

**Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:****For the health of:**

**Michael** Guedes on his birthday, offered by his family.

**Readings:**

**Ephesians 2:14-22** (*24th Sunday after Pentecost*)

**Luke 18:18-27** (*13th Sunday of Luke*) \*

**BRETHREN**, for he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**At that time**, a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

\* The 11th Sunday of Luke is always read 2 Sundays before the Nativity, and that Sunday's reading from Luke is read on the 11th Sunday of Luke.

**Saturday service:**

**Vespers – 6:30 PM**

**(Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)**

**Sunday service:**

**Hours - 9:40 AM** **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**  
**(General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)**

**(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month)**

**Church School**

**All classes will meet every Sunday.**

**Grades 5-8 – 9:30 am**

**Preschool and Grades K through 4 – immediately after communion.**

**We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.**

**Announcement:**

- There will be a **meeting of the Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God today** after coffee hour.
- Nativity-related events (to occur after coffee hour):  
**Today** – tree decorating in community room by parish children and guests  
**Sunday Dec. 8** - St. Nicholas Day celebration with visit from St. Nicholas. **Parents** who would like their child to participate in the celebration should bring one wrapped present with their child's name on it.

**Reminders:**

- **We offer general confession the first Sunday of each month, and Private Confession after Vespers by appointment on Saturday evenings.** It is important that every Orthodox Christian go to confession.
- Upcoming **bulletins can also be sponsored** by using the signup sheet at the candle stand. If using the signup sheet, please give two weeks' notice.
- **Announcements or Prayer Requests** for the bulletin, can be submitted by E-Mail to: [Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org)
- **Prospora** (bread) is available at the candle stand. Before the Divine Liturgy, while the Hours are being read, the faithful can have the bread sent into the altar with a list of names for prayers of *health and salvation* for the living and for the *repose* of the departed servants of God. (**Bread must be purchased a week in advance of the Sunday Liturgy.**)
- The **Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The **Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous** meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

**Christmas Service 2019:**

We will be celebrating the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ in the Flesh on **Christmas's Eve, Tuesday, December 24, at 6:30 pm.**

**Prophet Nahum:**

The Holy Prophet Nahum, whose name means "God consoles," was from the village of Elkosh (Galilee). He lived during the seventh century B.C. The Prophet Naum prophesies the ruin of the Assyrian city of Nineveh because of its iniquity, the destruction of the Israelite kingdom, and the blasphemy of King Sennacherib against God. The Assyrian king Ashurbanipal died in 632 B.C., and over the next two decades, his empire began to crumble. Nineveh fell in 612 B.C.

Nahum differs from most of the prophets in as much as he does not issue any call to repentance, nor does he denounce Israel for infidelity to God.

Details of the prophet's life are unknown. He died at the age of forty-five, and was buried in his native region. He is the seventh of the Twelve Minor Prophets

The Prophet Nahum and Saint Nahum of Ochrid (December 23) are invoked for people with mental disorders.

*Illumined by the Spirit,  
your heart was a vessel of illustrious prophecy,  
seeing far-off things as though they were present.*

Kontakion – Tone 2

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2019/12/01>

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Prophet Nahum

Glory to Jesus  
Christ

Glory  
Forever

*We celebrate the memory  
of Your prophet Nahum, O Lord;  
through him we beseech You:  
Save our souls.*

Troparion – Tone 4

### **Today the Church remembers:**

Venerable Botolph of Iken (7th c.) • Prophet Nahum (7th c. B.C.) • Righteous Philaret the Merciful of Amnia in Asia Minor (792) • Martyr Ananias of Persia.

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## December 1, 2019

24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
Nativity Fast

**Tone 7** of the Octoechos  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke (13<sup>th</sup>)