



## *Weekly Bulletin - Sunday, December 3, 2023*

### **Schedule of Services and Events**

Fr. Daniel Meyer will be serving our parish until further notice. If you need to contact Fr. Daniel, his cell phone number is 909-286-0814, and his email is [frdanielmeyer@protonmail.com](mailto:frdanielmeyer@protonmail.com).

Date	Time	Service/Event
Sunday, December 3	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Sunday, December 3	Following Liturgy and coffee hour	Vespers - The Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple
Monday, December 4	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy - The Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple
Wednesday, December 6	6:00 p.m.	Vespers - St. Catherine
Wednesday, December 6	Following Vespers	Final class on the lives of modern Russian Saints/Potluck dinner
Sunday, December 10	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Sunday, December 10	Following Liturgy	<i>Coffee hour talk</i>
Wednesday, December 13	6:00 p.m.	Advent Service of Supplication
Saturday, December 16	9:00 a.m.	General church cleaning
Sunday, December 17	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Sunday, December 17	Following Liturgy	St. Nicholas dinner (See below for details)
Monday, December 18	6:00 p.m.	Vespers - St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia
Tuesday, December 19	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy - St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia
Wednesday, December 20	<i>No Service or Class</i>	<i>No Service or Class</i>
Thursday, December 21	6:00 p.m.	Vespers - Conception of the Most Holy Theotokos
Sunday, December 24	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Sunday, December 24	Following Liturgy	Church council meeting
Wednesday, December 27	6:00 p.m.	Vespers - St. Eleutherius,

		Bishop of Illyria
Friday, December 29	6:00 p.m.	Vespers - Holy Prophet Daniel
Sunday, December 31	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Sunday, December 31	Following Liturgy	Moleben for the New Year
Wednesday, January 3	6:00 p.m.	Advent Service of Supplication
Friday, January 5	9:00 a.m.	Royal Hours for Nativity
Saturday, January 6	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy - Forefeast of Nativity
Sunday, January 7	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great - The Nativity According to the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ
Wednesday, January 10	6:00 p.m.	Vespers - 14,000 Holy Innocents Slain by Herod
Sunday, January 14	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great - The Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Sunday, January 14	Following Liturgy	Children's Nativity concert (See below for details)
Wednesday, January 17	<i>No Service or Class</i>	<i>No Service or Class</i>

Thursday, January 18	9:00 a.m.	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great - Forefeast of Theophany
Thursday, January 18	11:00 a.m.	Matins - Theophany
Friday, January 19	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy - The Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ
Friday, January 19	11:00 a.m.	Great Blessing of Water

## St. Nicholas Celebration

Please join us in celebrating our Patronal Feast Day!

- Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 a.m. - General church cleaning. All volunteers are welcome.
- Sunday, December 17
  - 9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy
  - Following Liturgy - Fundraiser luncheon to benefit the building fund and sidewalk project. Suggested donation is \$15 per person.
- Monday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m. - Vespers
- Tuesday, December 19 at 9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

## Charity Activity

Our parish is collecting items for [Mary's Shelter](#), a charitable organization in Reading. The list of needed items is available [here](#). A collection box will be in the church hall through

## Calendars and Offering Envelopes

Calendars and offering envelopes for 2024 are available at the candle stand.

## Children's Nativity Concert

The children's Nativity concert will be held after Liturgy on Sunday, January 14. (Adults can participate, too!) If you have any questions, please see [Svitlana Breniser](#). If you would like to help with the gifts from Santa, please see [Irena Kaulback](#).

## Update: Coffee Hour Talk

The state of wars and rumors of wars have affected the personal lives of our faithful in the Church of God in multiple countries. It has also left other brothers and sisters of our faith outside of these locale with a heavy heart, with anxieties, and even a temptation to apathy, aggravated by the constant pressing of media and news. Where does war come from? How do the saints teach us to be brave to stand in the face of evil, to righteously support our native homelands, and give us the vision of the pacifist road even toward martyrdom? How do we react in times of great sorrow, and how can our hearts move closer to Christ-like love toward our oppressors? What do we do practically during these times when war is far away from us, and how do we pray?

Fr. Daniel will give a presentation on these matters during coffee hour on *Sunday, December 10*, which will be followed by a time of "Questions & Answers." More details will be forthcoming.

## Cleaning Groups

Church cleaning is currently organized for a six month period (January through June and July through December) and scheduled every two weeks. Volunteers are assigned a specific week and can choose which day to clean the church during the week. We are currently looking for two more families/groups to join the cleaning rotation. Volunteers can form a standalone cleaning group or team up with another family. If you are interested in helping, please see Alexandra Salaneck or reply to this email.

## Asking for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help secure the old schoolhouse building behind the church (cover the holes/grates with plywood). If you are able to help, please reply to this email or see a church council member.

## Reminders

**Online candle stand:** Candles and vigil lights can now be ordered [online](#) to be lit at the next service.

**Online donations:** One-time or recurring donations to the church can be made [online](#). The recurring option is a convenient way to donate and also helps to better plan our budget.

**Benevolent fund:** The benevolent fund was established to help those in need. To donate specifically to the benevolent fund, please use the special pink envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

**Building fund:** The building fund was established to save for future building projects. Our next major maintenance project will be the tree removal and sidewalk and curb replacement on the Spruce Street side of the church. Preliminary estimates for this project range from \$26,000 to \$35,000. Please consider donating to the building fund to help us

reach this goal. The building fund currently has a total of about \$5,000. To donate specifically to this fund, please use the special blue envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

**Rectory fund:** The rectory fund was established to save for a future rectory close to the vicinity of the church. To donate specifically to this fund, please use the special yellow envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

**Church cleaning schedule:** The church cleaning schedule for the second half of 2023 is available [here](#). A [cleaning list](#) and other helpful information is also available for those volunteering.

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