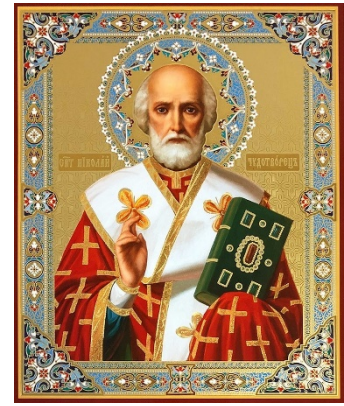


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**Weekly Bulletin – October 2nd, 2022**



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**Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross**

**Tone 7 Tropar (Resurrection)**

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen, granting the world great mercy.

**Tone 1 Tropar (Afterfeast)**

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Your Cross, preserve Your habitation!

**Tone 4 Tropar (Translation of Relics)**

The day of the joyous celebration has come; the city of Bari rejoices and with it the whole universe leaps from joy, singing the spiritual songs and psalms. For today, the holy feast, on the occasion of the transfer of the honorable and exceedingly healing relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, has shone forth with the radiant rays, like the sun that does not set, driving away the darkness of temptations and calamities from those who faithfully exclaim to thee: "Save us, as our protector, O great Nicholas!"

**Tone 7 Kondak (Resurrection)**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

**Tone 3 Kondak (Translation of Relics)**

Your relics, O Saint Nicholas, came out as a star from the east to the west. The sea was sanctified by your journey, and the city of Bari, through you, has received the grace. For working for us, you have appeared as an excellent, wonderful and merciful Wonderworker.

**Tone 4 Kondak (Afterfeast)**

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, granting them victories over their adversaries by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

**Alleluia Verses**

v. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (*Ps. 91:1*)  
v. To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (*Ps. 91:2a*)

**Epistle - Galatians 2:16-20\*, 2 Corinthians 6:1-10, Gospel - Mark 8:24-9:1\*, Luke 6:31-36**

\* - *Sunday After the Elevation of the Cross*

**Magnificat - Tone 8 (Instead of It is Truly Meet)**

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!  
You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ; through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. Now at its Exaltation, as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

### Announcements

- **Popadija Marina's Baby Sprinkle - Today - October 2nd** - You're all invited! Men, women, children, everyone! The Sprinkle/Luncheon will be held in the Church Hall after Liturgy on 10/2. Gift Suggestions - Newborn and Size 1 Diapers and Amazon Gift Cards
- **Wings and Fries! - Steelers Sunday - October 9th** - Wings and Chips for Sale...a perfect lunch for Steeler Sunday! Tammies will be selling seasoned salt whole wings and homemade chips. Due to the cost of food, we are doing pre-orders only. Please contact Alexis Janiga by Thursday, Oct. 6th if you would like to order. 412.965.5602 or djaniga872@comcast.net
  - 1/2 doz. wings \$12
  - 1 doz. wings \$22
  - Order of chips \$3
- **St. Nicholas Scrapbook Crop - November 5th** - The St. Nicholas Scrapbook Crop will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022. For this fundraiser for the church, we ask parishioners to bake an item for the bake sale that occurs during the crop. Please bring your baked item on Friday, November 4 ,1 PM-6 PM or Saturday morning before 10 AM. Your help has made this effort a success in the past and we hope to count on you again!
- **Amazon Smile - Easy way to donate to our church!** - Many of us shop (a lot) at Amazon! Now when you shop at Amazon, .05 percent of your purchase can be donated to our church simply by using this link when you shop! <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-6565657>

## **Feast this Week: Conception of the Honorable Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John - Oct 6th**

The holy Prophet Malachi prophesied that before the Messiah's birth His Forerunner would appear, and would indicate His coming. The Jews therefore in awaiting the Messiah also awaited the appearance of His Forerunner.

In a city of the hills of Judea in the land of Palestine lived the righteous priest Saint Zachariah and his wife Saint Elizabeth, zealously observing the commandments of the Lord. The couple, however, had a misfortune: they remained childless in their old age, and they prayed unceasingly to God to grant them a child.

Once, when Saint Zachariah took his turn as priest at the Temple of Jerusalem, he went into the Sanctuary to offer incense. Going behind the veil of the Sanctuary, he beheld an angel of God standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

Saint Zachariah was astonished and halted in fear, but the angel said to him, "Fear not, Zachariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John." But Zachariah did not believe the words of the heavenly messenger, and then the angel said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you the good news. Behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words...."

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zachariah and they were astonished that he had not come out from the Sanctuary after so long a time. And when he did come out, he was supposed to pronounce a blessing upon the people, but could not do so because he had been struck speechless. When Zachariah explained by gestures that he was unable to speak, the people then understood that he had experienced a vision. The prophecy of the Archangel was fulfilled, and Righteous Elizabeth was delivered from her barrenness, and gave birth to John, the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

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