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THE VOICE

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His Eminence Alexander, Archbishop of Toledo, Bulgarian Diocese,
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2024 Parish Council

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Secretary: Katherine Hodge
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Coordinators: Subdeacon Aaron Gray, Veronica Bilas

Scheduled Readers

Sunday, November 10 –Reader Michael Luc
Sunday, November 17 – Sandy Graham
Sunday, November 24 –Reader Nicholas Morelli
Sunday, December 1 - Reader Joshua Wherley
Sunday, December 8 - Marybeth Gray
Sunday, December 15 – Deaconisa Heidi Gresh

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES.

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 3

Saturday, November 9

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Matins Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sunday, November 10

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Reader Michael Luc

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Michael Luc

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Panakhida for the repose of the souls of Gerald Gray, Joseph Boyle and Carl Nickoloff as requested by the Gray Family

BEGINNING OF THE NATIVITY FAST

"The sayings of the prophets are now fulfilled"

Friday, November 15 - First Day of Advent

6:00 pm Advent Paraklesis

Service of Prayer in Preparation for the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4

Saturday, November 16

5:00 pm Great Vespers and Confessions

Matins Gospel: John 21:1-14

Sunday, November 17

9:10 am 3rd and 6th Hours: Sandy Graham

9:30 am Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Sandy Graham

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Lighting of the First Candle on the Advent Wreath

Panakhida for the repose of the souls of Donald and Elaine Pedder as requested by the DiPuccio Family

TODAY'S SCRIPTURAL READINGS

Epistle; Galatians 1:11-19

Call to Apostleship

11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel
which was preached by me is not according to
man. **12** For I neither received it from man, nor was I
taught *it,* but *it came* through the revelation of Jesus
Christ.

13 For you have heard of my former conduct in
Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond
measure and *tried to* destroy it. **14** And I advanced in
Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my
own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the
traditions of my fathers.

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from
my mother's womb and called *me* through His
grace, **16** to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach
Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer
with flesh and blood, **17** nor did I go up to Jerusalem to
those *who were* apostles before me; but I went to
Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Contacts at Jerusalem
18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to
see [a]Peter, and remained with him fifteen
days. **19** But I saw none of the other apostles
except James, the Lord's brother.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 And behold, a certain [a]lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading *of it?*"**27** So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' "

28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."**29** But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among [b]thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him,* and departed, leaving *him* half dead. **31** Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. **32** Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. **33** But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. **34** So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** On the next day, [c]when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and

said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ [36] So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

[37] And he said, “He who showed mercy on him. “Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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Come and See

The Christmas Fast is introduced on November 14 with the Feastday of the apostle Philip. For this reason, the Christmas Fast is sometimes called “the fast of Philip.” (Filipovka)

John 1:43-51 **Philip and Nathanael**

43The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.”\
44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”
46And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”
Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

We must come and see Jesus with the eyes of our heart and know Him as our Savior and the Lover of mankind Who is always present and the Ladder that leads to heaven.

PARACLESIS:
ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

On **Friday, November 15,** forty days prior to the celebration of the Feast of Christmas, the Holy Orthodox Church begins the Christmas Fast.

This period of six weeks is often called *Advent*, which means *The Coming. a*nd refers to the Coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Mystery of His Holy Nativity.

Advent is a period of fasting, prayer and Scripture reading; a time of silence, more faithful attendance to the Sacred Services and participation in the Holy Mystery of Confession to enable us to capture more fully Christ's abiding Presence among us.

"Redeeming from the hands of evil, O Lord, Who lovest mankind, Thou comest wrapped in swaddling bands. I venerate Thy divine condescension."

A beautiful and meaningful ***PRAYER SERVICE, AN ADVENT PARACLESIS,*** in preparation for the Great Feast of the Nativity-in-the-Flesh of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, will be celebrated on the first day of Advent:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – 6:00 PM

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, You have come to us so many times and found no resting place. Forgive us for our overcrowded lives, our vain haste, and our preoccupation with self.

We beseech You to come again, O Lord, and though our hearts are a jumble of voices, and our minds overlaid with fears, find a place, however humble, where You can begin to work Your wonder as You create peace and joy within us. If in some hidden corner, in some out-of-the-way spot, we can clear away the clutter, and shut out the noise and darkness, come to be born again in us, and we shall kneel in perfect peace with the wisest and humblest of men.

Help us to enter this Christmas Fast with humility, yet with joy. And finally, Lord, give us Christmas from within, that we may share the blessing of Your Birth from without, and to keep Christmas holy.

For You, O Jesus, are our sanctification together with Your Eternal Father and You all-holy good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30 pm

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please present your Nominees for the 2025 Parish Council to a member of the **Nominating Committee: Subdeacon Terrence Bilas, Jefferson Hodge, Mary Marcin. Nominations must be made before the General Parish Meeting.**

GENERAL PARISH MEETING

The General Parish Meeting for the election of the members of the 2025 Parish Council will be held on **Sunday, November 17, 2025,** following the Divine Liturgy.

CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Church School Classes are held on Sunday morning following the Divine Liturg**y.**
Preschool: Mrs. Natalie Slife, Mrs. Eve Tavenier;
School Age Mrs. Martha Morelli, Mrs. Frances Hakim
High School: Subdeacon David Trace
Coordinator: Popadia Donna Freude

OUR CATECHUMENS

Let us pray for our Catechumens:
Daniel Williamson, Randy Warner and his daughter Marceline, as they prepare to be received into the Church.

FOR THE ALASKAN DIOCESE – OCA

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart.. God loves a cheerful giver." (2Cor 9:6) During the month of November – **November 1- December 1**- we will make our charitable offerings in support of the Seminarians and Catechists at St. Herman's Seminary Kodiak, Alaska.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

From November 15 to January 6, our parish charitable group, the Workers of St. Elizabeth, the New Martyr, will be collecting **socks, gloves, scarfs, caps and warm clothing for the Peter Maurin Center**. The Center serves unsheltered and marginalized individuals and families by offering meals, warm clothing and other necessities, and friendship. **Please place the bin located near the Parish Family Christmas your donated items as you come each week.**

OUR STEWARDSHIP October 27, 2024

Candles:	**$ 73.00**
Improvement Fund:	**5.00**
St. Herman's Seminary	**125.00**
Bookstore:	**5.00**
Tray Offerings:	**550.00**
TOTAL:	**$758.00**
PayPal Donations:	**$ 30.00**
Tithely Donations:	**217.97**
TOTAL:	**$591.35**

TOTAL OFFERNGS $1,265.43

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, together with the Feast of His Baptism in the Jordan, are **Feasts of Light** celebrating the coming and manifestation of **Christ the Light of the world.**

Nature itself helps us to experience these Feasts of Light. With the coming of winter, the days get shorter and the nights longer, but once we reach Christmas itself, the reverse begins to happen. Nature prepares for the Coming of Christ, the Light in the darkness and so do we during the Season of Advent,

To help in our preparation, we will have an Advent Wreath in Church. The Wreath, made of evergreens, will have six candles on it; one for each Sunday in Advent.

Beginning on Sunday, November 17, we will light the first candle on the wreath as we sing the pre-festive Troparion:

Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all! Adorn yourself, O Ephrathah, for the tree of life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with Divine Fruit: For if we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam. Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning.

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

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

Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

Kristopher Barnhart: son of Diego and Chanelle -

REMEMBER **OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Archbishop Alexander

Archbishop Benjamin

Archbishop Nathaniel
Archpriest Emil Huntyan
Archpriest Andrew Moulton
Mitered Archpriest Daniel Kovalak
Matushka Myra Kovalak
Matushka Christine Zebren
Matushka Laryssa Huntyan
Matushka Valeria Zahersky
Pani Dolores Zuder
Subdeacon Martin Paluch
Reader John Paluch
Florence Lambo
Mary Magensky
Sarah Nigilo
Melissa Trace
Halina Woroncow
Joseph Taylor (nephew of DiPuccio Family)
Brian Gable (Protodeacon James' nephew)
Hilda Ralich (mother of Dan Ralich)