

**Bulletin sponsors this week are for the:****Health of:****Robert and Joan** Henry, on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.**Jocelyn** Corigliano, on her third birthday, offered with love by Grammy and Gramps.**Readings:****Ephesians 5:9-19** (26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**Luke 17:12-19** (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke) \*

**BRETHREN**, the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

**At that time**, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "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 cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

\* The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke is always read two Sundays before the Nativity, and that Sunday's reading from Luke is read on the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke. This year it falls on the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke.

**Sunday Services:**

<b>Hours - 9:40 AM</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM</b>
<b>General Confession – 9:45 AM</b> on the first Sunday of each month	
<b>Private Confession -</b> by appointment, contact Father Matthew	
<b>Pannikhidas –</b> after Divine Liturgy, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month	

**Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.**

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

**Sunday school classes meet every Sunday.**

**Please see your child's teacher for meeting times.**

**Announcements:**

- Today, **December 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will celebrate **St. Nicholas Day** with a special event at coffee hour and a visit from St. Nicholas. All parishioners and guests are invited to attend!
- While thinking about Christmas gifts this year, please consider religious and imported items from our parish store. Items available for purchase can be viewed in the case downstairs. If you are interested in purchasing an item, please see Mat. Holly Dawson or Linda Dantinne.
- Service for the **Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Flesh** will be celebrated on **Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.**

**Reminders:**

- The **Parish Council** has created a special fund for a **parish rectory**. Please **mark** any **donations** for this important fund with the designation "**Rectory**".
- **The Sisterhood's food drive is ongoing.** Please be generous with your donations as many people experience food insecurity at this time of year. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Thank you for your donations!
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin should be **submitted by email to:** [bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org](mailto:bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org)
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>.
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

**Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan:**

*Let us all honor the glorious Hierarch Ambrose,  
the namesake of ambrosia, the instructor of Italy,  
the protector of Christ's Church, and leader of Milan,  
a son of his diocese, and the greatest supporter of the poor,  
for he intercedes with the Lord to have mercy on our souls.*

Tone 1 — Troparion

*Shining forth with godly doctrines, you drove off the darkness of the deception of Arius,  
O shepherd and initiate of the sacred mysteries.  
You worked miracles by the power of the Spirit,  
wisely healing various passions;  
O Righteous Father Ambrose, entreat Christ God to grant us great mercy.*

Kontakion — Tone 3

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/12/07>

**Nicholas the Saintly** (Song we sang when I was young.)

*O kto kto Nikolaja l'ubit,  
O kto kto Nikolaju služit.*

*Tomu svjatyj Nikolaj,  
Na vsjakij čas pomahaj:  
Nikolaje, Nikolaj!*

**English version:**

*Oh who loves Nicholas the saintly,  
Oh who serves Nicholas the saintly.*

*Him will Nicholas receive,  
And give help in time of need.  
Holy father Nicholas!*

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and the website of the Orthodox Church in America: [www.oca.org/](http://www.oca.org/)

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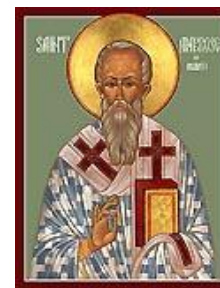
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Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

*Glory to  
Jesus Christ*

*Glory  
Forever*

*The truth of things revealed you to your flock as a rule of faith,  
a model of meekness, and a teacher of temperance.  
Through humility, you attained the heights;  
and through poverty, riches.*

*O Father and Hierarch Ambrose, intercede with Christ God  
that our souls may be saved.*

Tone 4 — Troparion

**December 7, 2025**

**Today the Church remembers:**

St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397) • Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Siya (Novgorod—1558) • Ven. Nilus of Stolobénsk (1554) • Ven. John the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12<sup>th</sup> c.) • Martyr Athenodorus of Mesopotamia (ca. 304) • Ven. Paul the Obedient • St. Philotheia of Thrace, Protectress of Romania (12<sup>th</sup> c.) • Ven. Gregory, Founder of Grigoriou Monastery (Mt. Athos—14<sup>th</sup> c.)

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
(12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke is read today)

Tone 1 of the [Octoechos](#)  
**Nativity Fast**