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SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS. REPOSE OF VEN. HERMAN OF ALASKA, WONDERWORKER OF ALL AMERICA (1837). Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes, at Sebaste (4th c.). Virgin Martyr Lucia (Lucy) of Syracuse (304). Ven. Arkády (Arcadius) of Novotorsk. Ven. Mardárii (Mardarius), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.). Ven. Arsenius of Latros (8th-9th c.). Ven. Nicodemus (Romanian). St. Dosoftei, Metropolitan of Moldova (Romania).

SUNDAY SCHOOL YOLKA

EPISTLE: Colossians 3.4-11 Put to death the earthly ways: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness.

Galatians 5.22-6.2 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

GOSPEL: Luke 14.16-24 The invitation to the Heavenly Banquet – will you accept the invitation?
Luke 6.17-23 The people come to Christ for healing, and He blesses them, and promises life.

ALTAR SERVER RETREAT: With all of the upcoming services, I would like to spend some time with the Altar Servers before the celebration of the Nativity Feast. All of the young men are strongly encouraged to come and learn about their responsibilities and jobs when serving in the altar. It will be on Saturday, December 19th from 2-4, and concluding with Great Vespers.

CALLING ALL READERS: There is a list circulating asking for anyone who is interested to sign up to read during the Liturgical Services. In addition to regular Sunday services, there are many opportunities to read around the Nativity of our Lord. This announcement is for all established readers, and any others who would like to give it a try.

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RAFFLE: The Lottery raffle is underway. If you would like to purchase any tickets, please see Dale or Nancy Richards.

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH ON THE RADIO!!!: AncientFaithRadio has been the premiere radio source on the internet for over 5 years. They are currently featuring many wonderful educational talks on the Nativity of our Lord. If you have the opportunity throughout your day to listen on the internet, point your browser to http://ancientfaith.com/specials/god_is_with_us.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: If there are any events missing from this list, please see Father James or call the Rectory at any time. Birthdays: Michael Shaftic. Anniversaries: None. Namesdays: Esther Hladysz, Caleb Worthington, Debie Chlus, Rebecca Hawranick, Susan Moore, Cindy Sue Sobolowski and David Keblish.

PANIKHIDA: Please continue to remember in your holy prayers all of the departed of our parish, especially the newly-departed Patriarch Pavel, 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 Williams (1978), Ellen Konn (1981), John Czub (1982), Joseph Brelinsky (1975) and John Ostaz (2008). We especially remember Stephen and Mary Steciak, Mary Pupchek, John Popka, Anna Rinko, Glen Cooley, Steven Polansky, Theresa Polansky, Wasyl Pytel, Andrew Andriadis, Walter Jovorosky Sr, and Walter Jovorosky Jr, Michael, Anthony, George, George & Mary Rinko and Dorothy Cooley and all of the faithful departed. May their memory be eternal!



Having entered the Temple of the Lord, we sign ourselves three times with the cross and make three metanias (low bows), saying, "O God, cleanse me, a sinner." We ought to say the Lord's Prayer when we have entered the Church. By these actions we show our humility before the Lord our Creator, and that we have come to seek forgiveness for our sins and to do God's Will.

After entering the Holy Temple we reverence the icons which are lying on the analogions (stands) by kissing them. It is an ancient custom to place lighted candles before the icons as a token of the warmth and sincerity of our prayers and the purity of our faith. The lighting of a candle is also an offering to God. This offering also shows that we came into the temple to pray as constantly and brightly as the candle burns before the icon. They signify that the Lord gives us the Light of Truth, and that our souls burn with the love of God and are penetrated with feelings of joy and devotion.

-The Orthodox Companion p 184-186

In the Holy Temple we must behave with piety and reverence, for the Lord is invisibly present with us.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

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

Sunday, December 13: 9 AM Church School; 9:30 Divine Liturgy, Yolka
Wednesday, December 16: 6 PM Daily Vespers; 7 PM High School Group
Thursday, December 17: 9:30 Divine Liturgy at Holy Myrrhbearers Monastery, Otego
7 PM Parish Council Meeting
Saturday, December 19: 2 PM Altar Server Retreat; 4 PM Great Vespers
Wednesday, December 23: 6 PM Daily Vespers

Nativity & New Year's Schedule: See Insert

Christmas Cards are available in the Narthex!

Do you have any Orthodox books you would like to donate to the parish?

Many Years to Steven and Ann Kocuba!