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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 22, 2024

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TONE 1

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ

Sunday before the Nativity

Great Martyr Anastasia

GREAT MARTYR ANASTASIA

This Saint, who was from Rome, was a most comely, wealthy, and virtuous maiden, the daughter of Praepextatus and Fausta.

It was her mother who instructed her in the Faith of Christ. The Saint was joined to a man named Publius Patricius, who was prodigal in life and impious in disposition, but she was widowed after a short time.

Henceforth, she went about secretly to the dwellings of the poor and the prisons where the Martyrs of Christ were, and brought them whatever was needed for their daily subsistence. She washed their wounds and loosed them from their fetters, and consoled them in their anguish.

Also, because the Saint, through her intercessions, has healed many from the ill effects of spells, potions, poisons, and other harmful substances, she has received the name "Deliverer from Potions."

Since the fame of her deeds had spread about, she was arrested by Diocletian's minions, and after enduring many torments she was put to death by fire in the year 290.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Matthew, Jim, Sharon, Martha, Larissa, Bob, David, Zondra, Art, Jerry, Davide

DEPARTED: Rita

CATECHUMEN: Brooke, Sarah, Levi, Daniel

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

NAMEDAYS: Julia Bomadevar

ANNIVERSARIES: Anton & Irina Dolgoplov

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: Note that our parish annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26 following Divine Liturgy. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important event in the life of our parish.

CARE KITS FOR THE HOMELESS: Today, 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.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Please note that there will be no Church School on December 22 and 29.

CHRISTMAS SING ALONG: The Archdiocesan Choir of Washington, D.C. will be hosting its 3rd annual evening of carol singing on December 27 at St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church in McLean, VA. It will be a unique event with the opportunity not only to sing with our Orthodox family and friends, but to consider those in the community who may be curious to learn more about Orthodoxy. Our selections will include both Orthodox and Western carols. We will begin the evening with Vespers at 6 pm, and then will open the hall for desserts, drinks, and caroling around 6:45. Reserve tickets in advance

to guarantee that we have a caroling packet prepared for you, and invite your family and friends to join us as well!

You can purchase tickets on our website:
<https://www.archdiocesanchoir.org/>

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Dec 22, Sun 9:30 AM 11:00 AM	Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas Project
Dec 23, Mon 5:00 PM	Vespers & Compline
Dec 24, Tue 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	Royal Hours Nativity Vigil
Dec 25, Wed 9:30 AM	Festal Liturgy
Dec 28, Sat 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
Dec 29, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	Dec 22	Dec 29
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Class	Margheritino
<i>Reader:</i>	Mykyta	Hughes
<i>Cleaning:</i>	Class	Garber
<i>Communion Cloth:</i>	Easton/Class	Schmitt/Mikhalevsky

Priest available for Confession after Vespers or by appointment