

Glory to Jesus Christ! *St. Mary ~ Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church* Glory Forever!
 Слава Иисусу Христу! *4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650* Слава на вики!

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6 December 2015 / 7524: 28th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Sat. Dec. 05 **17:00 Vigil of the 28th Sunday after Pentecost – Our Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Thaumaturga**
 Suffrages for + **Mary Ann Davis** – *Joseph & Joyce Regalla.*

Sun. Dec. 06 **10:30 28th Sunday after Pentecost – Our Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Thaumaturga**
 Suffrages for **the parish**; for + **Mary Ann Davis** – *Joseph & Joyce Regalla.*

Wed. Dec. 09 **19:00 Maternity of Holy Anna** Suffrages for + **Mary Ann Davis** – *Joseph & Joyce Regalla.*

Sat. Dec. 12 **17:00 Vigil of the Sunday of the Patriarchs.** Suffrages for the health and salvation of the sick and homebound of the parish.

Sun. Dec. 13 **10:30 The Sunday of the Patriarchs** Suffrages *pro populo.*

	✠ <u>Acolytes</u>	✠ <u>Lectors</u>	✠ <u>Ushers</u>	✠
Sat. Dec. 05	-----	M. Harhai	J. Snitzer, R. Garber	
Sun. Dec. 06	E. R. A. Hess	A. Prizzi	R. Knouse, R. Garber	
Wed. Dec. 09	T. & M. Syphan	J. Kontir	-----	
Sat. Dec. 12	-----	J. H. Krynicky	R. Garber, J. Kontir	
Sun. Dec. 13	Ruggieri, Syphans	K. Syphan	J. Overdorff, J. Knouse	
11/29/15: Collection	Adult: \$760 Fuel Oil: \$160	Student: \$10 Total: \$990	Candles: \$60	
Attendance:	Saturday: 29 + 1	Sunday: 20 + 8	Moleben: 12	

The Nativity Fast is designed to prepare us for the beautiful feast of the Nativity of our Savior. And yet one of the words most commonly heard during this time is «**BUSY**». Secular society forces us to be so very busy running around here and there with so much to do in so little time. As a result, the reality of the advent of our God-with-us becomes

lost in the midst of the temporalities. The following story contains a lesson for all of us who must plead guilty to being way too busy at this time of year for Christ and His holy Church. «On a recent visit to one of their convents in India, an American Sister was recounting her busy schedule to her Indian counterparts. The Sisters told her that they never use the word busy because it has an unacceptable acronym – **Bound Under Satan's Yoke**. The American Sister then asked what word they do use, since certainly they have full schedules. They told her, “*We are blessed with the fullness of the day*”.» Let us make time to un-busy ourselves, and so be unfettered to receive God's blessings.

From the Emmanuel Moleben:

We extol You, O life-giving Christ, for by fulfilling the sign foretold of Emmanuel, You revealed Yourself as Savior, by prophets foretold.



Jesus, sweetest Child, fulfillment of the sign «Emmanuel,» God-with-us. Come and save those who hope in You. **Jesus**, eternal life, wrapped as a servant in swaddling clothes, that as God you might sunder the chains of death: Come and save those who hope in You. **Jesus**, Star of Jacob which arose in a cave, O Shepherd of Israel Whom the shepherds adored: Come and save those who hope in You. **Jesus**, ever-living Word, Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world, Who came after the Forerunner yet are before him: Come and save those who hope in You.

That in this holy time of repentance, the Holy Spirit may come done upon us and help us to prepare the way of the One Who is coming; that by His grace, He would level the mountains of our sins and make our crooked ways straight.

Disciplines of True Fasting during this Season of the Philip Fast...

- Fast** from judging others; **FEAST** on Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast** from thoughts of illness; **FEAST** on the healing power of God.
- Fast** from thoughts that pollute; **FEAST** on that which purifies.
- Fast** from discontent; **FEAST** on gratitude.
- Fast** from complaining; **FEAST** on appreciating the many blessing God has given you.
- Fast** from unrelenting pressures; **FEAST** on unceasing prayer.
- Fast** from personal anxiety; **FEAST** on Eternal Truth.
- Fast** from shadows of sorrow; **FEAST** on the serene sunlight of Christ and His Mother.
- Fast** from idle gossip; **FEAST** on purposeful silence.
- Fast** from problems that overwhelm; **FEAST** on prayer that sustains.

Next Sunday's Readings: Sunday of the Patriarchs

Colossians 3: 4 – 11 *New Life in Christ*
Luke 14: 16 – 24 *Parable of the Great Banquet*