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November 29nd, 2009

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia (250). Martyr Philumenus of Ancyra, and with him Martyrs Valerian and Phædrus (ca. 274). Ven. Acacius of Sinai, who is mentioned in *The Ladder* (6th c.). Ven. Nectarius the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Hieromartyr Abibus (Aviva), Bishop of Nekressi in Georgia (6th c.).

VESPERS FOR ST ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED, PATRON OF THE UKRAINE

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4.1-6 There is one Spirit; and one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all.

GOSPEL: Luke 13.10-17 A woman is healed, and she "immediately glorified God."

EPISCOPAL VISIT: Mark your calendars for June 29th. 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.

NINA LYNN HULA: On Monday, November 23rd, Steve and Randy Hula welcomed their new daughter to the world. Nina Lynn Hula was born a very healthy 7 lb 11 oz girl. We congratulate them, and wish the entire growing Hula Family Many Years! If anyone is interested in helping to make a meal or two to send down to them, please see Fr James after Liturgy or call the rectory. The baptism is set for the first Sunday of the New Year.

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!

CATECHESIS AND INQUIRERS CLASS: Our second class will be held this coming Thursday. Many of the faithful have asked for more religious educational opportunities. All are welcome to these classes, in which we are learning about the basics of Orthodoxy. I hope to see many of you there.

BELL RINGING: If anyone is interested in ringing bells for the Salvation Army at the retail stores in the Herkimer area, please see Fr James.

CHURCH SCHOOL: The Sunday School students will be practicing for the Nativity Yolka in the next few weeks, and will present their hard work after Liturgy on Sunday, December 13th. Please have your children arrive **before** 9:00 so that the show will be a wonderful success and pleasing to God.

BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIP: In the candle room window there are now sign-up sheets for sponsorship opportunities for the bulletins and the newsletter. Sponsorships can be made for the Health of a Loved One, as well as In Memory Of a Loved One.

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: Anna Herko and Rebecca Hawranick. Anniversaries: None. Namesdays: Rdr Andrew Homyk and Barbara Daley.

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 Nida Babich (2006) and Tecla Plaskon (2008). We especially remember Charles Hladysz, Michael Ciko, Deanna Rosenberg and Andrew Homyk and all the faithful departed. May their memory be eternal!



Every year around Christmas reports appear in the papers or on television which claim to give an astronomical explanation of the Star of Bethlehem. They are all nonsense. The real Star of Bethlehem is Christ himself, as St Amphilochios explains in a Christmas sermon. Saint Romanos takes this up in his Kontakion for the Nativity, Ikos 5:

For Balaam laid before us precisely the meaning of the words he spoke in prophecy,
When he said that a star would dawn, a star that quenches all prophecies and auguries;
A star which resolves the parables of the wise, and their sayings and their riddles,
A star far more brilliant than the star, which has appeared, for he is the Maker of all the stars,
Of whom it was written of old, From Jacob there dawns
A little Child, God before the ages.

-Archimandrite Ephrem

Schedule of Upcoming Events

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

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
Thursday, December 3:	7 PM Catechesis and Inquirers Class
Sunday, December 6:	9:00 AM Church School; 9:30 Divine Liturgy

This Week's Bulletin is Given In Memory of

Deanna Rosenberg

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Her Family