



DECEMBER, 2018							GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>02</b> Brandon: 10 am Portage: 1 pm  28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b> Brandon: 7:30 pm + Paul Huska Prayers St. Augustine's Church	<b>05</b> Brandon: 9 am + Irene Kunyckyj Offering: Lana Myers Brandon: 1 pm + Paul Huska Funeral St. Augustine's Church <b>Venerable Sabbas</b>	<b>06</b> Brandon: 9 am + Марія + Іван + Олга + Дмитро + Наталія + Іван + Степан Offering: Olisnevych Family  <b>St. Nicholas the            Wonderworker</b>	<b>07</b>  Brandon: 9 am Bishop Velychkovsky Prayer Group Service	<b>08</b> Brandon: 5 pm + John + Jean + Edward Gumieny Offering: Adolphina Huculak & Family	
<b>09</b> Brandon: 10 am Portage: 1 pm  Immaculate Conception	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Brandon: 9 am  Brandon: 5:30 pm K of C Christmas Dinner - Prairie Oasis	<b>13</b> Brandon: 9 am + Ivan Boychuk Offering: Ivana Dyakiv  Brandon: 5 pm UCWLC Christmas Dinner <b>Martyr Eustratius</b>	<b>14</b>  Brandon: 9 am + Fr. Edward Evanko with Panahyda Offering: Fr. Michael	<b>15</b> Brandon: 5 pm Private Intention Offering: Adolphina Huculak	

### Who Was Saint Nicholas?

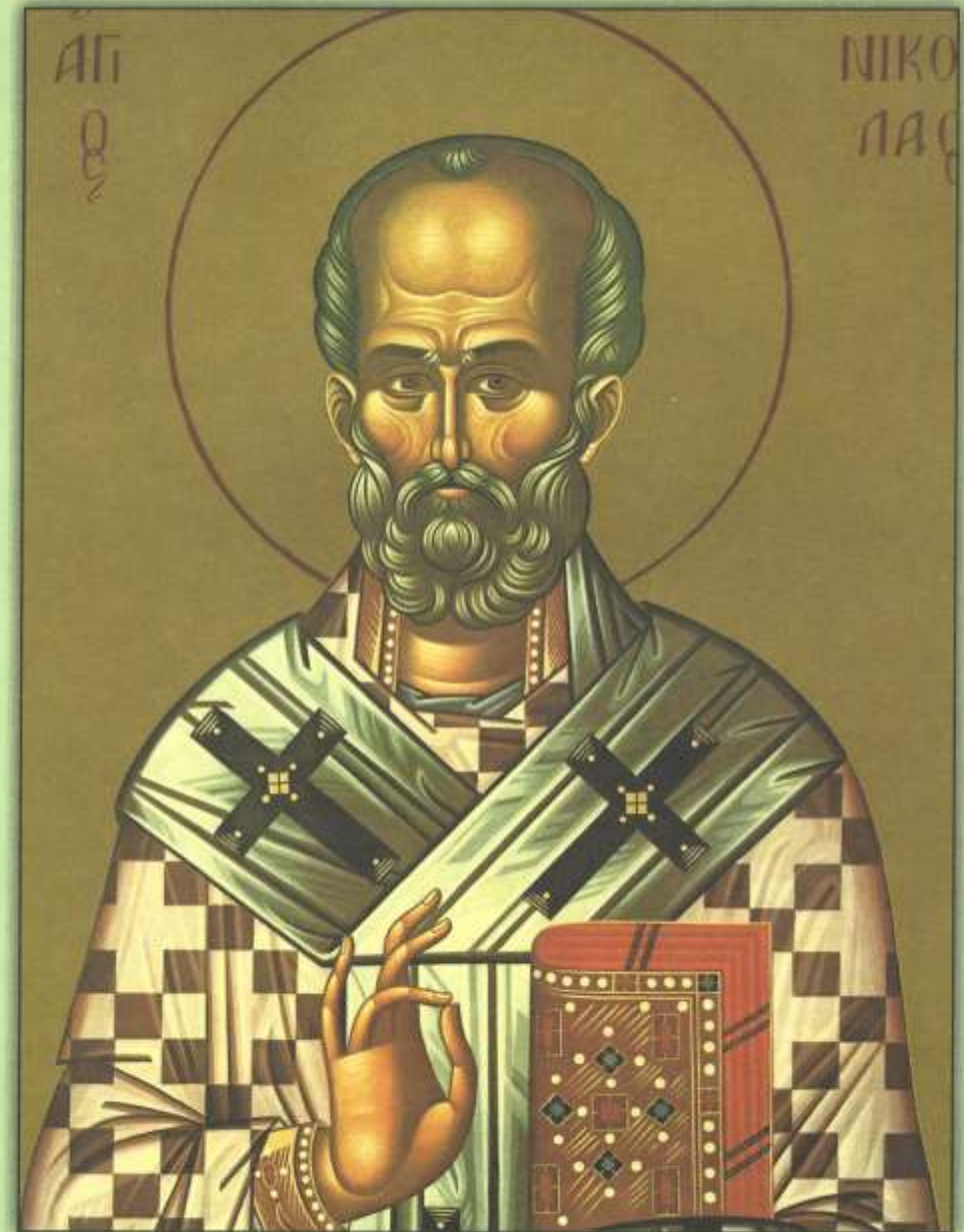
Saint Nicholas of Myra, also known as Nicholas of Bari, was an early Christian bishop of the ancient Greek city of Myra in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) during the time of the Roman Empire. Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, he is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker. Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, children, brewers, pawnbrokers, and students in various cities and countries around Europe.

Very little is known about the historical Saint Nicholas. The earliest accounts of his life were written centuries after his death and contain many legendary elaborations. He is said to have been born in Patara, Lycia in Asia Minor to wealthy Christian parents. In one of the earliest attested and most famous incidents from his

life, he is said to have rescued three girls from being forced into prostitution by dropping a sack of gold coins through the window of their house each night for three nights so their father could pay a dowry for each of them. Other early stories tell of him calming a storm at sea, saving three innocent soldiers from wrongful execution, and chopping down a tree possessed by a demon.

In his youth, he is said to have made a pilgrimage to Egypt and the Palestine area. Shortly after his return, he became Bishop of Myra. He was later cast into prison during the persecution of Diocletian, but was released after the accession of Constantine. An early list makes him an attendee at the First Council of Nicaea in 325, but he is never mentioned in any writings by people who were actually at the council.

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Nicholas -- December 6th

**WELCOME TO**  
**ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS**

One-half hour before Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.

**EMERGENCY**

Phone Fr. Michael at: Res: (204) 729-8056  
 Cell: (204) 729-7819

**DIVINE LITURGIES**

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00 AM  
 Saturday (English) - 5:00 PM  
 Sunday (Bilingual) - 10:00 AM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>	<u>GREETER</u>
Sun Dec 02	S. Sheeshka	A. Todosichuk / R. Kuszak	I. Dyakiv	F. Yuriy
Sun Dec 09	B. MacKalski	B. McKay / S. Kachur	L. Makwaychuk	P. Shurb
Sun Dec 16	H. Lazaruk	M. Sheeshka / D. Kostiw	N. Zemliak	B. Kuszak
Sun Dec 23	S. Kostiw	L. Halchyshak / D. Shwaluk	I. Dyakiv	S. Baranyk

**COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:**

Saturday, Nov 24 \$ 230.00  
 Sunday, Nov 25 \$ 756.00  
 Total \$ 986.00  
 Candles \$ 41.00

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT - OCTOBER, 2018**

Total Credits: \$ 4,719.35  
 Total Debits: \$ 12,304.01

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"It was not curiosity that killed the goose that laid the golden egg, that an insatiable greed that devoured common sense."

- E.A. Bucchianeri  
 Brushstrokes of a Gadfly

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION (DECEMBER 2018)**

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**DROP-IN CENTRE - DATE CHANGE**

Note: The drop-in centre will be on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM, and will return back to Wednesday thereafter. Everyone welcome. See you all there.

**HOLODOMOR LAPEL PINS**

The lapel pins have been received. If you ordered one, please see Fr. Michael to pick up your pin. A few extra have been ordered in the event someone would like to purchase one. The cost is \$6.00.

**MARY'S ANGELS**

Angels will be available for Christmas in the vestibule. Cost: \$5.00

- Olga Stevenson  
 UCWLC Vice-President

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**WORDS AND ACTIONS**

*Jesus' way is the way of powerlessness, of dependence, of passion. He who became a child, dependent on the love and care of Mary and Joseph and so many others, completes his earthly journey in total dependency. He becomes a waiting God. He waits, wondering what others will do.*

All of us have experienced the healing and destroying power of the spoken word. People's words can lift us up to heights of joy or send us to the depths of despair. Of more lasting significance is the healing and destroying power of God's written word. God's words of judgment on our hurtful and hateful words and actions destroy any illusion that we are good enough to earn God's favor. But God's words of undeserved grace and unconditional love, revealed in God's written word and in the Word Made Flesh, bring genuine and lasting healing and hope to our aching hearts and troubled lives. In Mary's womb, God took on human flesh and blood and came to live among us so that he could get very close to us, filling us anew each day with his forgiving love and healing power. Christ now sends us out each day to those around us who need to receive the healing touch of his love

through our kindly words and loving actions.  
*Lord Jesus, let your light and love shine through us in this season and every season.*

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**THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS SPIDER**

A long time ago in Germany, since baby Jesus was born in a stable, families allowed all the animals into their home on Christmas Eve to view the Christmas tree. All that is, except the spiders. Housewives never let the spiders come inside because they didn't want cobwebs all over their homes. A mother was busily cleaning for Christmas. The spiders fled upstairs to the attic to escape the broom. The spiders were very unhappy about this. One year, when the house became quiet, the spiders slowly crept downstairs for a peek. Oh what a beautiful tree! In their excitement, they danced around the branches, up and down the trunk all night long. They were filled with happiness as they climbed amongst the glittering beauty. But alas! By the time they were through climbing, the tree was completely covered with dusty gray spider webs. When Santa Claus came with gifts for the children and saw the tree covered with spider webs, he smiled as he saw how happy the spiders were but he knew how heart-broken the mother would be if she saw the tree covered with dusty gray webs. So ... he turned the webs to silver and gold. The tree sparkled and shimmered and was even more beautiful than before. In the morning, the mother saw what the spiders had done. But instead of being angry, she was thrilled. That is why we have tinsel on our tree and every tree should have a Christmas spider in its branches.

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**HUMOR**

Last Christmas morning, after all the presents were opened, it was clear that my five-year-old son wasn't thrilled with the ratio of toys to clothes he'd received. As he trudged slowly up the stairs, I called out, "Hey, where are you going?"  
 "To my room," he said, "to play with my new socks."

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