

**35<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Afterfeast of the Meeting,  
Venerable Isidore of Pelusium,**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Assigned Readings:**

Colossians 3:12-16

Matthew 25: 14-30

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**Saints of the Day:**

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Our Holy Father Isidore of Pelusium was an Egyptian, the son of eminent parents and a kinsmen of the Patriarchs of Alexandria Theophilus and Cyril. Completing his secular studies, he renounced his riches and worldly standing and gave himself wholly to the spiritual life for the love of Christ. He was a great and ardent interpreter and defender of the Orthodox Faith. The historian Nicephorus states that St. Isidore wrote more than 10,000 letters to various people, in which he reprimanded one, advised another, consoled a third, instructed a fourth. "It is more important to be proficient in good works than in golden-tongued preaching", he writes in one letter. In another, he says; "if a man wishes his virtues to appear great, let him regard them as small and then they will be truly shown to be great." The first and fundamental rule for Isidore was: first do and then teach, after the example of the Lord Jesus. At a time when St. John Chrysostom was undergoing persecution and the whole world was divided in into two camps, one for and one against this great pillar of Orthodoxy, St. Isidore stood on the side of Chrysostom. He wrote Patriarch Theophilus, saying what a great light Chrysostom was in the Church and begging that the hatred of him should cease. He loved long and laboured greatly, glorifying Christ the Lord in his life and his writings, and entered into the Kingdom of Christ in about 450.

- The Prologue from Ochrid

**Announcements**

Annual Parish Meeting is today following Divine Liturgy. It will run concurrent with coffee hour. All parishioners are encouraged to stay and participate.

A signup sheet is on the candle desk for house blessings. I will try to visit everyone who wishes their home to be blessed before the start of Great Lent. If you do not wish to have your house blessed, please tell Fr. Nathan.

Piroghi making is planned for Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. The most help is needed for pinching which usually starts at about 10 am. Orders for Piroghi are due today, a sign-up sheet is at the candle desk and will be available during coffee hour.

Diocesan Women's retreat is planned for March 2, 10am-3pm at Holy Trinity Church in Stroudsburg PA. Topic is "The Gift of Compassion" and the guest speaker is Presbyteria Kerry Pappas. Free of charge and open to all women in the diocese.

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**Upcoming Services:**

February 10<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers – 6pm

February 11<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy – 930am.

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## Troparion and Kontakion

### Tone 2 Troparion - Resurrection

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!”

### Tone 1 Troparion - Afterfeast

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, Full of Grace!  
From thee shone the Sun of Righteousness, ^Christ our God,  
enlightening those who sat in darkness.  
Rejoice and be glad, O righteous Elder,  
thou didst accept in thine arms the ^Redeemer of our souls,//  
Who grants us the Resurrection!

### Tone 2 Kontakion - Resurrection

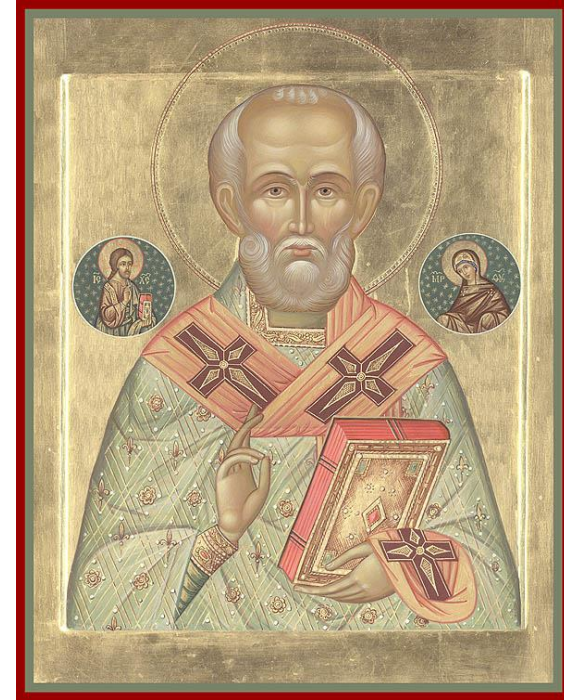
Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee,//  
and the world, my Savior, praises Thee forever.

### Tone 1 Kontakion - Afterfeast

By Thy Nativity Thou didst sanctify the Virgin's womb  
and didst bless Simeon's hands, ^O Christ God.  
Now Thou hast come and saved us through love.  
Grant peace to all Orthodox Christians,//  
O only Lover of Man!

### Prayers for the Sick:

Archpriest Vladimir	Julie
Priest John	Joan
Archpriest Michael	Marie
Archpriest Gregory	James
Matushka Gloria	James
Matushka Myra	Dimitrios
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## St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

OCA Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania  
Archbishop Mark – Hierarch

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