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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

November 24, 2013

The 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

The Sunday After the Presentation of the Theotokos

Plagal Tone 1 ~ Eothinon 11 ~ Ps. 109:8

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

Holy Communion is only open to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy

Saints du Jour (November 24)

Clement, pope of Rome; Hieromartyrs Peter, archbishop of Alexandria, and Hermogenes, bishop of Agrigentum; Martyrs Philomenos and Alexander of Corinth

Apolytikion of the Resurrection – Plagal Tone 1: Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of a virgin for our salvation. For He took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh to suffer death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion of the Presentation of the Theotokos – Tone 4: Today the Virgin is the foreshadowing of the pleasure of God, and the beginning of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. Thou hast appeared in the Temple of God openly and hast gone before, preaching Christ to all. Let us shout with one thrilling voice, saying: Rejoice, O thou who art the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

Apolytikion of St. Basil the Great – Tone 1: Into all the world that received thy word went out thy voice; thereby didst thou divinely teach, explaining the nature of existing things and ordering the conduct of men. O venerable father, royal priesthood Basil, intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion of the Presentation of the Theotokos – Tone 4: The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today entered the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.



Prokeimenon: You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

(Chapter 6:11-18)

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and not only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

(Chapter 18:18-27)

At that time, a man came testing Jesus and asking, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And the man said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, He said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the man heard this he became sad for he was very rich. Jesus, seeing him sad, said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 30th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 1st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Thursday, Dec. 5th – Vespers & Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M. (St. Nicholas)

Saturday, Dec. 7th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 8th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 14th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 15th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, Dec. 24th – Orthros, 7:00 P.M.; Divine Liturgy, 8:00 P.M. (Nativity of Christ)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trisagion prayers are offered today by **Naheel Rafeedie** for the repose of **Michael, Nicola** and **Richard**. May their memory be eternal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The coffee hour is brought to you today by **Naheel Rafeedie**. Thank you.

The **Youth Group** shall hold its monthly meeting next Sunday, December 1, after Divine Liturgy. All Youth Group members are invited to attend.

The **Advent Fast** begins Friday, November 15th, and is divided into two periods. The first period is Nov. 15 – Dec. 19, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is Dec. 20 – 24, with the traditional fasting discipline observed. There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

Donations for **poinsettias** will be accepted from Nov. 24 – Dec. 8. If you would like to make a donation, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Poinsettias.” Donations are \$10.00 per plant. Thank you.

Church Clean-up days are scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 9:30 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9:30 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. Tuesday’s work will focus on the Church Hall while Saturday’s work will include working in the Church Hall and the Church temple. Many hands make light work; please do join us.

Our annual **Cookies with St. Nicholas Party** is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th, from 2:30-4:00 P.M. Youngsters of all ages are welcome. Please see **Khouriye Pam Nugent** for more details.

WOMEN'S SHELTER donations will continue to be gathered. PLEASE provide ONLY the items on the WISHLIST (Walmart gift cards, bottled water, postage stamps, baby wipes, size 3 diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, bus tokens).

As of November 17, 2013, 44 pledges have been received totaling \$75,760.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$151,080.00. Approximately \$2,906/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collections for November 17, 2013, totaled \$1,535 for a year-to-date total of \$104,690 (~\$2,276/week). We are approximately \$28,980 short of where we need to be at this time.

Spiritual Counsels...

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