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Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Fri., Dec. 6 th	Feast of St. Nicholas, Wonderworker and Archbishop of Myra in Lycia	
		Hours	8:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	9 am
	Sat., Dec. 7 th	Great Vespers and Confession	6 pm
	Sun., Dec. 8 th	Ven. Patapius of Thebes; Apostles Sosthenes, Apollos & Cephas (of 70)	
		Church School	9:15 am
		Hours	9:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind
for Sunday Liturgy.

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:12-19

<p>Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)</p> <p>The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as <u>dead</u> men. Mary <u>stood</u> by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure <u>body</u>. Thou didst capture hell not being <u>tempted</u> by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, <u>granting</u> life. O Lord, Who didst <u>rise</u> from the dead, <u>glory</u> to Thee.</p> <p>Tone 2 Troparion (Prophet Nahum)</p> <p>We <u>celebrate</u> the <u>memory</u> of Thy prophet <u>Nahum</u>, O Lord; through <u>him</u> we <u>beseech</u> Thee: “<u>Save</u> our souls!”</p>	<p>Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)</p> <p>When Christ God, the <u>Giver</u> of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His <u>mighty</u> hand, He bestowed resurrection on the <u>human</u> race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the <u>God</u> of all.</p> <p>Tone 4 Kontakion (Prophet Nahum)</p> <p>Illumined by the Spirit, thy heart was a vessel of illustrious <u>prophecy</u>, seeing far-off things as though they were <u>present</u>. Therefore, we venerate thee, glorious prophet <u>Nahum</u>.</p>	<p>Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)</p> <p>O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)</p> <p><i>V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)</i></p>
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Epistle

(Ephesians 2:4-10)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Gospel

([Luke 18:18-27](#))

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

So Jesus said to him, “**Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.**

“**You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’”**

And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.”

So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “**You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**”

But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “**How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!**

“**For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.**”

And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?”

But He said, “**The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.**”

Announcements:



Local honey available at the Candlestand for \$10 per bottle.
All proceeds directly benefit our church.
Pure Honey; NO additives.

The Nativity Fast or Advent Season has begun! Please try to do the best that you can without hurting or being judgmental of others. Remember abstaining from different foods is only a small part of the Advent Season. We all have opportunities to work on our prayer lives, love our neighbors, forgive others, and ask for forgiveness of our own shortcomings.

Special thanks and God Bless to all the volunteers who lent their hands to make the apricot, nut, and poppyseed rolls and a batch of cheese braids. The teamwork was fantastic!

GOD GRANT DR. PETRO MANY YEARS! The Petro Family would like to welcome everyone to a special coffee hour at St. Nicholas, Donora, **TODAY**, to celebrate **Dr. Petro's 90th Birthday**.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR CANDLES: The following Altar Candles were presented by the following:

In Loving Memory of Frank Terrett by Linda Terrett, Kim Tiano and Family

This month's Parish Council meeting is on **Monday, December 9th at 6:30 pm.**

The Christmas season can be trying for everyone! Help yourself while in the process of helping others and spread the joy of the birth of our Savior! Many of our St. Tikhon seminarians and their families sometimes feel disconnected and monetary help is not always available to help with necessities. **TODAY through December 15th**, we will be taking a special collection to help make Christmas for our seminarians and their families special. Please place your donation in the basket by the choir. Let us not forget to help our neighbor in need!

The 2025 Weekly Offering Envelopes are in. Please stop by the candlestand to pick your set. If you need a set, please see Toni Costello.

2025 Church Calendars are in. Pick up yours today!

Don't forget, we need to remember and visit our Home-Bound Parishioners especially over the holiday season! See today's bulletin insert for an **UPDATED** listing of our Home-Bound Parishioners. All of these folks are very appreciative that their parish has not forgotten them and enthusiastically send their love to all here at HROC. *If you know of a person who needs to be added to it, please let Father Stephan know.*

Christmas Altar Candles: Gifts are now being accepted for the Christmas Altar Candles. If you would like to make a gift in memory of loved ones or in honor of loved ones – place your offering in an envelope marking it “Christmas Candles” and leave it at the Candle Stand.

Save the Date:

This Year's Christmas Yolka is scheduled for **Sunday, December 8th**. Don't forget to bring your cameras, as we will have a “Special Visitor” arrive that day! Please help make our Yolka a festive occasion for all – please see either Marie Dudzinski or Prudence Pierce if you are able to help lend a hand with some goodies for Coffee Hour to welcome St. Nicholas! *“Oh, who loves, Nicholas the saintly”...*