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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 1, 2024

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TONE 6

Venerable Botolph of Iken
Prophet Nahum

HOLY PROPHET NAHUM

The Holy Prophet Nahum, whose name means “God consoles,” was from the village of Elkosh (Galilee). He lived during the seventh century B.C.

The Prophet Nahum prophesies the ruin of the Assyrian city of Nineveh because of its iniquity, the destruction of the Israelite kingdom, and the blasphemy of King Sennacherib against God.

The Assyrian king Ashurbanipal died in 632 B.C., and over the next two decades, his empire began to crumble. Nineveh fell in 612 B.C.

Nahum differs from most of the prophets in as much as he does not issue any call to repentance, nor does he denounce Israel for infidelity to God.

Details of the prophet’s life are unknown. He died at the age of forty-five, and was buried in his native region. He is the seventh of the Twelve Minor Prophets.

The Prophet Nahum and Saint Nahum of Ochrid (December 23) are invoked for people with mental disorders.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Matthew, David, Zondra, Art, Kelly Joan, Jerry, Davide

DEPARTED: Matushka Cindy, Rita

CATECHUMEN: Brooke, Sarah, Levi

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

NAMEDAYS: Nicholas Barr

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION: All Orthodox Christians should approach the mystery of Confession regularly, especially before the Nativity of the Lord. Fr. A. is available after Vespers or Small Compline. If you would like to schedule a different time, please email him in advance.

NATIVITY PLAY: On Sunday, December 15, our Church School students, under the direction of Marijana Barr, will offer our parish a Nativity Play to the parish. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

PARISH RETREAT: Join us for a retreat with Dr. Sarah Byrne-Martelli, titled "God is with Us: Grieving as Orthodox Christians," on Saturday, December 7, 2-5pm, followed by Q/A after Great Vespers. This retreat is free but registration is required because of limited space.

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS: Please note that no services will be celebrated at All Saints for the feast of St. Nicholas. Everybody is invited to go to St. Nicholas Cathedral in DC instead.

BLESSING OF PLEDGES: At the end of Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 8, we will bless our financial pledges as our offering to God. In giving thanks to Him who gives us everything, we offer the fruits of our work, and we pray that the Holy Spirit may multiply them for the building up of the Church.

CARE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS: On December 22 we will make 80 St. Nicholas "care kits" containing some clothing items for warmth; food items that are high-energy and easy to chew; a small bottle of water; a few personal hygiene items, and a small cash gift. These bags are for distribution at Christmas and beyond to our neighbors who are begging at intersections or on the street. The plan is for each bag to contain more than 20 items, so it is an ambitious project -- and also a cherished annual tradition in this parish. Please watch for links

for the sign up in the bulletin next week, and meanwhile please contact Lory Easton (312) 401-5993 with questions or suggestions.

SAINT STEPHEN'S TABLE LUNCHESES FOR THE HOMELESS: The Saint Nicholas Cathedral young adult group participates with other Orthodox parishes in Saint Stephen's Table, a project providing lunches for adults at a homeless shelter in DC on Saturdays. They prepare 60 bagged lunches and deliver them to the Downtown Day Services Center (DDSC). Volunteers meet at Saint Nicholas's kitchen from 11am-12:30pm to make the lunches and, when supplies are available, to prepare hygiene kits; then from 12:30-2pm they carpool to the DDSC and distribute those bagged meals and hygiene kits there. The next opportunity to serve is Saturday, December 21. For more information and to sign up online, please use this link: [St. Stephen's Table - St. Nicholas Cathedral](#). Feel free to contact Lory Easton at (312) 401-5993 with additional questions.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Dec 1, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Dec 3, Tue 6:00 PM	Small Compline
Dec 7, Sat 2:00 PM 5:00 PM	Parish Retreat Great Vespers
Dec 8, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM	Church School Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	Dec 1	Dec 8
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Hughes	Mittlefehldt
<i>Reader:</i>	Garber	TBA
<i>Cleaning:</i>	Hughes	Mittlefehldt
<i>Communion Cloth:</i>	Class/Mazzeo	Mazzeo/Garber

Priest available for Confession after Vespers or by appointment