



St. Nicholas

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28th Sunday after Pentecost

Commemoration of St. Alypius the Stylite of Adrianople (640 AD)

and St. Innocent of Irkutsk (1731)

St. Nicholas celebration is next Sunday. Our Sunday School students will present their annual Christmas pageant. This year's pageant is titled:

*"The Three Youths in the Fiery
Furnace: A Christmas Story?"*

Following the pageant is our St. Nicholas Day dinner with a visit by St. Nicholas.

Please sign the list on the bulletin board so we can adequately prepare the dinner.

Dress rehearsal and pizza party for Sunday School students is on **Friday at 6:00 p.m.**



“We have begun the joyous and holy Nativity Fast. The fast begins on November 28, or forty days before the Nativity in the flesh of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and ends on the feast itself or January 7, according to the secular calendar. Just as the Jews wandered in the wilderness for forty years before entering the Promised Land, the Holy Church leads us for forty days into the wilderness of the Fast before entering into God’s promise revealed on the Nativity. For the Jews, it was in order to shake off the bonds of slavery—physical, mental, and spiritual. An entire generation of people born and raised in Egyptian slavery was to die before those who no longer remembered being slaves and those who were born free were allowed to enter the “land flowing with milk and honey” (Exod. 3:8). And so it is with us: we must shake off the bonds of slavery to sins and passions—physical, mental, and spiritual. We must cease being slaves of sin and become friends of Christ by keeping His commandments.” (John 15:14).
(Fr. Sergei Sveshnikov)

Directory Please change the phone number of Mary Lou Markanich in our church directory to: 412-331-2892.

Thank you for these recent donations:

In memory of *Mary Dora*:

New tomb

Linda & Ed White - \$50

Judi & Frank Lomago - \$50

New icons

Anonymous - \$50

In memory of *David O'Brien*:

New tomb

Jud8 & Frank Lomago - \$50

Metropolitan Gregory calls us to prayer in this holy season! Copies of a special prayer to include in your evening prayers are in the vestibule.

Nativity Fast Sermon Series

***“God is the Lord and has
revealed Himself to Us”***

(Psalm 118)

**DEC. 9 – He appears to Abraham &
Sarah**

DEC. 16 – He appears to Moses

Dec. 23 – He appears to Elijah

**Dec. 30 – He appears to the Three
Youths**

