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**Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Epistle – Eph 6:10-17  

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023**  
9:30 am – Health and Blessings for all Parishioners

**Saturday – Dec. 9, 2023**  
9:00 am – Liturgy

**Sunday – Dec. 10, 2023**  
9:30 am – Health and Blessing for all Parishioners

**No Liturgy during the weekday (Monday-Friday) except upon request.**

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**Feast of St. Nicholas – December 6**

St. Nicholas derived from Nicholas of Myra and was a bishop in 4th century Greece. He was known for selling off his own items and then giving the money to the poor. He would commonly leave coins in people’s shoes and dedicated his entire life to serving people who were sick and suffering. This is how he gained his saint status, and is what inspired St. Nicholas Day (also commonly known as Feast Day or the Feast of St. Nicholas).

One well-known story of St. Nicholas involves a dowry for a father’s three daughters. In the third century, it was common for fathers to offer money to prospective husbands. However, one poor father with three daughters did not have money to do this. St. Nicholas paid for all three daughters’ dowries by leaving gold in their shoes.

As time passed St. Nicholas Day began in different ways. In Italy, this day was celebrated with feasts, gift-giving, and festivals. In other European countries like Germany and the Netherlands, children would leave their shoes or special St. Nicholas boot in front of the fireplace or front door at night and find presents in them in the morning. The history of St. Nicholas and his good deeds was part of the inspiration of the modern-day Santa Claus and Father Christmas, which is why there are some current traditions of leaving gifts in people’s boots or shoes (or stockings).

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**Join us for coffee and pastries after Divine Liturgy. Everybody is welcome.**

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**Nov. 26, 2023**

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Troparion (2): When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion (2): You rose from the tomb, O Almighty Savior, and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises for ever. Now and for ever and ever: Amen.

Theotokion (2): The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God, unceasing in her intercessions and an unfailing hope of patronage, for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokimenon:

Prokimenon (2): The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

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