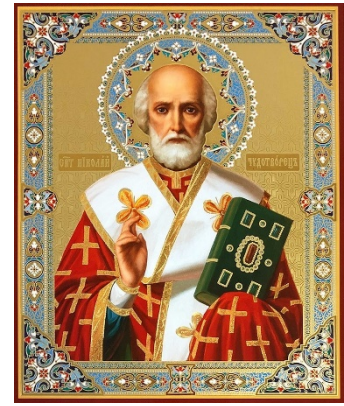


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Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

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 1 Troparion (Cross)

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Your Cross, preserve Your habitation!

Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

You descended into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

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 (Cross)

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, granting them victories over their adversaries by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

Tone 6 Theotokion

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocat before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in thy goodness come speedily to help us who call upon you in faith, hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos; for you always protect those who honor you!

Epistle - Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday After), 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Gospel - Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday After), Luke 6:31-36

Alleluia Verses

v. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.
(Ps. 88:1-2)

v. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)

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

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ; through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. Now at its Exaltation, as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

Announcements

- **Upcoming Schedule**

- Oct 2 - Akathist and Bible Study at 6:30PM
- Oct 5 - Choir Concert at 4PM in our Church Hall
- Oct 6 - Divine Liturgy at ***9AM***
- Oct 9 - Akathist and Bible Study at 6:30PM
- Oct 12 - Vespers at 6PM
- Oct 13 - Divine Liturgy at 10AM

- **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. No book? No preparation? No problem! Don't let that stop you from joining. Really. Come. We would love to have you! New faces welcome anytime!
- **Saint Nicholas 95th Anniversary Concert - Oct 5 4PM** - The Saint Nicholas 95th anniversary concert is quickly approaching. I hope you have marked your calendar for October 5th so that you don't miss it. The concert will take place in the church hall beginning at 4 PM. Dinner will be served following the concert plus Orkestar Pobeda will play for your listening and dancing pleasure. Hope to see you there.
- **Sunday Brunch with the Choir - Oct 6** - Our St. Nicholas Choir is hosting a brunch on Sunday, October 6th immediately following Liturgy. Please come and join them as they close out their 95th anniversary celebration and bid 'SAFE TRAVELS' to their honored guest choir from Kansas City. *NOTE - Liturgy will begin at 9:00 AM that morning with responses sung by the beautiful voices of St George (KC) Choir. Please plan to attend and help support our choir's efforts. 'KO PEVA - ZLO NE MISLI'
- **9th Annual St. Nicholas Scrapbook Crop! - Nov 2** - The 9th Annual St. Nicholas Scrapbook Crop is scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2024. The "Crop" as it is commonly called, brings in individuals from all over the area to participate in 11 hours of scrapbooking, basket auctions, a 50/50 raffle, a Grand Prize, and a Bake Sale. We are reaching out to our Parishioners to help us by donating home-made baked goods for the Bake Sale which is always a popular part of the event. The Bake Table opens at 11 AM Saturday morning and continues during the day until everything is sold out. Items may be brought to the Church Social Hall Friday, Nov. 1 between 3 and 6 PM or before 11 AM on Saturday. Please contact Anna Drakulic at 412 823 4891 if you have questions. This event requires a lot of effort and supplies. If you would like to volunteer for a few hours on November 2, or donate a gift basket for the auction, or gift cards for the grand prize, please let Pat Kolar know at 412 372-4239 / patkolar@verizon.net All proceeds go to the Church. P.S. If you would like to see a hive of activity or learn more about scrapbooking, please visit with us on November 2 in the Church Social Hall.