



St. Nicholas

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JC: Sunday of the Holy Forefathers Mon: 28th Sunday after Pentecost
Commemoration of St. John of Damascus (760AD) & the Holy Great Martyr Barbara (306)

THIS WEEK:

MONDAY – 5:30 p.m. Vespers
Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY – Feast of **St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, archbishop of Myra**

NEXT SUNDAY – 9:00 p.m. Vespers
Divine Liturgy (Jacobs Creek)
for the Nativity of Christ



Thank you to all who contributed to our annual collection of toys for needy children in conjunction with the Mon Valley Leathernecks.

A reminder We prepare to receive Holy Communion at an evening Divine Liturgy by observing a complete fast from all food and drink from not less than 3 hours from the beginning of the Liturgy.

Welcome! ...to *Protodeacon Lazarus Muska* of St. Mary of Egypt Orthodox Church in Norcross, Georgia. Father Lazarus brought with him a very generous gift to the Jacobs Creek church: an icon in commemoration of the Darr Mine Disaster and the Miracle of St. Nicholas.

The Holy Relics of St. Nicholas

High-tech analysis of a bone fragment venerated as a relic of St. Nicholas has pinpointed it to the correct period in history, potentially shedding new light on the historical inspiration for Santa Claus.

For the first time, a micro-fragment of bone sample has been tested by experts, with radiocarbon dating confirming that the relic is from the fourth century. Many historians believe that St. Nicholas died in 343 A.D. The saint, a Greek Bishop who became famous for his acts of generosity, inspired the figure of Santa Claus. The radiocarbon dating results suggest that the bones could in principle be authentic and belong to St. Nicholas, according to experts at Oxford University, who performed the analysis.

St. Nicholas is believed to have lived in the ancient city of Myra, Asia Minor, now part of the modern town of Demre, in southern Turkey. On his death, his remains were buried in a church in the city. It has long been believed that the

saint's bones were removed from the Demre site in the 11th century and taken to Bari in Italy, where the Basilica di San Nicola was built to house the remains.

-reported by Fox News



Strict fast Next Sunday is a day of strict fasting for Jacobs Creek faithful for the eve of the Nativity. We abstain from all meat and dairy products.

WQED Channel 13 documentary on the Darr Mine Disaster and the Miracle of St. Nicholas will be broadcast once again on Monday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Confessions We prepare our manger to receive Christ!

Sundays 9:15-9:55 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 18 4:45-5:25 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 5 6:30-7:30 p.m.

