

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese, OCA

Mitred Archpriest Father Don Anthony Freude, Parish Rector

Reverend Protodeacon James M. Gresh, Attached

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

THE CHRISTMAS FAST – ADVENT- NOVEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 24

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 1 – Leavetaking of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple. St. Clement of Ochrid, Enlightener of the Bulgarians Hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome

Saturday, November 24 - 5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, November 25

9:45 am - Hours – Joshua Wherley

10.00 am - Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader – Joshua Wherley

EPISTLE Ephesians 5:9-19 GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

Lighting of the 2nd Candle on the Advent Wreath

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –Tone 2– Prophet Habakkuk

Saturday, December 1

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Sunday, December 2

9:45 am - Hours – Bud Graham

10.00 am - Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader – Bud Graham

EPISTLE Ephesians 6:10-17 GOSPEL Luke 18:18-27

Lighting of the 3rd Candle on the Advent Wreath

REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Anthony Freude, son of Fr. Don and Popadia Donna Freude

Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Mickey Stokich

Leonora Evancho

Larissa Freude

Anastasia Haymon

Joseph Boyle, (Kathy Gray's brother)

Phyllis George (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)

Connie Pysell

Lisa Nastoff

Maaine Pedder

Sandra Dodovich

Angelo Lambo

Gary Turner (father of Joseph Turner)

COFFEE HOUR: Sarah Niglio

PROSPHORA: Veron

OUR STEWARDSHIP – November 18, 2018

Sunday Offering \$1,375.50

Improvement Fund: 15.00

Parking Lot : 150.75

Cards Fundraiser: 30.00

Candles: 33.00

TOTAL: \$1,604.25

QUARTER AUCTION: \$1,006.64

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PARKING

To Date: \$

FURNACE

To Date: :

THIS WEEK'S FEAST DAYS AND SCRIPTURE READ

- Mon. Nov. 26 – Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis – *Fast Day***
Epistle: 1 Timothy 5:1-10 Gospel: Luke 19:37-44
- Tue. Nov. 27 – Greatmartyr Jacob the Persian- *Fast Day***
Epistle: 1 Timothy: 5:11-21 Gospel: Luke 19:45-48
- Wed. Nov. 28 – Monk Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New - *Fast Day***
Epistle: 1 Timothy 5:22-6:11 Gospel: Luke 20:1-8
- Thu. Nov. 29 – Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia - *Fast Day***
Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:17-21 Gospel: Luke 20:9-18
- Fri. Nov. 30 – Holy and All-praised Apostle Andrew, the First-called -**
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16 Gospel: John 1:35-51
- Sat. Dec. 1 - Prophet Nahum – *Fast Day***
Epistle: Galatians 5:22-6:2 Gospel: Luke 12:32-40



THE ADVENT WREATH

On November 15th, forty days of preparation for the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Orthodox Church in the Fast. This period of six weeks is called the Advent, which means the Coming of the Lord and in the Mystery of His Holy Birth.

Christmas and Epiphany are the culmination of the Advent, celebrating the Coming of Christ, the Light of the world. As the days of winter come, the nights are longer, but once we

the reverse begins to happen. Nature prepares for the Coming of the Light in the darkness – and so do we during the Holy Season of Advent.

To help in our preparation, we will have an Advent Wreath in our Church. Each week, a candle will be lit on the wreath – one for each week of Advent. On Sunday, along with special prayers, we will light a candle or prepare ourselves to receive Christ the Light of the world into our hearts. On Sunday, November 25th, we light the second candle on the Advent Wreath.

ELECTION OF 2019 PARISH COUNCIL

On Sunday, November 18, following the Divine Liturgy, a General Parish Meeting was held to elect the 2019 Parish Council. The following members of our Parish Family were chosen to serve: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas, Mr. John Bohush, Mrs. Sandy Graham, Mr. Tony Dodovich, Bud Graham, Veronica Bilas, Sarah Niglio, Joshua Wherley. Congratulations! Many Years!

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm. The December Meeting 2018 and the January Meeting 2019 is a combined meeting of the members of the 2018 and 2019 Council.

CHURCH SCHOOL – 2018 - 2019

Our Church School began for the 2018/2019 school year on **Sunday September 23**. Church School is held on Sunday mornings in the Church Hall following Holy Communion. While the children are in Church School, a **Q & A session (Questions & Answers)** will be held in the Church for adults following the Divine Liturgy.

Please remember that our children's time in Church School is very precious. Due to our shared facilities, please **do not go into the Church Hall during class time**. Conversations outside of the classroom area can negatively impact Church School effectiveness.



O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

It is a wonderful thing that there are Christmas carols that are written of sorrowful joy, as well as the real world of exuberant joy. "O Come Emmanuel" is one of them. You can hear it in the "O" that begins every "O" of longing. *And every name for Jesus is full of hope.*

As "O come, Emmanuel" (Isaiah 8:8) — "God with us" A (Isaiah 11:1), springing from a dead stump, he will free us from our bondage. As the "O come, Day-spring" (Luke 1:78) — he will be the light of the world, and banish the darkness. As the "O come, Key of David" (Isaiah 22:22), he will open the heavens, and brings us home. And as the "O come, Desire of nations" he will draw every people and make them a kingdom of peace. And so with every verse, the refrain reaches down musically into our hearts and pulls us up, in faith, to see the certainty of the end.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

'THE FEAST DAY OF ST.NICHOLAS'
OUR ANNUAL PARISH FAMILY
ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION



and give help in time of need.
Holy Father Nicholas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
6pm - Vespers Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
10am Divine Liturgy
Followed by a Lenten LUNCHEON
Main Entrée will be provided.
Please bring a side dish and a dessert

AND
A VISIT FROM SAINT NICHOLAS
O who loves Nicholas the saintly,
O who serves Nicholas the saintly
Him will Nicholas receive