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23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Saint Varnava

(Nastic) (1964). St. John the Merciful, Patriarch of Constantinople (612-20). Ven. Nilus the Faster, of Sinai (5th c.). Bl. John “the Hairy”, Fool-for-Christ, in Rostov (1580). Prophet Ahijah (960 BC). Ven. Nilus the Myrrhgusher, of Mt. Athos (1651).

Birthdays & Anniversaries for November

Birthdays: Emily Krenitsky (11/5);

Nameday: Michael Keklak (11/8); Michael Jadick (11/8); Fr Michael Shepherd (11/8); Philip Pecuch Jr. (11/14); Beverly Elko (11/19)

Anniversary: Philip Pecuch Jr. (11/7)

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.*

08Nov -

12Nov -

19Nov - Marie Pasternak

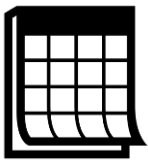
Counting: Thank you Maura Elko for assisting in counting today’s offerings. Please sign up and help our Treasurer count. We need two people counting.

12Nov - Maura Elko

19Nov - Tammy Wytovich

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, Nov 18th: @ 4:50 PM 9th Hour - Great Vespers. Confession following
SUN, Nov 19th: Hours @ 9:10 AM Hours - Divine Liturgy 24th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST Tone 7.

MON, Nov 20th: @ 4:50 PM 9th Hour - Great Vespers w/Litya. Confession following
TUES, Nov 21st: Hours @ 8:40 - Divine Liturgy
The Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple



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: Nov 25th @ 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!

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

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

Parish Council Meeting: 03DEC23 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.

Pasta Dinner - It was a Great Success! Over 250 people came last night!

Dec 2, Wilkes-Barre Deanery Retreat at All Saints Orthodox Church, Olyphant, PA: Saturday, December 2nd the parishes of the Wilkes-Barre Deanery will gather together for a time of worship and retreat at All Saints Orthodox Church in Olyphant, PA. The event will begin at 9AM with Divine Liturgy, followed by a light Lenten brunch and lecture from the OCMC's longest serving field missionary, Nathan Hoppe. Mr. Hoppe will talk about the importance of the mission mindset in the parish, and reflect on his international missionary labors over the years. The lecture will begin at noon, followed by Q&A, and ending by 2 PM. All Deanery Clergy are invited to serve. Choir members from the Deanery are also invited to participate. Please sign up at your parish by November 26th so our hosts at All Saints can plan for the day. We look forward to gathering once again with our brothers and sisters throughout the Wilkes-Barre Deanery.

The parish council is preparing for the Annual Meeting in February right now. You should be preparing for the Annual Meeting as well. Time/Talent/Treasure/Communion/Confession T3C2. If you have not begun going to monthly confessions, please start now in order to vote at the annual meeting.

Our very talented Silas Hart and Blaise Shepherd will be performing in the play "Into the Woods" produced by Imagine NEPA Performing Arts Center (113 Church Street, Dalton PA 18414) Friday, November 17th at 7pm and Saturday, November 18th at 2pm & 7pm.

Parish Prayer List

Newly Departed: Lydia Popov (10/01)

Departed: Leo Howanetz 11/6; Archpriest Joseph Martin (11/9); Joseph Elko (11/10); Helen Chesniak 11/14; John Wansacz 11/15; Mary Krenitsky 11/16; Harold Krenitsky 11/22; Archbishop David Mahaffey (11/27)

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 *Emily Krenitsky, Gregory Krenitsky, Barbara Sevensky, Bernie & Beverly Elko, Sandra Condon, Marie Pasternak, Ann Tyrpak, Sandy & Danny Pregmon, Walter Pritchyk, 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 & Debra, 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.

November Income: \$575

Expenditures: \$1,600.28

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

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



Words of Wisdom

From the Saints & Teachers

Today Readings

Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Ephesians 2:6a (ACCS Ga-Php): 2:6a Raised with Christ

Already Exalted. Jerome: Above he said that God raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand.... Some may ask how God who has saved us and raised us with him has also made us sit with Christ. A simple response would be indeed that, in the light of God's foreknowledge, Paul is speaking of what is to come as though it had already been done.... One who understands the resurrection and the kingdom of Christ spiritually does not scruple to say that the saints already sit and reign with Christ! Just as a person may become truly holy even in the flesh, when he lives in the flesh and has his conversation in heaven, when he walks on earth and, ceasing to be flesh, is wholly converted into spirit, so he also is seated in heaven with Christ. For indeed "the kingdom of God is within us." Epistle to the Ephesians 1.2.1 seq.

Luke 10:25 (ACCS Lk): 10:25 Inheriting Eternal Life

The Mystery of the Incarnation. Cyril of Alexandria: Anyone who thoroughly understands the mystery of the incarnation may say to the lawyer, "If you were skillful in the law and in the meaning of its hidden teaching, you would not forget who he is you try to tempt. You thought that he was a mere man, only man, and not God who appeared in human likeness, knows what is secret, and can look into the hearts of those who approach him. In many ways Emmanuel is depicted to you by the shadowing of Moses. You saw him there sacrificed as a lamb, yet conquering the destroyer and abolishing death by his blood. You saw him in the arrangement of the ark, in which the divine law was deposited. In his holy flesh he was as in an ark, being the Word of the Father, the Son that was begotten of him by nature. You saw him as the mercy seat in the holy tabernacle, around which stood the seraphim." He is our mercy seat for pardon of our sins. Yes, and even as man he is glorified by the seraphim, who are the intelligent and holy powers above. They stand around his divine and exalted throne. Commentary on Luke, Homily 68.

Remembering our Veterans

SYOSSET, NY [Archpriest Theodore Boback]

Two holidays are brought to us in the Orthodox Church in America on November 11—Veterans Day in the United States of America and Remembrance Day in Canada. In the United States, Veterans Day originally was celebrated as Armistice Day beginning in 1918, celebrating the end of World War I, the “War to end all Wars.” In 1954, the emphasis changed and the celebration and remembrance became known as Veterans Day.

Throughout US history, men and women in the US Armed Forces have served in various wars, conflicts, and humanitarian efforts. Chaplains have been assigned within the US Armed Forces to perform and to provide for the religious accommodation of the service members. During World War I, Father John Ovsyanitsky served as the first Orthodox priest in the Armed Forces of Canada, while during World War II, Father Vladimir Borichevsky became the first Orthodox priest to serve in the US Army. There are currently Orthodox priests serving in the Active, Reserve Components and National Guard of our military and over 25 Orthodox Church in America chaplains who have retired from the military after completing 20-plus years of service for our Church in ministry in the military. The Orthodox chaplains have served during World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Cold War, “peacetime environments,” peacekeeping missions, conflicts, the Global War on Terrorism, and currently in the Wars of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Orthodox Chaplains celebrate the sacraments and worship of the Orthodox Church for our Orthodox service members and their families and provide for those of other faiths and those who have no religious affiliation. The Orthodox Church in her worship has petitions in litanies for those who serve in our armed forces. From the time of the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and other conflicts and wars, especially in the last century, there are times when our nation’s sons and daughters are called upon to serve and to give the ultimate sacrifice. Some others would return from the battle, and others would serve in years of peace time. Many, if not all, would be in need of physical, psychological and spiritual care. Upon return to their communities, many would receive care from military or veterans’ medical centers and chapels.

I am certain that each of us has a unique remembrance or feeling as we celebrate Veterans Day in the US and Remembrance Day in Canada. It is most appropriate and fitting that we rededicate our lives to the work of peace, justice, good will, and fulfillment of the Commandments and, above all, loving God and our neighbors as we offer thanksgiving to God for all the blessings He continues to bestow upon us. Our military personnel are prayed for within the context of the Orthodox Church’s worship. Let us lift up hearts in prayer, and especially let us remember the Orthodox priests who serve—and have served—in the military, together with their families and the VA chaplains who provide ministry to veterans and their families. May God grant His grace and blessing upon them and grant them many years. And to the veterans who have departed this life, especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, may God grant them rest eternal in His Heavenly Kingdom. Memory Eternal!

Father Theodore Boback, Lieutenant Colonel, USA-Retired, is Dean and Executive Director of Orthodox Military and Veterans Administration Chaplains. Additional information on Orthodox chaplains is available on-line.