

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Emad Maayeh December 13
- Haile Woldai Mengistu December 15
- David McKee December 17
- Norman Rees December 18
- Gene Kebere December 19

WELCOME GUESTS

Guests are always welcome to worship with us! We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you might have about Holy Orthodoxy or our parish.

If you are an Orthodox Christian, and are prepared through prayer, fasting and recent confession, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS (ANCESTORS) OF CHRIST

HERMAN OF ALASKA, ENLIGHTENER OF THE ALEUTS

- ♦Martyrs Eustratios, Auxentios, Eugene, Mardarios, and Orestes at Sebastia
- ♦Virgin-martyr Lucia of Syracuse ♦Hieromartyr Gabriel, Patriarch of Serbia

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS IN TONE TWO:

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and it was she who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF ST HERMAN IN TONE FOUR

Blessed ascetic of the northern wilds and gracious intercessor for the whole world, teacher of the Orthodox Faith, good instructor of piety, adornment of Alaska and joy of all America, holy Father Herman, pray to Christ God that He save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF ST TIMOTHY IN TONE FOUR

O holy apostle Timothy, master of unction measured in all thy deeds, clothed with an upright conscience as befits a priest, thou hast drawn ineffable truths from Paul the vessel of election; thou hast kept the faith and completed a course equal to his, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION OF PREPARATION OF CHRIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

THE READINGS

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done for us.

FROM THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So

the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

SERVICES THIS WEEK

After each service, the priest serving will be available to hear confessions

- ◆ Wednesday, 6:00 — Vespers
- ◆ Friday, 6:00 — an evening service
- ◆ Saturday, 6:00 — Great Vespers

The Nativity Fast continues until Christmas Eve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Baby Bottles in the parish hall—another opportunity for you to help Alpha Pregnancy Center! Take a bottle home and fill it with your spare change and bills of any denomination. Bring your bottle back by end of December.
- ◆ The bookstore is open today (every Sunday and usually during the weekly services). The bookstore now has:
 - * Incense
 - * Calendars for 2021
 - * Christmas cards and Christmas ornaments
 - * The new St Timothy Cookbook
 - * *Christ in the Psalms*, by Fr Patrick Reardon, for the women's book study in January