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*Welcome to our parish!*

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

**December 3, 2023**

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Prophet Zephaniah

Ven. Savva, Abbot of Zvenigorod

## PROPHET ZEPHANIAH

The Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) was a contemporary of the Prophet Jeremiah and the Prophetess Oldama. He was from the tribe of Simeon, and was the ninth of the Twelve Minor Prophets of the Old Testament.

The prophet lived at the royal court, where he preached repentance and helped King Josiah eliminate idol-worship.

He prophesied about the calamities that were to come for the people of Judea and the surrounding regions: Gaza, Ascalon, Crete, and against the Moabites, the Ammonites and the Ninevites.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Analisa, Jody, Basil, Michelle, Yuri, Davide, Pina, Kelsey and her unborn

CATECHUMEN: Calvin

MISSIONARIES: The McDonald family

NAMEDAYS: Nicholas Barr, Frank Schmitt

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONFESSION:** All Orthodox Christians should approach the mystery of Confession regularly, especially before great feasts like the Nativity of the Lord for which we are currently preparing. Fr. Alessandro is available after Vespers or Small Compline. If you would like him to hear your confession at other times during the week, please email him in advance to schedule a time.

**FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FORM:** The deadline to fill out your financial commitment form for 2024 is today, Sunday, December 3. If you have any questions on this, please contact Fr. Alessandro.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Our choir will hold its rehearsal for the feast of the Nativity of our Lord on Sunday, December 3 and Sunday, December 17 following Divine Liturgy. All singers who wish to join the choir for the Nativity services are expected to attend the rehearsals.

**SERVICES FOR ST. NICHOLAS:** Please note that everyone is invited to attend the services for St. Nicholas on December 5 & 6 at St. Nicholas Cathedral. Vigil at 7pm on Dec 5, and Liturgy at 9:00a on Dec 6.

**PARISH CLEAN-UP BEFORE NATIVITY:** In preparation for the great feast of Nativity, we are meeting on Saturday, December 16 at 10a for a parish clean-up and preparation. Please join us—we will provide lunch.

**DIACONAL ORDINATION:** By the grace of God, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon will ordain our parishioner Subdeacon Alexander Woodill to the Holy Diaconate on Saturday, December 9, at 9:30a, at St. Nicholas Cathedral. This is a most joyous parish event—please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

**YOUNG ADULTS READING GROUP:** A local reading group for teens and young adults meets virtually every Sunday at 4:30p to read and discuss a patristic/theological text. The organizers are Phillip Navarro from St. Mark in Bethesda and Christopher

Tsichlis from Sts. Constantine and Helen. For more information, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ReadOrthodox>

ST. NICHOLAS CARE KITS: On Sunday, Dec 17, during coffee hour, we will assemble St. Nicholas Care Kits -- gallon Ziploc bags containing a Christmas card with \$5 in cash, warm socks and gloves, some soft foods, and additional small items. We all will be able to take these bags to distribute to people who are in need. Our goal this year is to assemble 75 Care Kits containing more than 20 items each. Please sign up to bring items for the kits using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B45AFAA22A1FDO-46100294-stnicholas#/>.

PARISH WALL CALENDARS: We have received our parish wall calendars. Please feel free to take a copy per household.

### UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

December 3, Sun

8:45 AM	Church School
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
11:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal

December 9, Sat

5:00 PM	Great Vespers
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December 10, Sun

8:45 AM	Church School
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

### MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	<b>Dec 3</b>	<b>Dec 10</b>
Coffee Hour:	Garber	Parish
Reader:	Barr	Hughes

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