

# St. Nicholas of Myra Advent Retreat 2017



**We will not assimilate!**



Resisting popular culture is something that we must do to live the life of a Christian. The world has and always will try to force Christians to assimilate into the muck and mess of the world's culture. We as Christians don't live to fit into this world but we live to spend eternity with God in Heaven.

We will spend this advent reflecting on the ways that the Israelite Nation and Christians throughout history have refused to assimilate into the world.

- 1) We will travel back to the time of Moses and Joshua, watching and learning as they separated from Egypt and into the Promised Land.
- 2) We will then take a trip to the time of the Maccabees. We will look at the strong pressure put on the Israelites by Alexander the Great and his successors. This was a time of severe pressure and persecutions for the Israelite faithful. Watch and learn how they survived.
- 3) Next we will travel to the time of Jesus and look at the very culture that put Jesus to death, along with so many of the Early Christians.
- 4) Our final stop will be Hays Kansas December 17th. We will take a good hard look at our current culture and the pressure we feel as a people trying to live out our faith. We will look to our ancestors, prayers, and scriptures for ways to remain faithful and always directed toward Christ.

**Please Join Father Jarett Konrade and Bill Meagher on this Advent Journey as we prepare our hearts and lives for Christmas.**

**Sunday Evenings (December 3, 10, 17) from 6:00pm-7:00 pm at St. Nicholas Church**

