

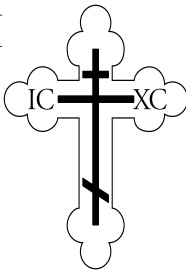


# ST. RAPHAEL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## DECEMBER 3, 2023 - 26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 1. Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias – 635-605 B.C.)

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK		<i>Please join us after Divine Liturgy for Coffee Social - Myrrhbearers Hall.</i>	DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS
Sun: Reading of the Hours	9:45 AM	<i>Please bring in cans of food for the C.C. Resource Center.</i>	Mon: Hebrews 13:7-16, Luke 12:32-40; 20:27-44, 1 Timothy 5:1-10
<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	10:00 AM		Tue: Solomon 3:1-9; 4:7-15; 5:15-6:3, Luke 6:17-23; 21:12-19, Galatians 5:22-6:2, Matthew 11:27-30, 1 Timothy 5:11-21
Prophet Zephaniah		<i>Confessions - Ask Fr. Sergious fo a time</i>	Wed: Proverbs 3; 8; 10:1-31-11:12, Solomon 4:7-15, John 10:9-16, Hebrews 13:17-21, Luke 6:17-23; 21:5-7; 10-11; 20-24, 1 Timothy 5:22-6:11
Tue: <b>Great Vespers</b>	4:00 PM		Thu: 1 Timothy 6:17-21, Luke 21:28-33
Wed: <b>Divine Liturgy</b>	9:00 AM		Fri: 2 Timothy 1:1-2; 8-18, Luke 21:37-22:8
<b>St. Nicholas</b>			Sat: Galatians 4:22-31; 5:22-6:2, Luke 8:16-21; 13:18-29
Thu: <b>Akathist to St. Herman</b>	4:00 PM		
Sat: <b>Great Vespers</b>	4:00 PM		

**+EPISTLE+ (Ephesians 5:9-19)** Brethren: Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

*Choir Practice on Sunday at 9 AM and Monday at 2:30 PM*

**+GOSPEL+ (Luke 18:18-27)** Now a certain ruler asked Him saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor you father and mother.'” And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?” But He said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”

Practice Christianity every day with each person you meet and each word you say. Christ spoke saying: But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

*St. Mat. 15:18     Readings: St. Mat. 15:16-20. St. Mark 7:18-23, St. James 3:5-12,  
Prov. 18:2-29:20R*

THE GIFTS NOVEMBER 26, 2023	DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS	VIGIL CANDLES - NOV. 26
Attendance 45	Nicholas Borick St. Day- Dec. 6	<i><b>Nancy Kinley</b> - Health of Bill, Julianna &amp; Fam., Andrew &amp; Fam.. Mary Ann H., Patricia, Linda L., Yong, Judith, Nina, Nick B., Howard.</i>
Regular Offerings 490	Georgeanne Vukmir St. Day (Dec. 19 - Old Calendar)	
Candles 56	Susanna Bane - Dec. 17	
	Vickie Lynn - Dec. 20	
	Sam Miller - Dec. 26	
	NOV. ANNIVERSARY	
	Don & Vickie Lynn - Nov. 26	
	DEC. ANNIVERSARY	
	Polycarp & Anna Fisher-Dec. 15	
<i>We sincerely thank and bless Charles and Lou Ellen Davis for their ongoing generous donations.</i>		