

DECEMBER 2, 2018

BULLETIN – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

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Deadline for Bulletin Submissions -- 10:00 am Thursday ♦ Father's Office Hours – Tuesday 10:30 am-1:30 pm

Happy Birthday To

<i>Cherice Lachmund</i>	<i>December 3</i>
<i>Eloise Haskin</i>	<i>December 6</i>
<i>Marilyn Nicholas</i>	<i>December 8</i>

Happy Anniversary To

<i>John & Jan Ivancovich</i>	<i>December 3</i>
<i>Ric & Eunkyung Otte</i>	<i>December 7</i>

ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS MONTH

December is Order of St. Ignatius Month in conjunction with the feast day of St. Ignatius on December 20. The Order is the philanthropic arm of the Antiochian Archdiocese and comprised of laymen volunteers. About 3,000 active members support approximately 38% of the Archdiocese's budget and camping and college conference scholarships, married seminarian assistance, Antiochian Village, Teen SOYO Special Olympics, theological and religious education, clergy retirement, Project Mexico, IOCC, The Treehouse Family Ministry, and Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF). To donate, designate "Order of St. Ignatius" on the memo line of your check or write the same on an envelope with cash.

GRATITUDE

Thank you for your love and service regarding the Thanksgiving Community Dinner, a great place to live out our mission of being an organic community of love. There were five people who approached us after the dinner saying they would like to come to a church service, and this is because of all of you!

With gratitude,

Community Dinner Ministry Team

TOWN HALL MEETING

Today we will all gather after the Divine Liturgy for a Town Hall Meeting. Childcare and food will be provided. We will be discussing the formation of ministries based

on our core values and the current needs of the parish. We encourage parishioners to sign up for these ministries. We will also be discussing the next phase of our stewardship plans.

SACRED MUSIC

December 9 is Choir/Chanter Appreciation Sunday. On that day we take a collection for the choir and chanters who "help guide and lead us all in our worship of God". Please consider showing your appreciation with a generous offering. Offerings go towards music stands, lights, binders, a choir/chanter meal, travel to and lodging at the Sacred Music Institute at Antiochian Village.

ONE DAY ONLY

The 2019 Archdiocese Convention will be hosted by St. Nicholas Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 21-28. For one day only—**December 6**—the Early Bird Event Package price will be **\$199**. It includes Teen Dance, River Walk Party & Street Fair, Archdiocese dramatic production, Grand Hafli, and Saturday's "Light the Night" Gala. For more information about the convention, and to order the package, go to ac2019gr.org.

Saint Nicholas Celebration

Sunday, December 9

5:00 pm

In the Parish Hall

Christmas caroling, a visit from Saint Nicholas,
and refreshments

****Bring a bell to ring during one of the carols**

DISASTER READINESS WORKSHOP

- Two-hour workshop on Saturday, December 8, at 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

This Week @ St. Peter & Paul -- December 3-9, 2018

12/4	Tues	6:00 am – Readers Orthros
12/5	Wed	6:00 pm – Vespers for St. Nicholas of Myra
12/6	Thurs	6:00 am – Men’s Reading Group 9:00 am – Orthros 10:00 am – AOCWNA Book Study
12/8	Sat	4:00 pm – Disaster Preparedness presentation in Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm – Great Vespers w/Litia & Compline
12/9	Sun	8:20 am – Orthros 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – 10 th Sunday of Luke Choir/Chanter Appreciation Sunday 10:20 am – Church School Choir rehearsal 20 minutes after Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm – St. Nicholas Celebration with visit from St. Nicholas, caroling, and refreshments

Looking Ahead ---

December 16	Youth Group
December 18	AOCWNA-coffee after prayers
December 19	Parish Council
December 24	Royal Hours & VDL of Nativity, Festal Orthros & Festal Divine Liturgy of Nativity Church Office closed
December 25	Nativity—Church Office closed
December 26	Paraklesis
December 28	Nativity Celebration Dinner
December 31	Church Office closed
January 1	Church Office closed

DONATIONS

We have various projects around the church for which a donation would be well received: bathroom refurbishment, narthex remodel, office move and repair. Contributions for flowers for decorating the church for the Nativity season are always welcome too. Thank you for your generosity and remembering the church in this way!

CONDOLENCES

Condolences may be sent to Peter Rhudy and Mat. Cana Rhudy-Henry for the repose of their dad, V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Rhudy c/o St. Luke

Orthodox Church, 1415 Woodstock Avenue, Anniston, Alabama 36207 or via email to basilcana@yahoo.com. May Fr. Stephen’s memory be eternal!

GOOD WORKS FOR DECEMBER
Valley Churches United Missions

- Christmas Holiday Project bags to fill for a family in the valley. Find the bags with instructions in the narthex.

Canned Food Drive

- Bring canned goods to church each week and place in the food barrel in the parish hall.

Alms Boxes

- Pick up a Food for Hungry People collection box in the narthex. When you are ready to return the funds, please count the money at home and either write a check to the church for the amount (FFHP in memo line) or put paper bills in an envelope marked FFHP.

From the Synaxarion

On December 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Holy Prophet Habakkuk.

Habakkuk was the son of Asaphat from the tribe of Simeon. He prophesied the coming of Christ 600 years before His Nativity, during the time of King Manasseh, and foretold the destruction of Jerusalem. When Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, attacked Jerusalem, Habakkuk sought refuge in the land of the Ishmaelites. From there he returned to Judea, where he lived as a farmer. One day he was carrying lunch to the workers in the fields, when suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared to him and said: Go carry the dinner that thou hast into Babylon unto Daniel, who is in the lion’s den. But Habakkuk responded: Lord, I never saw Babylon; neither do I know where the den is. Then the angel took him by the hair and instantly brought him to Babylon, to the lion’s den, where Daniel had been cast by King Cyrus as a punishment for not worshiping the idols. Daniel took the dinner which God had sent him (Daniel 14:34-37). Then the angel of God again took Habakkuk back to his field in Judea. He died at an old age. His relics were discovered in Palestine during the reign of Theodosius the Great.