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St. Nicholas

While Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent, the 6th of December is also known as St. Nicholas Day. St. Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra and a member of the Council of Nicea. While committed to orthodox theology, he is best remembered for his care for the poor and oppressed.

This Sunday, we will have a children's moment during the Mass to remember and honor St. Nicholas.

If you wish to know more about St. Nicholas, go [here](#).
Advent Blessings,

Dave+

Service Schedule for the week of December 6, 2015

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
7:30 AM

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
10:00 AM

Evensong 5:00 PM

Other Services:

Morning Prayer

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

The Good News

A weekly newsletter of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
December 4, 2015



Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

Parish Mission Trip

If you are interested, please see Fr. Dave. The trip will leave the week of June 27 and return on July 8. The cost of the trip is \$1500 (inclusive).

The goal of the trip is 1) to build relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ and 2) to rebuild a roof at St. John Church, Owia, St. Vincent.

No shots are required, but a passport is. All ages are welcome and you don't have to know how to swing a hammer.

Bible Study

Continues on Wednesday at 6PM.

Fr. Dave

Women's Breakfast

Will meet at 8:30AM on December 12 at St. Matthew's. All women of the church are invited. We will have an ornament exchange (limit \$10 value). Please sign up to attend on the hallway bulletin board.

and Friday 7:00 AM and Thursday
at 7:30 AM

Rosary 5:30 PM Wednesdays.

Intercessory Prayer

Monday at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday
at 12:15 p.m., and Thursday at
10:30 a.m. in the Chapel



Ministry Links



St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield
Rector's Blog

Local Mission Opportunities

Mission Committee meets - December 6, 8:30 AM Parish Hall.

COATS COATS - It's time to collect coats to donate to The Salvation Army for distribution to people in need. Bring your gently used coats to St. Matthew's and place them in the big white box opposite the church office, and you'll be blessed. Gently used scarves, hats and mittens are also welcome. Thanks so much.---The Outreach Committee

MITTEN TREE-It is tradition at St. Matthew's that during Advent and Christmas, new mittens, hats, scarves, etc. are collected for The Children's Foundation. Please decorate the trees placed in the narthex and outside the parish hall with your donations. The Outreach committee will deliver them in January.

CELL PHONES-Do you have a cell phone you no long use? Donate it to Neville House in December by placing it in our big white "coats" box. (We are assured they clean off all history before sharing it with someone in need.) Outreach Committee

Intergenerational Advent Activities:

The Youth Group would like to invite the parish to the following Advent events for all ages!

Evergreen Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, December 6 from 6:00 - 7:30pm

Christ Candle Craft

Sunday, December 13 from 6:00 - 7:30pm

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 20 from 6:00 - 7:30pm

Good News Daily

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

Clergy Leave Taking

As part of ensuring a healthy goodbye to Fr. Bruce, Fr. Dave shared an informational document with the Vestry about proper boundaries and the dissolution of a pastoral relationship.

To help all of us, Fr. Bruce also asked that the document be shared with the congregation. If you are interested in reading it, copies are available in the narthex.

Readings & Music for December 6, 2015

Hymns: #65, #74

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of

covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Canticle 16 Page 92, BCP The Song of Zechariah

Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,

during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Ministry Assignments for December 6 & 13

6-Dec

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: David Hanck

E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Lector: Dedee Champion

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter, Alley & Devan Roberson

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Thurifer: John Stoffer

Boat: Sean

E.M.: Matthew Dallman & Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Sandy Kohlhase & Danielle Ward

13-Dec

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Martha Carroll

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Lector: Sandy Kohlhase

Acolytes: Liam Halt, Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

Thurifer: Bill Johns

Boat: Daniel

E.M.: Jack Pitts & Shelley Brenneman Carter

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Shelley Brenneman Carter & Susan Long

Birthdays & Anniversaries December 4 - 20

Sarah DeMeritt

Collin Bennett

Mary Hunt

Diana Holderby

John Larson

Eric Owens

Jack White

Collect for Sunday, December 6th

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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