

# St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church

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## Sunday, December 8, 2019

Sunday, December 8	-9:00 AM – Adult Education	-9:40 AM – 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Hours
	-10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy – Sisterhood Meeting and Parish Council Meeting	
Monday, December 9	-9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy - Conception of the Most Blessed Theotokos by the Righteous St. Anna	
Wednesday, December 11	-No Divine Liturgy	
Friday, December 13	-9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy – St. Herman of Alaska	
Saturday, December 14	-4:30 PM – Confessions	-4:45 PM – 9 <sup>th</sup> Hour
	- 5:00 PM – Vespers	
Sunday, December 15	-9:00 AM – Adult Education	-9:40 AM – 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Hours
	-10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy	

### Memorial Donation

**\$39 – By Fr. Deacon David and Matushka Johanna for 13 7-day votive candles that will adorn the Church and Sanctuary in memory of Daniel Donch, Peter Aversa and Nathan Switzer**

Jaci Aversa is collecting items for local homeless individuals. White washcloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and deodorant are especially needed. Please support this important charitable activity during the time of this Nativity Fast and throughout the year. God Bless You for your kindness!

Please see our financial secretary Matushka Jonni Donch if you have any questions about your dues or donations to our church during these last weeks of 2019.

When planning charitable contributions in this holiday season, please remember to keep the general fund of our church among the charities that you support. As St. John Chrysostom teaches, the church is a spiritual hospital that treats us all through the medicine of the Holy Sacraments, feeds our souls, and strengthens us as we lead our daily lives while working out our salvation. May God Bless You Richly for your kind support!

## **Metro Kondratick – Memory Eternal!**

**As announced last week, plans had originally been made for the funeral and burial of the Newly-departed Servant of God Metro Kondratick from our church this past week. However, at the wishes of Metro's family, the funeral took place in Maryland with the burial planned in Auburn for Spring, 2020 because of concerns about the snowy weather and travel problems that we have been experiencing over the past week. In addition, conditions at our cemetery would have made the burial at this time very difficult.**

**Metro Kondratick, 91, of Rockville, MD passed away Friday, November 29, 2019. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joan and daughters: Christine (Todd) Washington of Iowa City, IA and Stephanie (Daniel) Reese of Ashburn, VA; adoring grandchildren Kathleen and Larissa and many wonderful nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Pauline Kondratick and siblings, John, Ann, Peter, Eva, Elizabeth, Steven and Joseph.**

**Metro, originally from Fleming, NY in the Finger Lakes region, graduated from Union Springs High School of which he was proud of being on the State Champion basketball team with his brother, Joseph in his senior year. He was offered a sports scholarship to Cornell U. but declined to help the family with running their farm. He enlisted in the Army and was deployed to Alaska. He loved hunting, gardening, growing vegetables and eventually fishing (due to his wife's love of fishing). Metro came to the Washington DC area because of work. He was employed by Moses and Ecco in concrete construction and later became a carpenter foreman with George Hyman Construction Company in Bethesda, MD. He worked on many buildings in the Washington, DC area: Watergate, White House Communications Center, Russian Embassy (including the housing and auditorium), downtown JW Marriott and National Theatre, Washington Harbor, Union Station, the Metro System (NIH/Bethesda area) and many others. His career ended with the building of Baltimore Orioles Stadium. For many years, he was a parishioner at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, DC. He worked tirelessly using his woodworking expertise for the beautification of the church with the installation of the iconostasis, the flooring and many other projects around the church. Interment will be at a later date in Auburn, NY. (As published in the Washington Post)**

## **The Holy Prophetess Hannah – December 9**

**The Holy Prophetess Hannah dwelt in marriage with Elkanah, but she was childless. Elkanah took to himself another wife, Phennena, who bore him children. Hannah grieved strongly over her misfortune, and every day she prayed for an end to her barrenness, and vowed to dedicate her child to God.**

**Once, as she prayed fervently in the Temple, the priest Heli thought that she was drunk, and he began to reproach her. But the saint poured out her grief, and after she received a blessing, she returned home. After this Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, whom she named Samuel (which means "Asked from God").**

**When the child reached the age of boyhood, the mother herself presented him to the priest Heli, and Samuel remained with him to serve before the Tabernacle (1 Kings/1 Samuel 2: 1-21)**