

**27th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Martyrs Menas,
Hermogenes and Eugephus**

December 10th, 2023

Assigned Readings:

Ephesians 6:10:17

Luke 17:12-19

Saints of the Day:

Saint Menas was sent by the emperor from Athens to Alexandria to suppress the riots that had arisen between the Christians and the pagans. Distinguished for his gift of eloquence, Menas instead openly began to preach the Christian Faith and he converted many pagans to Christ. Learning of this, Maximian sent Hermogenes to Alexandria to place the saints on trial. Moreover, he gave orders to purge the city of Christians.

Hermogenes, although he was a pagan, was distinguished by his reverent bearing. And struck by the endurance of Saint Menas under torture and by his miraculous healing after the cruel torments, he also came to believe in Christ. Maximian himself then arrived in Alexandria. Neither the astonishing stoic endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes under torture, nor even the miracles manifested by God in this city, mollified the emperor. Instead, they vexed him all the more. The emperor personally stabbed Saint Eugephus, the secretary of Saint Menas, who had declared himself a Christian upon witnessing the endurance of Saints Menas and Hermogenes; and then gave orders to behead the holy Martyrs Menas and Hermogenes.

Announcements

Paint and Sip planned for the parish women on December 17th at 1:30pm. Last day to sign up is today December 10th.

December Charity is Sleep in Heavenly Peace; and organization that provides beds to underprivileged children. Donations are kept 100% in the local chapter and are used to build and deliver beds by volunteer staff.

Upcoming Services:

December 13th – 9th Hour, Great Vespers and Litya – 5 pm. (St. Herman)

December 16th – Great Vespers – 5 pm.

December 17th – Divine Liturgy – 930 am.

December 23rd – Great Vespers – 5 pm.

December 24th – Divine Liturgy – 930 am.

- Nativity Vigil; Compline and Matins 12:30pm.

December 25th – Nativity of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

– Divine Liturgy 930 am.

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Troparion and Kontakion for the Day

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 2

When Thou didst descend to death, O Life immortal,
Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead.
And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out: // “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to Thee!”

Troparion to St. Nicholas – Tone 4

The truth of things revealed you to your flock as a rule of
faith, an icon of meekness and a teacher of abstinence.
You thus reached the heights through humility and wealth through poverty.
O Holy Hierarch Father Nicholas, // pray to Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Resurrection – Tone 2

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee, //
and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

Kontakion to St. Nicholas – Tone 3

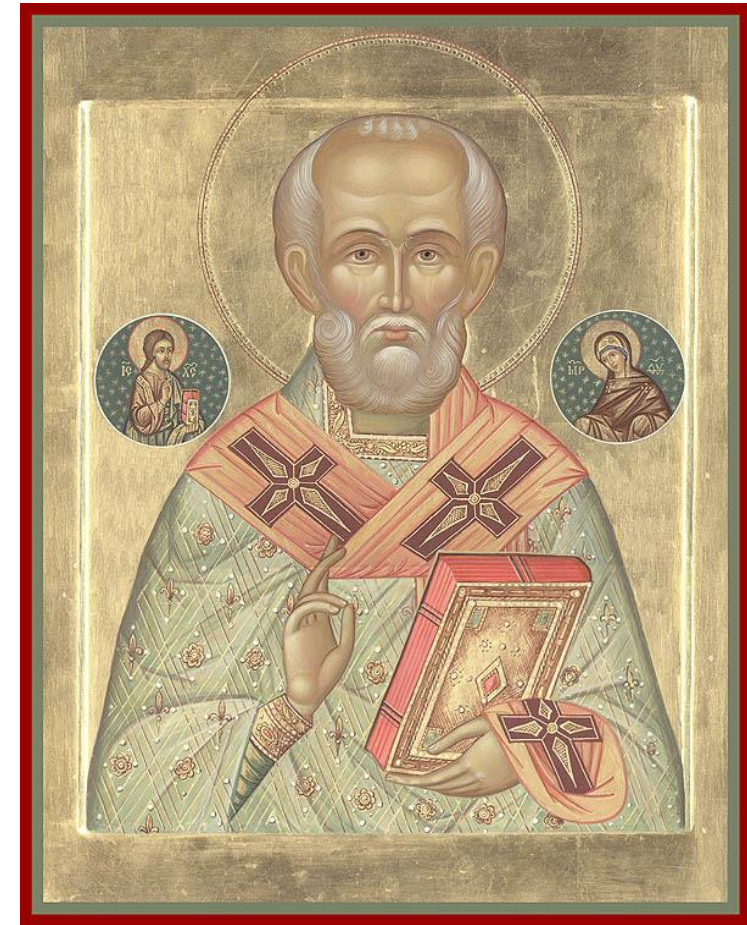
You proved yourself to be a holy priest, O Nicholas;
You served God in Myra and lived the gospel of Christ.
You offered your life for your people; You rescued the innocent from death. //
Therefore God has glorified you as a trustworthy guide of things divine.

Steadfast Protectress – Tone 6

Steadfast protectress of Christians,
constant advocate before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners,
but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith,
hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us O Theotokos //
For you always protect those who honor you.

Prayers for the Sick:

Archpriest Vladimir	Joan
Priest John	Vera
Archpriest Michael	Marie
Matushka Gloria	James
Matushka Myra	James
Thom	Dimitrios
Julie	



St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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Archbishop Mark – Hierarch

Fr. Nathan Clausson – Acting Rector
Fr. Vladimir Fetcho – Attached
Fr. John Nightingale – Attached
Mark Howanetz – Choir Director
Rick Cesari – Parish President