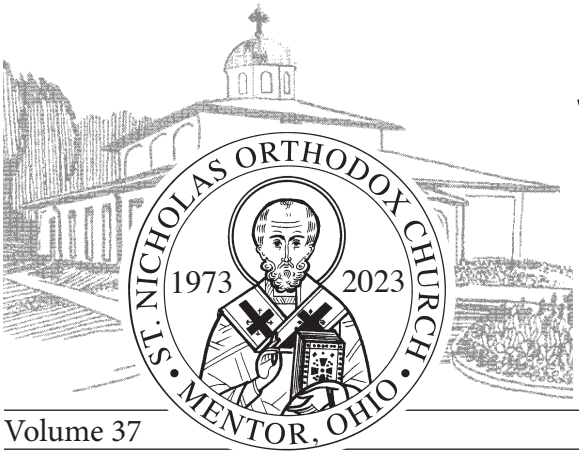

Weekly Bulletin

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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Sunday	**Jan 22**	*32nd Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 7 / Holy New Martyrs & Confessors of Russia*	
		9:00 am Church School	
		10:00 am Divine Liturgy	Coffee Hour
Saturday	**Jan 28**	*St Ephraim the Syrian*	
		5:30 pm Great Vespers	
Sunday	**Jan 29**	*33rd Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 8 / Sunday of Zacchaeus*	
		Readings: 1 Tim 14:9-15	Luke 19:1-10
		9:00 am Church School	
		10:00 am Divine Liturgy	Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Jan 15

Attendance	140
Operating	$2,754.00
Maintenance	11.00
OCA Assessments	277.00
Icons	117.00
Charities	36.00
Uganda	30.00

COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, Jan 26 at 6:30 pm.

2022 TAX STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

On the front table in the hall.

CALLING ALL CROCHETERS

Anyone interested in participating in a project honoring St. Nicholas's 50th Anniversary should see Ruth Bede or Peggy Walker during coffee hour. Some knowledge of how to crochet (or willingness to learn) would be helpful. All materials will be supplied. Thank you for your participation.

PRAYER CORNER +

Perry (Capitan), Julian, John Clements, Sarah Crivella, Joella (LuAnn D's dghtr), Paris Santone (Debbie C's nephew), Cameron Robinson, Anna Como, Barb (Renda frnd), Nick Covelli, David Campbell (Deb's bro), Norma K (Maryann S's frnd), Sharon Georges, and the suffering Christians in Ukraine and the Middle East.

Anniversaries: Ron & Mary Ray (1/23).

Birthdays: Mira Kucmanic (1/22), Ron Ray (1/23), Katie D'Fantis (1/26).

Newborns: Galen (Scott & Alysse), Lannon Marie (Jairus & Riley Morton).

Expecting: Patrick & Elizabeth, David & Maria, Mitch & Winnie, Brian & Katya.

Newly Illumined: Edward, Joanna, Joshua, Emmelia, James, Mary & Ruth.

Stewardship Fair

Sunday, February 5

During Coffee Hour

Visit each Table Station to learn about all of the ways we can offer our time and talent to the well being of our Parish.

Celebrating our 50th Anniversary

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The Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history.

It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only "crime" was their unshakable faith in God.

In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints). Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).

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