

Parish Life December 9 - 17

Saturday, December 9 *Conception of Theotokos*

St. Nich Festival all day downtown Nicholasville/Parade at 5pm

- 10am Baby Shower in Parish Hall for Olga Malkova
- 3:30pm **Great Vespers**
- 4:20pm Confessions

Sunday, December 10

- 9am Sunday School (final meeting for this calendar year)
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (Team III)
- 12:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (Inessa, Tanya)
- 6pm Girls Group

Monday, December 11

2-8pm Makeup Day for Photos for Parish Directory

Tuesday, December 12

- 6:30pm **Great Vespers for St. Herman**
- 7:20pm Confession
- 6:30pm OCF (UK Campus)

Wednesday, December 13 *St. Herman of Alaska*

- 8am **Liturgy for St. Herman**
- 6:30pm **Vespers**
- 7:20pm Christian Education Class: *These Truths we Hold*

Thursday, December 14

Friday, December 15

7pm Women's Night Out

Saturday, December 16

- 6:30pm **Vigil**
- 8pm Confessions

Sunday, December 17

- 9am Reception of Kamau Family (no Sunday School)
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (Team IV)
- 12:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (Lisa, Linda)
- 6pm Youth Group



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, December 10, 2017

Today's Readings: Ephesians 6:10-17 Luke 17:12-19



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Welcome to all visitors with us today! Our greeters and doorkeepers are happy to provide service booklets to help you follow along in the service today or answer any questions you may have. Please participate at your comfort level. *Holy Communion is given only to Orthodox Christians who have kept fast, made recent confession, and are at peace with neighbors.*

Choir Rehearsal this Sunday at 12:30pm. Please allow choir members to go first in the food/beverage lines.

Parish Directory Photo makeup day is Monday, December 11, 2-8pm.

Feast of St. Herman – Wednesday, December 13

Great Vespers for St. Herman Tuesday at 6:30pm

Liturgy for St. Herman will be served 8am on Wednesday

Vespers as usual will be served at 6:30pm Wednesday evening followed by our continuing Christian Education Class. The topic is the Old & New Testament Canon.

Housekeeping Note: Items left on the coat racks in the parish hall **after today** will be donated to the Goodwill Store and/or Salvation Army. There are several children’s jackets/pullovers/sweaters. Please check to see if any items belong to you or someone you know.

St. Elizabeth Sisterhood is sponsoring a Women’s Night on Friday, December 15 at 7pm. Sue Clark will be hosting this event and all women of the parish are invited. Audrey Wagner will be sending an email with directions and information about what to bring.

Date	Lead Servers	Bread Ministry	Doorkeeper	Greeter	Fellowship Hour	Hand-maidens	Prosphora
12/10	Jared / Silas	Inessa V & Tanya V	Jeff Hart	Rebecca Wilson	Team III Bradshaw	Suzannah / Myra	Lourie Family
12/17	Abial / JP	Lisa P. & Linda F.	Chris Naughton	Josh Lourie	Team IV Walther	Teresa / Mandariah	Fr. Justin
12/24	Jared / Liam	Kamau’s & Karis J.	Linda, Myra, Shannon	John Mize	Team I Frangedakis	Anya / Karis	Fr. Justin
12/31	Silas / Abial	Becca, Ben	Paul Frangedakis	Rebecca Wilson	Team II Werner	Becca / Nichole	Mary Bradshaw

Sunday Fellowship/Coffee Hour Goals for 2018

- 6 Rotating Teams (w/ potlucks/special events on occasional Sundays)
- Heavy snack/light meal with goals of (1) “breaking our fast” (2) providing a space for fellowship
- Use of small plates and bowls to emphasize that everyone gets a serving (w/option for more after everyone gets some)
- Fruits, veggies, & carbs (and meat-dairy options when appropriate)

As a growing parish, we want to continue this ministry with practicality and sustainability. If you are not currently on a fellowship team, why not consider joining for the new year. Email Fr. Justin and he will connect you with a team leader.

Good Financial News for Parish!

- ◆ All October expenses were met and the month ended positively.
- ◆ November, we came **really close** to our budgeted income (update on November expenses coming soon).
- ◆ December is on track to make budget! Let’s keep up this good work giving our tithes and offerings. (*Treasurer*)

Weekly Church Etiquette Tips (things you should know while in Church)

Leaving Before Dismissal – Leaving church before the Dismissal – besides being rude – deprives us of a blessing. Worship has a beginning (“Blessed is the Kingdom...”) and an end (“May Christ our True God...”) Leaving immediately after Communion is to treat church like a fast-food restaurant where we come and go as we please. Although we live in a fast-paced world where we seem to be hurrying from place to place, in God’s presence, we need to make every attempt to fight this pressure to move on to the next thing on the day’s agenda. We deprive ourselves of blessings by not being still and participating in God’s holiness. Eat and run at McDonald’s--but stay in church and thank God for his precious gifts.

Visit our website – athanasiusoca.org/give to offer your tithes.

We have partnered with Tithe.ly to provide secure online and mobile app giving. Give with or without an account! But with an account, you can set up automatic recurring giving, see your giving history, manage your giving methods, and much more.

Counters (Tim, Mary, Rick, Ellie, Patrick)	Tray Offerings 12/03	tithe.ly offerings 12/03	Special Offerings	Month-to-Date Offerings	Weekly Need \$3,330.00
12/10 Tim/Rick 12/17 Tim/Patrick 12/24 tba	\$4,724.00	\$750.00	n/a	\$5,474	Monthly Need \$14,432