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December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
(Old Calendar Date: November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019)  
26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 1)

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vespers  
Sunday: 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Wednesday: 6:00 PM Vespers (Eve of St. Nicholas Day)

Confession: After Saturday Service or before Sunday Liturgy  
Pastoral Counseling: By appointment  
For all pastoral needs and services, please call (402) 327-1850

Please first follow the Sunday Troparion and Kontakion (according to the Tone of the week as noted above) from your pew book. Then the saint of the day:

#### **Troparion — Tone 2**

We celebrate the memory / of Your prophet **Habakkuk**, O Lord; / through him we beseech You: / "Save our souls."

#### **Kontakion — Tone 8**

Divinely eloquent Habakkuk, / you announced to the world the coming forth of God from the south, from the Virgin. / Standing on the divine watch, you received a report from the radiant angel: / "You proclaimed the resurrection of Christ to the world." / Therefore, in gladness we cry out to you: / "Rejoice, splendid adornment of the prophets."

#### **Word Of The Week**

*Every church uses specific terms that are unique to its tradition. Each week, we have picked a word or two that you may have already heard, but never knew what it means exactly. We hope you will enjoy this section of our Bulletin.*

**Chapel.** (Gr. Parekklisi[on]; Sl. Chasovnya). A side altar attached to a larger church or a small building or room (being part of a larger facility) built exclusively or arranged for the worship of God. A chapel can belong to an individual or an institution, or it can be part of a parish church. It has nothing to do with its size. Many chapels are bigger than parish churches!

#### **Saint Nicholas Day**

Saint Nicholas Day, also called the feast of Saint Nicholas, is observed on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December or on the eve of the 5<sup>th</sup> of December in Western Christian countries, and on 19<sup>th</sup> of December in Eastern Christian countries using the old church Calendar. It is the feast day of Nicholas of Myra with particular regard to his reputation as a bringer of gifts.

In the European countries of Germany and Poland, boys have traditionally dressed as bishops and begged alms for the poor. In the Ukraine, children wait for St. Nicholas to come and to put a present under their pillows, provided that the children were good during the year. Children who behaved badly may expect to find a twig or a piece of coal under their pillows. In the Netherlands, Dutch children put out a clog filled with hay and a carrot for Saint Nicholas' horse. On Saint Nicholas Day, gifts are tagged with personal humorous rhymes written by the sender. In the United States, one custom associated with Saint Nicholas Day is children leaving their shoes in the foyer on Saint Nicholas Eve in hope that Saint Nicholas will place some coins on the soles.

The American *Santa Claus*, as well as the British *Father Christmas*, derive from Saint Nicholas. "Santa Claus" is itself derived in part from the Dutch *Sinterklaas*, the saint's name in that language. However the gift-giving associated with these descendant figures is associated with Christmas Day rather than Saint Nicholas Day itself. Saint Nicholas saved three children lost in the countryside. These children were kidnapped by a butcher before being saved by Saint Nicholas and returned to their parents. Europeans often celebrate Christmas from the 5<sup>th</sup> of December to the 25<sup>th</sup>. The U.S. however doesn't publicly celebrate Saint Nicholas Day.