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**Afterfeast of the Entry Into the Temple.** Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles, and Onesimus, disciple of St. Paul (1<sup>st</sup> c.). Martyrdom of St. Michael, Prince of Tver' (1318). Rt. Blv. Yaropolk, in Baptism Peter, Prince of Vladimir in Volyn' (1086). Martyrs Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtius, and Maximus, at Rome (ca. 230). Martyr Procopius the Reader, at Cæsarea in Palestine (303). Martyr Menignus at Parium (250). St. Agabbas of Syria (5<sup>th</sup> c.). Righteous Michael the Soldier, of Bulgaria (866). Ven. Callistus Xanthopoulos (Mt. Athos—1363).

**EPISTLE:** Ephesians 2.14-22 "He came and preached peace to you those who were afar off and near."

**GOSPEL:** Luke 21.16-21 A fool "is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

**COFFEE HOUR PRESENTATION:** Our visit with Priestmonk Pedro, who spent last summer travelling South America and learning about the Orthodox Church there, has been postponed until January 31<sup>st</sup>, due to unforeseen circumstance.

**BAZAAR RESULTS:** Yesterday's Autumn Bazaar was a GREAT SUCCESS! Initial counts show that we almost doubled the amount of money raised from last year. A very special thank you is extended to all who gave of their time and talents to make this event such an astounding success.

**EPISCOPAL VISIT:** Mark your calendars for June 29<sup>th</sup>. This is our parish feast day, and also when we will be visited by our soon-to-be new bishop. It is a Tuesday, so please know that it would be a good thing to make arrangements to celebrate with the parish on that day.

**NEWSLETTER:** Father James is now accepting articles for December's newsletter. If you would like to write about any events, or good Christian thoughts, submit them to Fr sometime in the coming week. There were already two good submissions. Keep them coming!

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**THANKSGIVING:** Thursday is Thanksgiving. Since we are in the Nativity Fast, the question arises as to the participation in the holiday. Since this is a holiday that is for giving thanks to God, and is still celebrated in an almost pious manner, I encourage all of us to give thanks to God Almighty with the rest of our countryman as each of your personal customs has developed. We will begin the feast with vespers on Wednesday evening

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** The Sunday School students have picked up a pen pal in missionary Christina Semon. They are learning a bit about what a missionary is, in addition to their regular lessons. So please have your children arrive before 9:00 so that the preparations of all of the dedicated teachers can be put to good use. Please check your Newsletter and the website for the rest of our exciting Church School offerings.

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:** If there are any Birthdays, Anniversaries or Namesdays missing from this list, please see Father James or call the Rectory at any time. Birthdays: William Richards. Anniversaries: Nick and Shelby Sobolowski. Namesdays: Unknown.

**PANIKHIDA:** Please continue to remember in your holy prayers all of the departed of our parish, especially the newly-departed Mary and the newly-departed Matthew. We will also be serving the memorial service for all of our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection, among them Joseph Mozoluk (1989), Willia Bius (2006), Panko Sokol (1987), Paiza Yaneshak (1996), Myles Kuba (1998), John Popka (1991), Charles Anthony (2004) and Mary Dedla (1976). We especially remember Paul and Kay Sokol, Deanna Rosenber and Andrew Homyk and all the faithful departed. May their memory be eternal!



America is your cradle and your earthly motherland. It is a wonderful God's country, and you are expected to be wonderful God's people in this country. Remember that our greatest contribution to America is of a spiritual and moral nature. And that is precisely what America needs today. That is what every Christian country today needs most of all—in boundless measure. For all nations, especially the Christians nowadays traveling as if in a wilderness of confusion created by senseless materialism and its blind daughter atheism. I offer this to what leading American men and women are saying: "The only hope for us and for the world is to return to religion." Again I say: "Our hope is in the Church." You ought to listen to these words, too, and to ponder them. We live in very tragic times, which are made more tragic by easy-going and self-indulgent people who have never read the story of Sodom, of Laish, or of Capernaum.

If I am correct in my observations, the greatest struggle of America these days is the struggle for the priority and superiority of spiritual and moral values,... of goodness over cleverness. The Serbs often say of a clever man: "He is clever as the devil." They never say: "He is good as the devil."

-St Nikolai of Zhicha, Address on Thanksgiving Day

## Schedule of Upcoming Events

Confessions are heard before Liturgy, and before and after Vespers, or any time in the week.

Sunday, November 22: 9:00 AM Church School; 9:30 Divine Liturgy  
Wednesday, November 25: 6:00 PM Daily Vespers  
Saturday, November 28: 4:00 PM Great Vespers  
Sunday, November 29: 9:00 AM Church School; 9:30 Divine Liturgy  
12 Noon Great Vespers with Litya  
Monday, November 30: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy for St Andrew the First Called

*This Week's Bulletin is Given In Memory of*

Millie Sehwe, Herman and the Chins

*By*

Helen Hrynda