



St. Nicholas

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2nd Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

THIS WEEK:

WEDNESDAY – Parastas for Edward Pehanich requested by Mike & Jomarie Semian (1st anniv.)

FRIDAY – 6:00 – 7:00
Confessions

SATURDAY – 9 a.m. Church
decorating



Our sympathy to Fran Smith and her family on the loss of her brother – John Gereshenski. *Eternal memory!*

Thank you to Mary Ann Kelch for the flowers in honor of the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos and the Feast of St. Nicholas...and to Joyce Hann and those who helped with last Sunday's St. Nicholas Dinner.

No fasting is permitted this week for those who celebrated Christmas.

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS

On this Sunday the Church commemorates the Holy Forefathers: the earthly ancestors of our Lord Jesus Christ, beginning with the first man, Adam, and on through: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, King David, and others. These ancient people, separated from us by millennia, nevertheless have a direct and close bearing upon us, contemporary Orthodox Christians.

What connection is there between them and us? In general, the Church brings them to our attention now, right before Christmas, largely because of their faith – their belief in the promise given by God to Adam during his expulsion from the garden of Eden, that in the end a Savior will come into the world and will redeem mankind from original sin. All the forefathers – who lived on earth long before the birth of Christ – lived and burned with this faith, never allowing it to be extinguished.

They are a shining example to us, who are living on earth after the incarnation of our Lord. Just like those ancient people we, too, have never actually seen Christ: they only knew that He would come into the world, while we know that He did

come into the world. But they firmly believed in His coming and their faith was justified.

We are expected to have even greater faith. We must believe that the Lord was, and is, and will be; that He lived on earth as a man; that through His Church He remains with us constantly; and that He will again return to earth to judge mankind. But for such a faith the Lord Himself promises us eternal bliss.

Confessions Everyone should approach Holy Confession before Christmas. We prepare the manger of our heart and soul to welcome the newborn Christ as we receive Him in Holy Communion at the Christmas Divine Liturgy. Confessions are available:

Today

Following the Divine Liturgy

Friday, Jan. 1

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 3

Following the Divine Liturgy

