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20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3.

Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Hieropolis (ca. 167). The Holy Seven Youths (“Seven Sleepers”) of Ephesus: Maximilian, Jamblicus, Martinian, John, Dionysius, Exacustodian (Constantine), and Antonius (ca. 250). Martyrs Alexander the Bishop, Heraclius, Anna, Elizabeth, Theodota, and Glyceria (Glykéria), at Adrianopolis (2nd-3rd c.). The “KAZAN” Icon of the Mother of God (commemorating the deliverance of Moscow and Russia from the Poles in 1612.)

Birthdays & Anniversaries for October

Birthdays: Nadia/Nadezhda Macheska (10/1); Thomas Zupko (10/10); Mary Krevko (10/5); Stella Krenitsky (10/14); Dan Pregmon (10/15); Rosa Coyoy (10/22)

Nameday:

Anniversary:

Baptism:

Travelers:

Prospora Schedule: We need families to start baking prospora at home. Please sign up. We are out. *The Church has a prospora kit if you would like to borrow it.* Thank you Marie Pasternak for today’s prospora

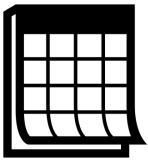
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Counting: Thank you Tammy Wytovich for assisting in counting today’s offerings.

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Visitors: *PLEASE JOIN US FOR DOWNSTAIRS for an Agape Meal. Thank you to everyone who donated. Please donate what you would spend for a cup of coffee at the agape meal to replenish our supplies.*

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive themselves by fasting and a recent (monthly) confession..If you have questions please ask Fr Michael!*



Service Schedule

SAT, Oct 28th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers. Confession following

SUN, Oct 29th: Hours @ 9:20 AM Hours, 21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 4.

SAT, Nov 4th: @ 5:00 PM Great Vespers. Confession following

SUN, Nov 5th: Hours @ 9:20 AM Hours, 22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 5.



Announcements

Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events

Silent Prayers and Confession: Every Wednesday 11:00AM - 1:30PM or you can make an appt for confession.

Monthly Panikhida: Oct 28th @ 4pm. Please submit names of family members you would like to be remembered.

Catechumen/Inquirers/Continuing ED Class: Every Saturday 3:30pm-4:30pm. COME AND LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH!

Catechumen Class: Every Thursday at 2:00-3:00pm. All are invited

Bible Study: Every Thursday 11am - Noon. Bring a sack Lunch. I am working my way through Romans if you want to join me.

Where did the Bible Come From? Formation of the New Testament in Christian History. Oct 24th, @6PM Vladyka Mark will be giving a class on this at Holy Annunciation 1228 2nd Ave Berwick, Pennsylvania 18603.

Church Work Day: Every Friday is Church Maintenance day. Come help! Please come and help maintain the Church and its grounds.

Heavenly Host Program has begun! Please see Natasha Coyoy for program guidance.

Parish Council Meeting: 05NOV23 All are invited. (Every first Sunday of the Month) Please come and see the great things our parish council is doing and the vision we have.

Registration - Please continue to sign up on the website to receive the weekly emails. We are going live with our services! Please go to the website to register for our youtube channel.

Women's Fall Brunch - Emilia Hart will host a fall brunch at her house Oct 28th at 10am. Please get with her for her address and details.

Pasta Dinner - Nov 11th, Veterans Day. Please see Tammy Wytovich to help Volunteer. Tickets are ready to be purchased so get with Tammy and purchase 2 tickets! Please see Tammy or Sandy for tickets or to help sell tickets. Deadline to purchase tickets is Nov 4th. Those volunteering to make baskets, please have them made and to the church by Oct 29th (if perishable, can be dropped off later). If you are donating some kind of dessert, please drop them off 11Nov before noon.

Special All Parish Meeting 29Oct23 immediately after liturgy to discuss and vote on church insurance

Parish Prayer List

Newly Departed: Lydia Popov (10/01)

Departed: Rose Krenitsky (10/19); Nicholas Lugin (10/20)

Please remember in your prayers LIVING

Ill-afflicted *Archpriests Michael Evans, John Nightingale, & Theodore Orzolek*

All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends: *Christine Sevensky, Mike Jadick, Margaret Pregmon, Daniel Jones, Matushka Paula Soucek; Alexander Horek; The child of God Abigail and Nathan.*

Servants of God *Barbara Sevensky, Bernie & Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Marie Pasternak, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmon, Walter Pritchuk, Michael & Euphemia Keklak; Elizabeth Jackson; Justin Kane; Maria & Vitaliy Rakovsky; Ekaterina & Anna; Joe & Kelly Cigna; George, Natasha (and her unborn child), & Rosa Coyoy; Paul & Ann Newmeyer; Mat. Emilia, Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina Shepherd; Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Nadezda, & Silas Hart; Eli & Paula Stavisky, Helen Wytovich, Tammy Wytovich, Charissa & Daniel Voroziichak, Nadia Macheska, Paulette Ezbiansky, Maura Elko*

Catechumen - *Jason Vo, Santo Joseph Cerminaro, Mikayla Brown*

How Much is my tithe

| Weekly | 2% | 4% | 5% | 10% |
|---------------|------|------|------|-------|
| \$200 | \$4 | \$8 | \$10 | \$20 |
| \$500 | \$10 | \$20 | \$25 | \$50 |
| \$750 | \$15 | \$30 | \$37 | \$75 |
| \$1000 | \$20 | \$40 | \$50 | \$100 |
| \$1500 | \$30 | \$60 | \$75 | \$150 |

WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE: We thank you for your continued giving in gratitude for all that our loving God does for each of us, for His Holy Church, **and** all the blessings we receive through her.

October Income: \$3,767.79

Expenditures: \$8,430.95

Weekly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$3,225.62

Monthly Cost to Keep the Church Open: \$12,902.49

Our tithing is down! Please relook at how much you are tithing and increase it by 1%.



Galatians Preaching Christ Among the Gentiles Paul's Fitness to Preach.

Ambrosiaster: When he had faith in the law, not knowing that it was not the time for observance of the law, and was intensely striving to resist the gospel of Christ, he thought that he acted by God's will. God, seeing that his zeal was good, though he lacked knowledge, chose to summon him into his grace. He knew that this man was suitable to preach his gospel to the Gentiles. For if he was so swift and faithful in so poor a cause through boldness of conscience, not through adulation of anyone, how much more constant would he be in preaching the gift of God through the hope of the promised reward? **Epistle to the Galatians 1.15.1.**

Luke 16:21 The Dogs and the Rich Man Compared. St Cyril of

Alexandria: Cut off from compassion and care, he would have gladly gathered the worthless morsels that fell from the rich man's table to satisfy his hunger. A severe and incurable disease also tormented him. Yes, it says that even the dogs licked his sores and did not injure him yet sympathized with him and cared for him. Animals relieve their own sufferings with their tongues, as they remove what pains them and gently soothe the sores. The rich man was crueler than the dogs, because he felt no sympathy or compassion for him but was completely unmerciful. **Commentary on Luke 111.**