

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: *Fr. Vladimir Petorak, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. David Shewczyk, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Lemlem Resat, Harry Wujcik, Alexander Skomorucha, Helen Bunitsky, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Lily Nassif, Agnes and Basil Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, Maria Current, Anna Herko, Luke Wales, Anna Wales, Zack Bajuyo, Evelyn Kutch., John Maloney, Mark Gundersen, Nona Carey, Joseph Wojciechowski, Mary Alice Salay*

Prayers for Women and the Children to be Born of Them: *Ruth Kendall., Maria Peck., Elizabeth Clause, Matushka Anastasia Hojnicki*

Service Ministries

Date	<u>Coffee/ Fellowship Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaners</u>	<u>Library</u>
29-Nov	Carey / Poletaev	Bunitsky/ Kendall	Fravel	Open
6-Dec	Conover/Daubert/ Steph George	Elia/Morjana	Baldytchev/ Shatley	Conover
13-Dec	Kutch/ Sulpizi	Riley/ Baldytchev	Kutch/ Sulpizi	Scott Lewis
20-Dec	Elia/ Gundersen/ Farrell	Sulpizi/ Fink	Riley	Gundersen
27-Dec	Souder/ Riley	Souder/ Hojnicki	Carey/ Btinsky	Farrell
3-Jan	Oberto/Bunitsky	Bunitsky/Lewis	Whalen/Fink	Skomorucha

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 1 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

When the stone had been sealed
by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding
Thy most pure body,
Thou didst rise on the third day, O
Savior,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore
cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Thy Resurrection, O
Christ!
Glory to Thy Kingdom!//
Glory to Thy dispensation, O thou
who lovest of mankind!”

Tone 4 Troparion *(for the Mar- tyrs)*

Thy holy martyrs Paramon and
Philumenus and
those with them, O Lord,
through their sufferings have re-
ceived incorruptible crowns
from Thee, our God.
For having Thy strength, they laid
low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless bold-
ness of demons.
Through their intercession, save
our souls!

Tone 1 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

As God, Thou didst rise from the
tomb in glory,
raising the world with Thyself.
Human nature praises Thee as
God, for death has vanished.
Adam exults, O Master!
Eve rejoices, for she is freed from
bondage and cries to Thee://
“Thou art the Giver of Resurrec-
tion to all, O Christ!”

Tone 4 Kontakion *(for the Martyrs)*

Urged on by the commandments
of God,
with patience, ye cleansed thy
souls from all defilement.
Ye reached perfection as spiritual
athletes;
and renounced sacrifice to idols.
Imitating Christ, ye were slain
with a spear,
O most blessed Paramon and Phi-
lumenus.
Always fervently intercede with
Christ on behalf of the world!

Tone 1 Prokeimenon

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon

have no family to share. Please come and join our family for this special meal!

Christmas Cookie Exchange A Christmas cookie exchange is a wonderful way to help with the cookie preparation popular at Christmas time. It also gives an opportunity to spend time with the people that you love. Everyone who comes will be sure to leave the exchange with memories of a lovely time, and a large container of delicious Christmas cookies to enjoy on Nativity! The Christmas cookie exchange will be Sunday December 20th following coffee hour. All are invited to come!

Costly Mercy

December 1 is the feast day of an 8th-century saint known for his great charity. He is called Saint Philaret the Merciful.

Philaret lived with his wife and three children in the province of Paphlagonia, in Asia Minor. They had a very comfortable life, but their comfort nagged at Philaret when he saw the contrast between his family's ease and the distress of so many poor and destitute people. He asked himself, "Have I really been given so many good gifts from the Lord only so that I can enjoy the pleasures of life, never thinking of those who have nothing? What good will my possessions do me at the Last Judgment if, like a miser, I have preserved them for myself?"

He began giving away his wealth. The family was not too much affected at first, but then nomadic raiders left them impoverished. His wife and children became angry when he continued his charity, gradually giving away the little they still had. Though he suffered greatly from their hard feelings against him, he believed that the Lord would always provide for them, and that he was storing up treasures in heaven for them as well as himself.

Saint Philaret's lovely daughter eventually became the Byzantine empress, and the family received wealth once again. But Philaret continued his humble charity, living his last years in a monastery and personally serving meals to the beggars at the monastery door.

Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?

So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?

And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens,

This Week's Announcements

Parish Council meeting Today following Divine Liturgy we will have a parish council meeting. The council will also meet on Dec 10th at 6:30 p.m. Please try and attend.

Cabinets for the Hall Dear parishioners, we are seeking a monetary donation(s) for the purchase of a cabinet for the youth to keep toys, games, etc. in the back corner of the hall. The estimated amount is \$200. If you would like to make the donation, please see a parish council member.

Family Night in December We will once again be having a family game night on Friday Dec. 4th at 6:00 p.m. Both young and old are welcome to this great opportunity for fellowship.

Check out a Book During the Nativity Fast The library is open every Sunday after liturgy so that you may browse and check out a book during this Nativity season. There are many books on spirituality, orthodoxy, theology, lenten cooking, and many more.