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## **OUR YEARLY PARISH MEETING:**

*We will have our Annual Parish meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> following Coffee hour. If you're not familiar with our meetings, they generally last about one hour; our main business is electing (or re-electing) the Parish Council, although in light of our Fall financial problems, we also need to seriously discuss future funding for our parish.*

*As for our Parish Council: we need to replace the dear departed Bill Stanley who served as our Treasurer. Also, Junior Warden Mary Ellen Dittmat and Trustee Jim Perfield have asked to be replaced (and of course you are welcome to nominate any parishioner in good standing financially and sacramentally for any position). Our Council has discussed a backup plan in case we cannot find a qualified treasurer, which would basically be the Senior and Junior Warden sharing the treasurer duties. Please do your best to support our parish and attend the meeting.*

**THIS WEEK AT ST NICHOLAS: I WILL BE AWAY THIS WEEK. I'VE BLESSED MANY HOMES AND IF I HAVEN'T BEEN TO YOUR HOMWEYET AND YOU'D LIKE ME TO COME, PLEASE SEE ME OR LEAVE A MESSAGE AND WE'LL GET YOU NEXT WEEK. I WILL BE BACK LATE NEXT SUNDAY.**

**Saturday, Jan 17 at 6PM: Vespers**

**Sunday, Jan 18 at 10AM: Holy Eucharist Communion Service with Protodeacon Michael (and please remember his Adult Education Class every Sunday 9AM)**

*I'm putting the Sanctity of Life Sunday petitions in today's bulletin for your review. As of this writing I'm not sure if SOL Sunday will be the 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>, so here they are in advance:*

## Sanctity of Life petitions and prayers

These petitions are to be inserted into the Litany of Fervent Supplication as part of the annual commemoration of Sanctity of Life Sunday.

—Again we pray that You will grant to the people of this nation the will to do good, to flee from evil, and to practice all righteousness, making us respectful of life and sharers of Your blessings, caring for one another in mercy and truth.

—Again we pray that You will banish all evil from our hearts and wickedness from our laws, enabling us to be servants of Your holy will and performers of Your love.

—Again we pray that You will kindle in our hearts the will to care for the needy, to show kindness to the poor, to aid the homeless and help the helpless.

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Who are in the bosom of the Father, True God, source of life and immortality, Light of Light, Who came into the world to enlighten it: You were pleased to be conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary for the salvation of our souls by the power of Your All-Holy Spirit. O Master, Who came that we might have life more abundantly, we ask You to enlighten the minds and hearts of those blinded to the truth that life begins at conception and that the unborn in the womb are already adorned with Your image and likeness; enable us to guard, cherish, and protect the lives of all those who are unable to care for themselves. For You are the Giver of Life, bringing each person from non-being into being, sealing each person with divine and infinite love. Be merciful, O Lord, to those who, through ignorance or willfulness, affront Your divine goodness and providence through the evil act of abortion. May they, and all of us, come to the life of Your Truth and glorify You, the Giver of Life, together with Your Father, and Your All-Holy and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

And, if any is looking for a way to get to Washington for the March for Life: **In checking the NY / NJ OCA website, I see that the Diocese has a bus leaving from NJ on the 22nd. The Catholic diocese of Rochester and the Diocese of Syracuse are attempting to organize busses to the March for life. I am in Ithaca, NY and we are trying to get together enough people to send a bus from this area. We still have many empty seats and we welcome any pro-life people that would like to join us. I am attaching a flyer with contacts in case there are people in Orthodox Churches in the area that would be interested in joining us on a bus to the March for Life.**

With greatest respect,  
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