

Parish Liturgical Services

Sunday, Dec. 8th *** Kamloops ** 9:30 a.m. * Confessions/Rosary *** 10:00 a.m. *** Div. Lit. (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners

*Tuesday, Dec. 10 *** 9:00 a.m. *** Div. Lit.: God's blessings for to Michael, Terra, Garrett & Wyatt

Friday, Dec. 13 ** 9:00 a.m. Moleben to Emanuel

Sunday, Dec. 15th ** Nativity Fast Mission* 9:30 a.m. * Confessions/Rosary *** 10:00 a.m. ** *Div. Lit.* (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners *

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Troparion, Tone 4: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the

ancestral condemnation, * they proudly told the apostles: * "Death has been plundered! * Christ our God is risen, * granting to the world great mercy."

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 4: My Saviour and Deliverer from the grave * as God raised out of bondage the children of the earth * and shattered the gates of Hades; * and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 4: By your birth, O immaculate one, * Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, * and Adam and Eve * from the corruption of death. * And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, * celebrate as they cry out to you: * "The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God * and nourisher of our life."

Prokeimenon, Tone 4 - How great are Your works, O Lord * You have made all things in wisdom.

verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. (*Psalm 103:24,1*)

Epistle: Colossians 1:12-18 (NRSV)



Brothers and Sisters, give thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. *Alleluia, Tone 4 -* Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.

verse: You have loved justice and hated iniquity. (Psalm 44:5,8)

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19 (NRSV)

As Jesus entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest (*Psalm 148:1*).* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.



Today's Gospel teaches us that one should give thanks to God, but more fundamentally, the inner meaning is that this leper had eyes to see, and ears to hear, and saw the God-man, and ACTED upon what he learned and what he knew. Then, the God-man, truly healed him, and made him filled with knowledge, so that he would grow to fruition.

It is the same principle for us. The Church gives us so many wonderful gifts, so many incalculable riches, yet many times we do not value them very much at all. We don't understand what a great thing we have been given. On an intellectual level perhaps we understand, but we don't act with fervent faith because of them. The gifts we have been given are so tremendous that they should spur us on, and make us live in Christ. Living in Christ is not only knowing those things that God has revealed to us in the books and the traditions of our church. Those are all God-inspired, and God-breathed; but we must make these things to be the definition of who we are, not just what we know. We should have such a mastery of God's mercy in our life that we would react in ways that are good and holy naturally.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"1421 The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies, who forgave the sins of the paralytic and restored him to bodily health,³ has willed that his Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, his work of healing and salvation, even among her own members. This is the purpose of the two sacraments of healing: the sacrament of Penance and the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

1468 "The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship."⁷³ Reconciliation with God is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament. For those who receive the sacrament of Penance with contrite heart and religious disposition, reconciliation "is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience with strong spiritual consolation."⁷⁴ Indeed the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God.⁷⁵

1503 Christ's compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that "God has visited his people"¹⁰³ and that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins;¹⁰⁴ he has come to heal the whole man, soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of.¹⁰⁵ His compassion toward all who suffer goes so far that he identifies himself with them: "I was sick and you visited me."¹⁰⁶ His preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention

of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul. It is the source of tireless efforts to comfort them.

** ANNOUNCEMENTS **

A warm welcome - to all parishioners & guests who join us today in our church for the Divine Liturgy. We wish you a blessed & healthy week!

Thank you to all our Supporters & Volunteers -

Дякуємо – We are very grateful to everyone for your continued support of

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our parish community. Our gratitude to those who were able to donate toward the insurance bill and to those who helped with St. Nicholas Day preparation and pre-Christmas church decoration. God bless you all!

Please Pray for health of ... All those wounded in the war in Ukraine & Holy Land and: Paullette K.,

war in Ukraine & Holy Land and: Paullette K., Metropolitan Lawrence H., Al B., Sharon & Al L., Dawna S., Stella B., Louise M., Orest H., Mary & Dave E., Finn N., Amanda F., Anna N., Paul K., Maria M., Michelle M., Rita N., Lawrence & Ping B., Jill C., Shelly N., Elsie K., Wilma C., Janice R., Rob E., Dave C., Thomas H., Gladys & Oliver O., Jeanne R., Lisa M., Suzanne C., Clay B., all sick brothers and sisters in our families and parish community.

Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members who would appreciate a visit.

St. Nicholas Day Celebration – will take place today, Sunday, Dec 8th. 2024.

Fr. Andrzej's Vacation Time – Fr. Andrzej will be away from the office on the following days: December: 9; 11-12; 14. Fr. Derrick Cameron from Most Sacred Heart RC Cathedral will take emergency calls at **250-372-2581.**

Advent Penitential Services – Fr. Andrzej will be assisting the Roman Catholic clergy with confessions at OLPH School on Tuesday, Dec. 10th. **Society of St. Vincent de Paul, OLPH, Kamloops** – will hold their next monthly board meeting on **Tuesday, Dec. 10th** at 11:30 a.m. and regular members' meeting on **Tuesday, Dec. 17th** at 11:00 a.m..

"The Bible Timeline" – our next session will take place on Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:00 p.m. **Please email Fr. Andrzej at** <u>fr.wasylinko@gmail.com</u> for the invite.

Next Monthly Parish Council Meeting – will take place on Friday, Dec. 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

St. Philip's Fast Mission – will take place on Sunday, Dec. 15th. Bishop Michael will lead us in our spiritual preparation for Christ's Nativity.

Moleben services - Prayer for parish pastoral plan – part of our pastoral plan this year is to spread the "Good News" to others and bring them to God. Let us pray to our Lord for His divine help by celebrating weekly Moleben services for the intention of evangelization.

Special Request – Fundraiser for the Insurance Bill – on behalf of our Parish Council, we are turning to the generosity of our faithful with a request for donations to cover the cost of our annual insurance bill. Our bill for this coming year is: \$6,456.75. Thank you for your support and may God bless and reward you for your generosity.

Weekly Ukrainian Language Classes – take place at our parish hall each Saturday from **1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** There will be **no** class on Sat. Dec. 14th. We will resume on Saturday, Dec 21st. Please come and join us.

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass – 6th session with Dr. Edward Sri will be presented on Sunday Dec. 22nd during our coffee time.

Spirit of Awareness - Dear parishioners, if our brother/sister in Christ who usually sits next to you is not in church today, please contact them and ask how they are doing. Let them know that our parish community misses them!

Weekly Saturday Rallies for Ukraine - take place in

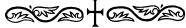
front of Kamloops City Hall from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come and "Stand with Ukraine.

Food Bank Collection – as in previous years during St. Philip's Fast, we are collecting non-perishable food for the Kamloops Food Bank. A box is provided at the church entrance. Thank you for your support.

This Week's Parish Stewardship: Sunday, Nov. 24 – \$450.00 *** May God bless you for your generosity.

Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion: You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.

If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.



Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:

Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: before Divine Liturgies and other days, by appointment. **Holy Communion:** for the sick, by appointment, any time. **Baptisms:** by appointment.

Marriages: six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made. **Funerals and Memorials**: by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Holy Unction): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization, or treatments, and who would like to receive anointing, or meet with the parish priest, please call, or email Fr. Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.



Prayer for the Afflicted People of Ukraine in Time of War

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that Your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all Your precious children, at risk and in fear, that You would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Prayer to St. Monica

Lord our God, ever merciful to all who hope in you, You adorned your servant Monica with the priceless gift of reconciling her husband and children to you. You listened to her fervent and continuous prayers calling St. Augustine from the ways of error to serve you in holiness, making of him a sign of conversion in the world. Please bring back to you those who we love. Amen.

Christmas Season Services

Tuesday, Dec. 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE / НАВЕЧІР'Я РІЗДВА

3:00 p.m. - Great Compline with Lytia

4:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, Dec. 25th - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD / РІЗДВО ХРИСТОВЕ

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Thursday, Dec. 26th - Synaxis of the BVM

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Friday, Dec. 27th - First Martyr Stephen

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Dec. 29th – Sunday after The Nativity of Our Lord



The Conception by Righteous Anna of the Most Holy Mother of God

Saint Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, was the youngest daughter of the priest Nathan from Bethlehem, descended from the tribe of Levi. She married Saint Joachim (September 9), who was a

native of Galilee.

For a long time Saint Anna was childless, but after twenty years, through the fervent prayer of both spouses, an angel of the Lord announced to them that they would be the parents of a daughter, who would bring blessings to the whole human race.

The Church teaches that the Mother of God was exempted from the consequences of ancestral sin at the moment of her conception by virtue of the future merits of Her Son. However, only Christ was born perfectly holy and sinless. The Holy Virgin was like everyone else in Her mortality, and in being subject to temptation, although She committed no personal sins. She was not a deified creature removed from the rest of humanity. If this were the case, She would not have been truly human, and the nature that Christ took from Her would not have been truly human either. If Christ does not truly share our human nature, then the possibility of our salvation is in doubt.

The Conception of the Virgin Mary by Saint Anna took place at Jerusalem. The many icons depicting the Conception by Saint Anna show the Most Holy Theotokos trampling the serpent underfoot.

"In the icon, Saints Joachim and Anna are usually depicted with hands folded in prayer; their eyes are also directed upward and they contemplate the Mother of God, Who stands in the air with outstretched hands; under Her feet is an orb encircled by a serpent (symbolizing the devil), which strives to conquer all the universe by its power."

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker and Archbishop of



Myra in Lycia

Saint Nicholas, the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia is famed as a great saint pleasing unto God. He was born in the city of Patara in the region of Lycia (on the south coast of the Asia

Minor peninsula), and was the only son of pious parents Theophanes and Nonna, who had vowed to dedicate him to God.

As the fruit of the prayer of his childless parents, the infant Nicholas from the very day of his birth revealed to people the light of his future glory as a wonderworker. His mother, Nonna, after giving birth was immediately healed from illness. The newborn infant, while still in the baptismal font, stood on his feet three hours, without support from anyone, thereby honoring the Most Holy Trinity. Saint Nicholas from his infancy began a life of fasting, and on Wednesdays and Fridays he would not accept milk from his mother until after his parents had finished their evening prayers.

From his childhood Nicholas thrived on the study of Divine Scripture; by day he would not leave church, and by night he prayed and read books, making himself a worthy dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Bishop Nicholas of Patara rejoiced at the spiritual success and deep piety of his nephew. He ordained him a reader, and then elevated Nicholas to the priesthood, making him his assistant and entrusting him to instruct the flock.

In serving the Lord the youth was fervent of spirit, and in his proficiency with questions of faith he was like an Elder, who aroused the wonder and deep respect of believers. Constantly at work and vivacious, in unceasing prayer, the priest Nicholas displayed great kind-heartedness towards the flock, and towards the afflicted who came to him for help, and he distributed all his inheritance to the poor.

There was a certain formerly rich inhabitant of Patara, whom

Saint Nicholas saved from great sin. The man had three grown daughters, and in desperation he planned to sell their bodies so they would have money for food. The saint, learning of the man's poverty and of his wicked intention, secretly visited him one night and threw a sack of gold through the window. With the money the man arranged an honorable marriage for one of his daughters. Saint Nicholas also provided gold for the other daughters, thereby saving the family from falling into spiritual destruction. In bestowing charity, Saint Nicholas always strove to do this secretly and to conceal his good deeds.

The Bishop of Patara decided to go on pilgrimage to the holy places at Jerusalem, and entrusted the guidance of his flock to Saint Nicholas, who fulfilled this obedience carefully and with love. When the bishop returned, Nicholas asked his blessing for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Along the way, the saint predicted a storm would arise and threaten the ship. Saint Nicholas saw the devil get on the ship, intending to sink it and kill all the passengers. At the entreaty of the despairing pilgrims, he calmed the waves of the sea by his prayers. Through his prayer a certain sailor of the ship, who had fallen from the mast and was mortally injured, was also restored to health.

When he reached the ancient city of Jerusalem and came to Golgotha, Saint Nicholas gave thanks to the Savior. He went to all the holy places, worshiping at each one. One night on Mount Sion, the closed doors of the church opened by themselves for the great pilgrim. Going round the holy places connected with the earthly service of the Son of God, Saint Nicholas decided to withdraw into the desert, but he was stopped by a divine voice urging him to return to his native country. He returned to Lycia, and yearning for a life of quietude, the saint entered into the brotherhood of a monastery named Holy Sion, which had been founded by his uncle. But the Lord again indicated another path for him, "Nicholas, this is not the vineyard where you shall bear fruit for Me. Return to the world, and glorify My Name there." So he left Patara and went to Myra in Lycia.

Upon the death of Archbishop John, Nicholas was chosen as Bishop of Myra after one of the bishops of the Council said that a new archbishop should be revealed by God, not chosen by men. One of the elder bishops had a vision of a radiant Man, Who told him that the one who came to the church that night and was first to enter should be made archbishop. He would be named Nicholas. The bishop went to the church at night to await Nicholas. The saint, always the first to arrive at church, was stopped by the bishop. "What is your name, child?" he asked. God's chosen one replied, "My name is Nicholas, Master, and I am your servant."

After his consecration as archbishop, Saint Nicholas remained a great ascetic, appearing to his flock as an image of gentleness, kindness and love for people. This was particularly precious for the Lycian Church during the persecution of Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Bishop Nicholas, locked up in prison together with other Christians for refusing to worship idols, sustained them and exhorted them to endure the fetters, punishment and torture. The Lord preserved him unharmed. Upon the accession of Saint Constantine (May 21) as emperor, Saint Nicholas was restored to his flock, which joyfully received their guide and intercessor.

Despite his great gentleness of spirit and purity of heart, Saint Nicholas was a zealous and ardent warrior of the Church of Christ. Fighting evil spirits, the saint made the rounds of the pagan temples and shrines in the city of Myra and its surroundings, shattering the idols and turning the temples to dust.

In the year 325 Saint Nicholas was a participant in the First Ecumenical Council. This Council proclaimed the Nicean Symbol of Faith, and he stood up against the heretic Arius with the likes of Saints Sylvester the Bishop of Rome (January 2), Alexander of Alexandria (May 29), Spyridon of Trimythontos (December 12) and other Fathers of the Council.

Saint Nicholas, fired with zeal for the Lord, assailed the heretic Arius with his words, and also struck him upon the face. For this reason, he was deprived of the emblems of his episcopal rank and placed under guard. But several of the holy Fathers had the same vision, seeing the Lord Himself and the Mother of God returning to him the Gospel and omophorion. The Fathers of the Council agreed that the audacity of the saint was pleasing to God, and restored the saint to the office of bishop.

Having returned to his own diocese, the saint brought it peace and blessings, sowing the word of Truth, uprooting heresy, nourishing his flock with sound doctrine, and also providing food for their bodies.

Even during his life, the saint worked many miracles. One of the greatest was the deliverance from death of three men unjustly condemned by the Governor, who had been bribed. The saint boldly went up to the executioner and took his sword, already suspended over the heads of the condemned. The Governor, denounced by Saint Nicholas for his wrong doing, repented and begged for forgiveness.

Witnessing this remarkable event were three military officers, who were sent to Phrygia by the emperor Constantine to put down a rebellion. They did not suspect that soon they would also be compelled to seek the intercession of Saint Nicholas. Evil men slandered them before the emperor, and the officers were sentenced to death. Appearing to Saint Constantine in a dream, Saint Nicholas called on him to overturn the unjust sentence of the military officers.

He worked many other miracles, and struggled many long years at his labor. Through the prayers of the saint, the city of Myra was rescued from a terrible famine. He appeared to a certain Italian merchant and left him three gold pieces as a pledge of payment. He requested him to sail to Myra and deliver grain there. More than once, the saint saved those drowning in the sea, and provided release from captivity and imprisonment. Having reached old age, Saint Nicholas peacefully fell asleep in the Lord. His venerable relics were preserved incorrupt in the local cathedral church and flowed with curative myrrh, from which many received healing. In the year 1087, his relics were transferred to the Italian city of Bari, where they rest even now.

The name of the great saint of God, the hierarch and wonderworker Nicholas, a speedy helper and suppliant for all hastening to him, is famed in every corner of the earth, in many lands and among many peoples.

Saint Nicholas is the patron of travelers, and we pray to him for deliverance from floods, poverty, or any misfortunes. He has promised to help those who remember his parents, Theophanes and Nonna. *Тропар (глас 4):* Сві́тлую воскресі́ння про́повідь від а́нгела взна́вши* і пра́дідне осу́дження відки́нувши,* Госпо́дні учени́ці, хва́лячись, апо́столам мо́вили:* Повали́лася смерть, воскре́с Христо́с Бог,* дару́ючи сві́тові вели́ку ми́лість.

+Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові.

Кондак (глас 4): Спас і Визволи́тель мій* із гро́бу як Бог* воскреси́в від око́в земноро́джених* і врата́ а́дові сокруши́в,* і як Влади́ка* воскре́с тридне́вний.

I нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Богородичний (г. 4): Йоаки́м і А́нна з несла́ви безді́тности* і Ада́м і Є́ва від тлі́ння сме́ртного ви́зволилися, Пречи́ста,* у святі́м різдві́ твої́м.* Його́ святку́ють лю́ди твої́,* з прови́ни прогрішень ви́зволені,* коли́ кли́чуть до те́бе:* Неплі́дна ро́дить Богоро́дицю* і корми́тельку життя́ на́шого.

Прокімен (глас 4): Які́ вели́чні діла́ Твої́, Го́споди, все прему́дрістю сотвори́в Ти (Пс. 103,24).

Стих: Благослови́, душе́ моя́, Го́спода; Го́споди, Бо́же мій, Ти ве́льми вели́чний (Пс. 103, 1).

Апостол: (Колосян 1,12-18):

Браття і Сестри, дякуйте Отцеві, який зробив нас гідними мати участь у долі святих у світлі. Він вирвав нас із влади тьми й переніс у царство свого улюбленого Сина, в якому ми маємо відкуплення, прощення гріхів. Він – образ невидимого Бога, первородний усякого створіння, бо в Ньому все було створене, що на небі і що на землі, видиме й невидиме: чи то престоли, чи господьства, чи начала, чи власті, все було Ним і для Нього створене. Він раніш усього, і все існує в Ньому. Він також голова тіла, тобто Церкви. Він – начало, первородний з мертвих, так, щоб у всьому Він мав першенство, бо сподобалося Богові, щоб уся повнота перебувала в Ньому і щоб через Нього примирити з собою все чи то земне, а чи небесне, встановивши мир кров'ю Його хреста. І вас самих, що колись були Богові чужі й вороги Йому думкою та лихими вчинками, – тепер Він примирив на смертнім Його тілі, щоб вас зробити святими, без плями та бездоганними перед собою. Тільки ж перебувайте у вірі, утверджені та постійні, не відхиляючись від надії Євангелії, яку ви чули, проповідану всьому створінню, що під небом, а якої я, Павло, став слугою.

Алилуя (глас 4): Натягни́ лук, і тріюмфу́й, і царю́й, і́стини ра́ди, і ла́гідности, і справедли́вости (Пс. 44, 5).

Стих: Возлюби́в Ти справедли́вість і возненави́дів Ти беззако́ння (Пс. 44,8).

Євангеліє: (Лк 17, 12-19):

В той час, коли Ісус входив в одне село, вийшло йому назустріч десять прокажених, що стояли здалека. Вони зняли голос і казали: Ісусе, наставнику, змилуйся над нами! Побачивши їх, він промовив: Ідіть, покажіться священикам. І сталось, як вони йшли, очистилися. Один з них, побачивши, що видужав, вернувся, славлячи великим голосом Бога. І припавши лицем до ніг Ісуса, став йому дякувати. Він був самарянин. Озвавсь Ісус і каже: – Хіба не десять очистилось? Де ж дев'ять? І не було між ними нікого, хто б, вернувшись, воздав хвалу Богові, крім чужинця цього? І сказав до нього:– Встань, іди: віра твоя спасла тебе.

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах (Пс 148,1). * Алилуя (*х3*).