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**The Venerable Nikon of Radonezh**

Nikon was a disciple of St. Sergius of Radonezh, and his successor as abbot. When barbarians attacked Russia, Nikon prayed to God to remove this misfortune from the Russian people. Then St. Sergius appeared to him with St. Peter and St. Alexis (the reposed Metropolitans of Moscow) and told him not to grieve, for the assault was by God's permission and was for their good, but would pass and peace would reign once more. Nikon renovated the Monastery of the Holy Trinity and served as an example to many of asceticism. He entered into rest on November 17, 1426.

*from: The Prologue from Ochrid*

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**November 17, 2019**  
**The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke**

# Welcome!

## To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

**In our tradition...** *the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.*

**Epistle Reading:** Galatians 6:11-18

**Gospel Reading:** St. Luke 12:16-21

## Saints of the Day

Gregory the wonder-worker, bishop of Neo-Caesarea; Gennadios I, archbishop of Constantinople; Venerable Nikon the wonderworker, disciple of Sergios of Radonezh; Maximus, patriarch of Constantinople; Righteous Hilda of Whitby; Righteous Confessor Lazarus the Iconographer; Righteous Zacharias the Leather-worker and John of Constantinople; Righteous Justin; Righteous Gennadios of Vatopedi Monastery; Martyrs Acisclus and Victoria of Cordova; Anianus, bishop of Orleans; Gregory, bishop of Tours.

## From Rob Booms, Chairman of the Parish Council

We were able to complete Phase 2 of the planned air conditioning work with the installation of a 5-ton condenser in the church. Two of six AC condensers have now been replaced. We still need to replace two more in the church and two in the parish hall. This work is expensive but

much needed. We thank our parishioners for their generous financial support this year, which has enabled us to operate in the black all year long. Thumbs-up to the St. Basil Antiochian Men's group for doing a major trim on the large tree in our parking lot. This was hard labor and took up a whole Saturday. Also thanks for the parishioners who cleaned up the Church and Parish Hall before Bishop Nicholas' recent visit. Our greeters are to be commended for proactively welcoming an ever-growing number of visitors. If you are interested in this ministry please let us know. **Please mark you calendars for Sunday, November 3 when the Ladies Guild will be offering its excellent food at a bake sale. Pre-orders are being taken for baked items now!** God bless-- Rob Booms

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

## Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



On one of my nighttime searches for food for the possum family, I wandered into the Parish Hall. There were some yummy items in the kitchen trash. I also found some interesting books. There is one about St. Tikhon, one of Russia's most beloved saints who lived between 1724 and 1783. Dostoevsky's holy monk, Zossima, a character in his book, *The Brothers Karamazov*, is based on St. Tikhon. As I started reading the words of this remarkable saint, I was struck by the power of his message. He compares our earthly life with the life to come: "We see the water of a river flowing uninterruptedly and passing away, and all that floats on its surface, rubbish or beams of trees, all pass by. Christian! So does our life... Poor is man from his mother's womb to his grave. Born with a cry, he lives, tossed up and down as a ship on the sea. Where are the days of reproach and unhappiness? These too pass away. Such is our existence in this world. Not thus will be the life of the world to come... No illness, age, decrepitude, death

or corruption will assail our body. There will be peace, joy, comfort and bliss without end. I was born in order to die. I die that I may live.” We are about to start the Nativity fast. It is intended as a time for sober reflection on the transient joys and griefs that pass away and how we can achieve the promise of eternal salvation. St. Tikhon reminds us that ‘time’s awastin’. Whether we’re young or old, we are asked to spend less time on food, the internet, watching football, shopping and on other unproductive activities. Instead, we are called to focus on our relationship with God and service to others. Then we can cry out with confidence “Remember me O Lord, in thy Kingdom!” Wishing you a Holy Nativity season,  
Theo, the Orthodox possum

**Today’s Ushers:** Michael Zelesnik. **Next Week:** Tania or Sevin Russell.

**Today’s coffee hour:** Team 2. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 3.

As of Nov. 15, 2019, 48 pledges were received for 2019 totaling \$93,256.00. The collection for Nov. 10, 2019, totaled \$1,272.00 for a year-to-date amount of \$123,190.26, a weekly average of \$2,737.56. As of Nov. 15, 2019, our expenses are \$117,773.77, a weekly average of \$2,723.55.

### ***Spiritual Counsels...***

“The simpleton believes what he is told, the man of discretion watches how he treads.” – Prov. 14:15

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Advent Fast** begins Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and is divided into two periods. The first period is Nov. 15 – Dec. 19, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is Dec. 20 – 24, with the traditional fasting discipline observed. There is an allowance, however, for alcohol and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

The Parish Council is scheduled to hold their November meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

Trisagion prayers are offered by **Cynthia Capobianco** for the repose of her father, **Theodore Kogos** (40 day). May his memory be eternal.

Orthros and Divine Liturgy, God willing, shall be celebrated on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 9:00 and 10:00 A.M, respectively, for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple.

Bake Sale Closeout: we do have a few items left from the Ladies’ Bake Sale, which have been frozen. They can be purchased at a discount in the kitchen area during coffee hour. We have cinnamon rolls, nut rolls, nammoura, sfoof, toll house pies, and ketaifa in very limited amounts. First come, first serve. Thank you!

**Christmas Angels Project – Help a local needy child have a Merry Christmas!** Gift requests will be here soon.

Sign up with Paulina or Tania. Buy the gift requested (clothing/toys) then bring gifts to the Church Hall on **Sunday Dec. 8**. We will wrap them for you if you like. If **you** wrap them be sure to label with your name as well as the Child’s name and what the wrapped gift contains (ex. Size 6 pants). If you don’t have time to shop and want to give a gift card to Walmart/Target, see Paulina. **THANK YOU!!**

An **Orthodoxy 101/Inquirers’ Class** shall be offered on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next gathering is on Dec. 3 at 6:30 P.M. A potluck meal shall be served followed by a presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome!