

"PARISH THE THOUGHT"

- **DO YOU HAVE AN ADVENT WREATH?** This is a wonderful tradition to have in your home to help you prepare for the birth of our Lord at Christmas.
- **ENVELOPES FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Available in the Narthex. Please indicate who they are given in memory of by writing their name(s) on the envelope, and putting it in the offering plate.
- **ADULT EDUCATION CLASS:** "The Mass: The Life of the Church." The class will resume in January after the Feast of the Epiphany.
- **CONFESSION:** The sacrament of holy confession is a means to growth for our life in Christ, and for Orthodox Christians is to be taken at least once a year. Please make an appointment with either Father Stephen or Father Bernard. If you have any questions, please see either priest.
- **COFFEE HOUR:** Please consider signing up for a Sunday and providing the meal. This is a very important time for our parish community to gather and fellowship following the Sunday Mass.

- **Envelopes are provided on the table in the Narthex for your convenience in making memorial donations for the mortgage payments. Please add your name to the envelope so you can be credited for the gift!**

Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, December 9: Patronal Feast of St. Nicholas

Saturday, December 15: Gathering of the Oblates of St. Benedict (transfer of oblations to monastery and reception of three Novice Oblates).

Sunday, December 16: Council meeting

Sunday, December 23: Decoration of church following Mass

Monday, Dec 24/ Tuesday, Dec 25: Vigil of Nativity/Nativity of Christ (see schedule)

Sunday, December 30: Monthly parish potluck for coffee hour

***Call a Parishioner, Call a Friend.** Is there someone you haven't seen at Mass lately? Someone you've wondered about—how they are, where they've been? If so, give them a call, send them a card, or pay them a visit. We all need to encourage each other in the Faith.