



Holy Prophet Elijah, by George Kordis

# The Raven's Digest - December

## Resources for the Seasons of the Church Year -

It was perhaps two years ago that we developed a website called "The Raven's Nest" that contains seasonal resources for the Orthodox Church year. We never could figure out how to share it in a useful way, so we decided to "publish" excerpts from it on a monthly basis in a digest format as well as other resources across the internet.

*& Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

*Philippians 4:8(KJV)*

## What's Included This Month:

\*Great Feast Days- The Nativity of Christ

\*Whatever is Lovely: Orthodox Art  
*a photograph: Divine Liturgy amongst Rubble*

\*Let Us Attend: Weekly Gospel  
*Audio & printable resources for younger children & older youth*

\*Let Your Mind Dwell: Book Recommendations  
*Lucia, Saint of Light*

\*Whatever is Worthy: A Netful of Audio/Video Resources  
*Lucia, Saint of Light*

\*Of Good Report: Lights in the Darkness - Icons & Links  
*St. Nicholas*  
*St. Spyridon*  
*St. Herman of Alaska*  
*20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia*

## Great Feast:

# The Nativity of Christ-December 25



To read about the feast:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/12/25/103638-the-nativity-of-our-lord-god-and-savior-jesus-christ>

Several selections to read:

<http://www.antiochian.org/nativity/great-feast>

Resource page for families with many options:

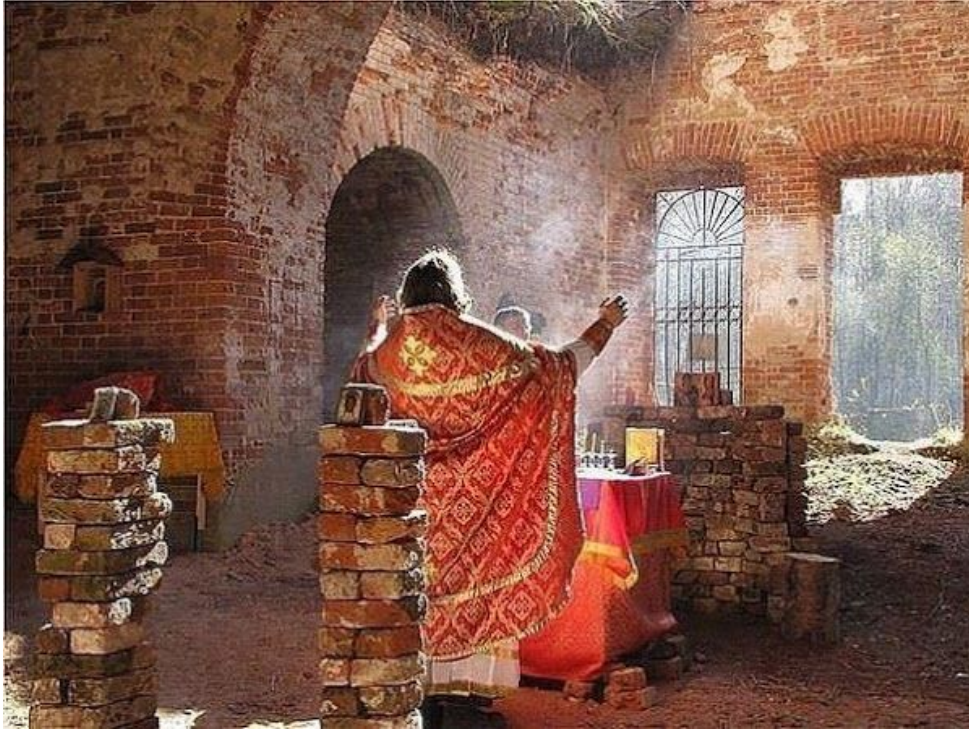
<http://antiochian.org/content/nativity-resources-orthodox-christian-families>

Let Us Attend: Weekly Gospel audio & printable resources for younger & older children



<http://www.antiochian.org/christianeducation/letusattend>

Whatever is Lovely: Orthodox Art

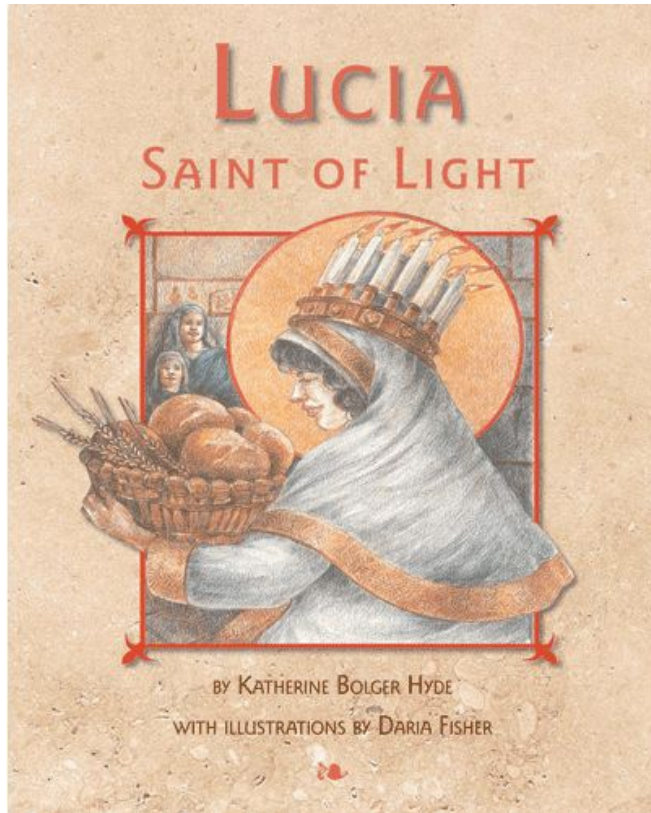


A Divine Liturgy amongst the rubble  
Imagine using stacked bricks to make the holy doors....

<http://byztex.blogspot.com/2016/09/a-divine-liturgy-amongst-rubble.html>

Let Your Mind Dwell: Book Recommendations-

Lucia, Saint of Light



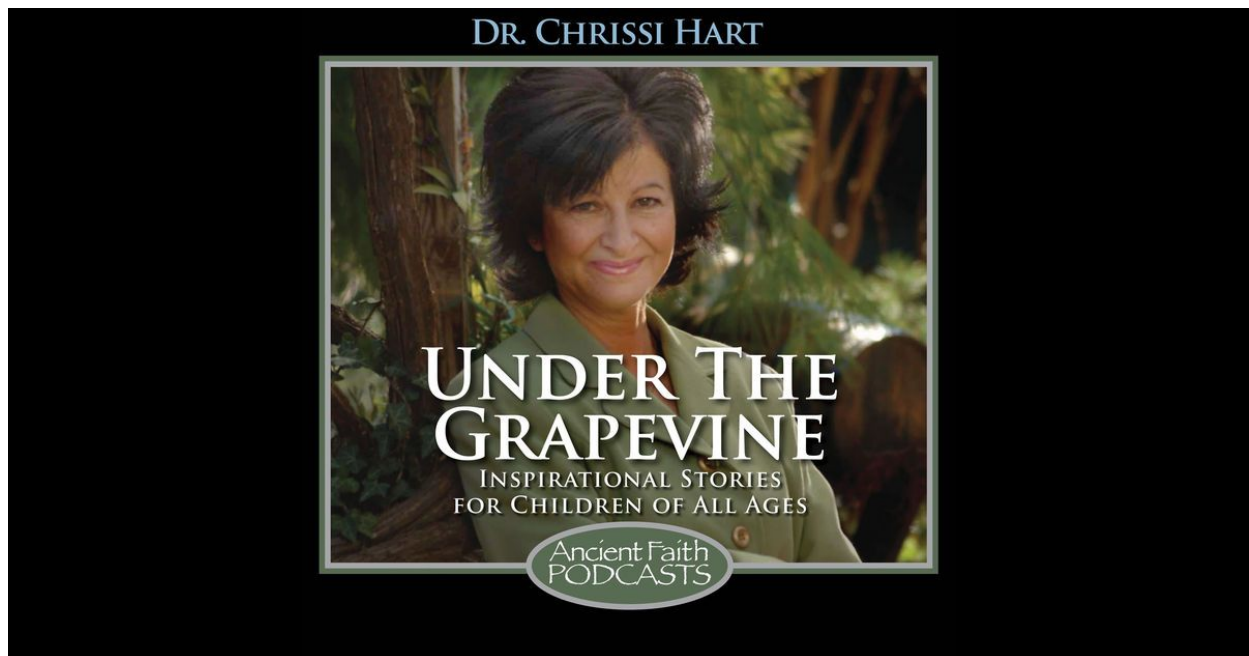
To purchase the book:

<https://www.amazon.com/Lucia-Saint-Katherine-Bolger-Hyde/dp/0982277040>

A review of the book on the author's page:

<http://kbhyde.com/lucia-saint-of-light/>

Whatever is Worthy: Audio / Video Resources-



Under the Grapevine: -from the “Under the Grapevine” podcast. See links below to purchase this book and to listen to the audio version.

[Lucia, Saint of Light](#) (see above for more information)

To listen:

[http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/grapevine/readings\\_from\\_under\\_the\\_grapevine\\_-\\_program\\_126](http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/grapevine/readings_from_under_the_grapevine_-_program_126)

Of Good Report: Lights in the Darkness-

## *St. Nicholas of Myra-December 6*



To read the story:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2016/12/06/103484-st-nicholas-the-wonderworker-and-archbishop-of-myra-in-lycia>

A compilation of Orthodox coloring pages throughout the liturgical year. Contains a simple one of St. Nicholas.

<https://www.scribd.com/doc/14024263/Orthodox-Christian-Icon-Coloring-Book>

A detailed blog post with ideas for celebrating St. Nicholas Day at home as well as links to other pages with more ideas!



<http://www.orthodoxmotherhood.com/ways-to-celebrate-st-nicholas-day/>

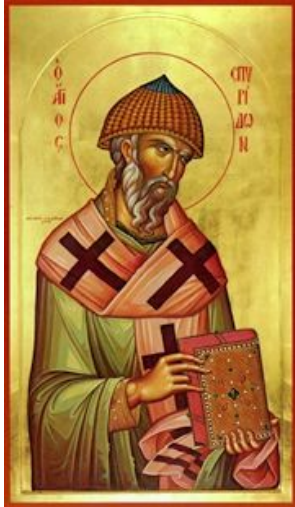
### *Conception of the Theotokos-December 9*



To read the story:

<http://antiochian.org/node/17111>

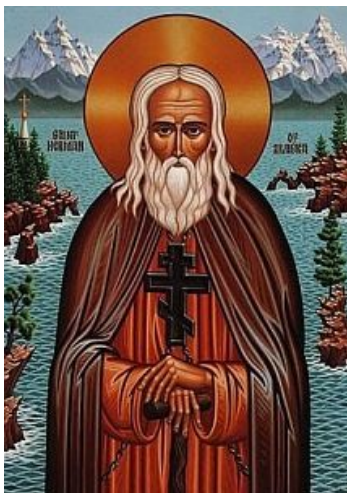
### *St. Spyridon of Trimythous-December 12*



To read the story:

[:https://oca.org/saints/lives/2000/12/12/103526-st-spyridon-the-wonderworker-and-bishop-of-tremithus](https://oca.org/saints/lives/2000/12/12/103526-st-spyridon-the-wonderworker-and-bishop-of-tremithus)

### *The Life of St. Herman of Alaska-December 13*



To read the story:

<http://antiochian.org/stherman>

A blog post about making spruce tree cookies for St. Herman's Day:

<http://www.illumination-learning.com/blog/2012/12/teaching-my-children-about-st-herman-through-a-story-prayers-and-cookies/>

*20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia-December 28*



To read the story:

<http://orthochristian.com/100026.html>

