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The Holy Martyrs Elpidius, Marcellus and Eustochius

They suffered for Christ at the time of Julian the Apostate. Elpidius was a senator. Witnessing the torture and miracles of Elpidius, 6,000 pagans came to believe in Christ the Lord.

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November 15, 2020
The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
The 8th Sunday of 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 without talking. 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: Ephesians: 2:4-10

Gospel Reading: St. Luke 10:25-37

Saints of the Day

Martyrs Guria, Shamuna and Habib the Deacon of Edessa; Thomas the New, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Paisios Velichkovsky.

A New Message from the Parish Council on the Corona Virus

Dear Parishioners,

As far as we know, the Lord has blessed our Parish with no active cases of the corona virus. In response to the pandemic, we have made the weekly Liturgy available on the internet and offered face masks. Many of you have observed social distancing and worn face masks. We appreciate your efforts. We are especially thankful that your financial support of the Parish has remained steady during this time. Our Governor has now relaxed the earlier limitations on crowd size. However, the virus has not gone away. Please continue to observe all reasonable precautions until

this threat to our health subsides. Thank you and God bless our Parish—
Rob Booms, Chairman of the Parish Council.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 21st – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Nov. 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Nov. 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Nov. 28th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Nov. 29th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 5th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 6th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Dec. 12th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 13th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



The Orthodox possum family under your altar can see what is happening in the church through small cracks. We are very moved by the devotion shown by all of you as you venerate the icons and receive the Holy Gifts. Many of you light candles. This is a very important part of Orthodox worship. We have a possum-sized candle stand in our own icon corner. We light them as we pray, making this an offering to accompany our prayers. Orthodox typically light candles when coming into the church and that is usually the best time to light them. There are times when candles should not be lit. It is not proper to light candles during the Epistle or Gospel readings, during the Little or Great Entrances and most of the times when the faithful are standing. If you find yourself entering the church after the Liturgy has begun, it's best to wait until everyone is seated to light a candle. A good rule of thumb is to avoid lighting a candle if folks are standing or a sermon is in progress. May you and your family find this helpful as you worship our Lord. Blessings to all—Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

"When a man has a ready answer, he has joy too: how satisfying is the apt reply!" – Prov. 15:23

Today's Ushers: Greg Lindley. **Next Week:** Rose Hrabar.

Today's coffee hour: Team 5. Thank you. **Next Sunday:** Team 1.

A-Peal for the Bell...



The Parish Council is always looking for ways to enhance the beauty of our church and worship services. About a year ago some of us considered the possibility of purchasing a bell. Unfortunately, the belfry on our church is not designed to hold a bell. We made inquiries about the cost of a bell that could be placed in a frame or structure near the church entrance and used during the liturgy. A large used bronze bell may cost as much \$8,000 to \$12,000. (To Be Continued...)

We are accepting donations for the bell. If you would like to give, please mark your check “Church Bell” and place it in the offering.



The Bookstore Bee

As you may have noticed our bookstore has become more active over the past couple of months. We ordered new books, icons, prayer ropes and gifts. This month's bookstore feature is the Orthodox Study Bible.

A special release of the OSB from Ancient Faith Publishing began in 2019. The OSB contains commentaries, notes, supplemental articles, full color icons and maps, as well as eight additional pages of orthodox prayers.

We have a few in stock at a sale price of \$35. These are typically sold for \$49.

Also, be sure to check out the December bulletin, which will feature gifts items for the Nativity season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Advent Fast** began Saturday, November 15th, 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, Nov. 15, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

As of Nov. 3, 2020, 44 pledges were received for 2020 totaling \$86,950. The donations for October 2020 totaled \$4,911.93. The expenses were \$9,051.79, for an end-of-month balance of \$24,386.02. Thank you.