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CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!
ХРИСТОС РОЖДАЕТСЯ! СЛАВИТЕ ЕГО!
ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΓΕΝΝΑΤΑΙ! ΔΟΞΑΣΑΤΕ!
ハリストス生る！ あがめほめよ！
JOYEUX NŌËL! Crăciun Fericit! ἁγολογγ οἰζυζολ!
iFeliz Navidad! fröhliche weinachten! Buon Natale!
Veselé Vánoce! Glædelig jul! Huvää Joulua! Καλά Χριστούγεννα!
Kellemes Karácsonyi Ünnepek! Wesolych Świąt! Natal Alegre!
С Рождеством Христовым! Veselé Vianoce! Vesel božič!
Mutlu Noeller! God jul! З Різдом Христовым! Sretan Božić!
Nadolig Llawen! Häid joule! Selamat Hari Natal! Maligayang Pasko!
Срекен Божиќ! Linksmų Kalėdų! Priecīgus Ziemassvētkus!
Весела Коледа! 耶誕快樂 Gëzuar Krishtlindjet! Geseënde Kersfees!

Glory to God in the Highest! and on earth peace to men of good will!
Слава въ вышнихъ Богу и На Земли Миръ во Человецеиъ благоволеніе!
至と高き神には光榮歸し、地には平安、人には恵み臨めり。
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO ET IN TERRA PAX HOMINIBUS BONAE VOLUNTATIS
Δόξα εν υψίστοις Θεώ! και επί γης ειρήνη με τους άνδρες της καλής θέλησης!

GOD IS WITH US! GOD IS WITH US!
UNDERSTAND ALL NATIONS AND SUBMIT
YOURSELVES, FOR GOD IS WITH US!

December 21, 2014	Sunday before the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
December 24	Eve of the Nativity of Christ our Lord	Vigil	7:00 pm
December 25	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
December 26	Friday Second Day of the Nativity	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
December 28	Sunday after the Nativity of Our Lord, The Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James, the Brother of the Lord	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

We are honored and blessed with the archpastoral visitation of our bishop, MICHAEL, of New York and New Jersey. We welcome His Grace and pray God to grant Him Many, Blessed, Holy and Healthy years.
ΕΙΣ ΠΟΛΛΑ ΕΤΙ ΔΕΣΠΟΤΑ! MANY YEARS, MASTER! НА МНОГАЯ ЛЕТА ВЛАДИКО!

This week's Bulletin is in memory of the Prawlocki Family and for the health of Aaron, Ashley and Avery Buttino.

Saints of the Day: Virgin-martyr Juliana of Nicomedia, and with her 500 men and 130 women (304). Repose of Saint Peter, Metropolitan of All Russia (1326). New Hieromartyr Priest Michael (1918). New Hieromartyr Deacon Sergius (1937). New Hieromartyr Bishop Nicetas of Belevsk (1938). New Hieromartyr Deacon Leontius (1940). Saint Juliana, Princess of Vyazma (1406). Blessed Procopius of Vyatka, fool-for-Christ (1677). Saint Philaret (Theodosius in schema), Metropolitan of Kiev (1857). Martyr Theomistocles of Myra in Lycia (251). Saint Macarius the Faster, Abbot of the Khakhuli Monastery (11th c.). Saint Anthony II, Catholicos of Georgia (1827). Finding of the relicts (1950) of New Monk-martyr Ephraim of Nea Makri (1426). Saint Diuma, Bishop of the Mercians and Middle Anglians. Martyr Neophytus. Martyr Dometius. Martyrs Isidore, Acepsimas and Leo. Saint Elgiva of Shaftesbury, Queen and Nun (+971). Priest Martyr Beornwald.

Please remember in your prayers: Suffering Christians of Egypt, Syria, the Middle East and Ukraine. Bishop BOULOS Yazigi, Bishop YOHANNA Ibrahim, of Aleppo. Archimandrites Athanasy, Nectarios, Pachomy. Archpriests Alvian, Eugene, Leonid, John, Jason, John, Vincent. Priests Jacobus, Leonid, Vasil, Vasil. Deacons Mark, Demetrios, Philip. Father Victor, Mothers Raphaela, Michaela, Catherine, Anna. Matushka Laura, Nina, Dimitri, Daniel, Catherine, Helen, Anna, Peter, Helen, Michael, Stephanie, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Michael, Ed, Nettie, Maria, Michael, John, James, Nancy, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Jamie, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of John Stehnach and Carol Gregg were offered today at Liturgy and Moleben for their birthdays at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of mother Elaine, father Michael and sister Elaine were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Denise Wolfsheimer.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of grandfather John Udics, Priest Sergius Willis and Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemann were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Mary Panarites, Julie and Joseph Firlet, Walter Jovorosky, Jr., Anne, and Walter Jovorosky, Sr, John and Vera Prawlocki, Frank Prawlocki, Anna and Wasil Prawlocki and Paul and Kay Sokol were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of the "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

STEWARDSHIP III (Continued). 6. Thy Lord will farther inquire, "Hast thou been a wise and faithful steward with regard to the talents of a mixed nature which I lent thee? Didst thou employ thy health and strength, not in folly or sin, not in the pleasures which perished in the using, 'not in making provision for the flesh, to fulfil the desires thereof,' but in a vigorous pursuit of that better part which none could take away from thee? Didst thou employ whatever was pleasing in thy person or address, whatever advantages thou hadst by education, whatever share of learning, whatever knowledge of things or men, was committed thee, for the promoting of virtue in the world, for the enlargement of my kingdom? Didst thou employ whatever share of power thou hadst, whatever influence over others, by the love or esteem of thee which they had conceived, for the increase of their wisdom and holiness? Didst thou employ that inestimable talent of time, with wariness and circumspection, as duly weighing the value of every moment, and knowing that all were numbered in eternity? Above all, wast thou a good steward of my grace, preventing, accompanying, and following thee? Didst thou duly observe, and carefully improve, all the influences of my Spirit -- every good desire, every measure of light, all His sharp or gentle reproofs? How didst thou profit by 'the Spirit of bondage and fear,' which was previous to 'the Spirit of adoption?' And when thou wast made a partaker of this Spirit, crying in thy heart, "Abba, Father," didst thou stand fast in the glorious liberty wherewith I made thee free? Didst thou from thenceforth present thy soul and body, all thy thoughts, thy words, and actions, in one flame of love, as a holy sacrifice, glorifying me with thy body and thy spirit? Then 'well done, good and faithful servant! Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!' " And what will remain, either to the faithful or unfaithful steward? Nothing but the execution of that sentence which has been passed by the righteous Judge; fixing thee in a state which admits of no change through everlasting ages! It remains only that thou be rewarded, to all eternity, according to thy works.

STEWARDSHIP IV. From these plain considerations we may learn, First, How important is this short, uncertain day of life! How precious, above all utterance, above all conception, is every portion of it!

The least of these a serious care demands; For though they're little, they are golden sands!

How deeply does it concern every child of man, to let none of these run to waste; but to improve them all to the noblest purposes, as long as the breath of God is in his nostrils!

2. We learn from hence, Secondly, that there is no employment of our time, no action or conversation, that is purely indifferent. All is good or bad, because all our time, as everything we have, is not our own. All these are, as our Lord speaks, ta allotria -- the property of another; of God our Creator. Now, these either are or are not employed according to his will. If they are so employed, all is good; if they are not, all is evil. Again: it is His will, that we should continually grow in grace, and in the living knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Consequently, every thought, word, and work, whereby this knowledge is increased, whereby we grow in grace, is good; and every one whereby this knowledge is not increased, is truly and properly evil.

3. We learn from hence, Thirdly, that there are no works of supererogation; that we can never do more than our duty; seeing all we have is not our own, but God's; all we can do is due to Him. We have not received this or that, or many things only, but everything from Him: therefore, everything is His due. He that gives us all, must needs have a right to all: so that if we pay Him anything less than all, we cannot be faithful stewards. And considering, "every man shall receive his own reward, according to his own labour," we cannot be wise stewards unless we labour to the uttermost of our power; not leaving anything undone which we possibly can do, but putting forth all our strength.

4. Brethren, "who is an understanding man and endued with knowledge among you?" Let him show the wisdom from above, by walking suitably to his character. If he so account of himself as a steward of the manifold gifts of God, let him see that all his thoughts, and words, and works, be agreeable to the post God has assigned him. It is no small thing, to lay out for God all which you have received from God. It requires all your wisdom, all your resolution, all your patience and constancy; far more than ever you had by nature, but not more than you may have by grace. For His grace is sufficient for you; and "all things," you know, "are possible to him that believeth." By faith, then, "put on the Lord Jesus Christ;" "put on the whole armour of God;" and you shall be enabled to glorify Him in all your words and works; yea, to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ!

The Good Steward: A Sermon. By John Wesley, Edinburgh, May 14, 1768