

## **SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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### **BULLETIN OF DECEMBER 11, 2011**

#### **SUNDAY/DECEMBER 11**

##### **The Holy Ancestors of the Lord (Tone 1)**

8:00a.m. Church Doors Open

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour

11:30a.m. Christmas Cookie Walk

5:30p.m. Compline and Akathist to

**St. Spyridon (Dec. 12)** and anointing with oil  
from his grave

#### **MONDAY/DECEMBER 12**

7:00p.m. Vespers and anointing with oil from his  
grave; Confessions

#### **TUESDAY/DECEMBER 13**

##### **St. Herman of Alaska**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

#### **SATURDAY/DECEMBER 17**

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

#### **SUNDAY/DECEMBER 18**

##### **Sunday Before the Nativity (Tone 2)**

8:00a.m. Church Doors Open

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour; Church School



**ST. SPIRIDON AND THE BRICK**

*"You deny that 3 can be 1. Look at this brick!  
It is made of clay, water and fire, yet it is 1!"*

- Defense of St. Spyridon of the Holy Trinity at Council of Nicea 325 A.D.



#### **Lessons in Divine & Christian Love (97)**

All men are called and God desires that all respond. And indeed many, very many responded in the course of past ages and still many will respond. That will be such a great gathering as if the sands of the sea had come to human life. That assembly the Mystagogue John the Theologian described thus: "After this I beheld and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all the nations and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands" (Rev. 7:9). Such a celebration, such joy, is neither known or accessible on earth. That is a celebration of love which truly exceeds all understanding and every imagination. That is the immeasurable, immense kingdom of Christ.

- Fr. Callistratus of Mileseva (Serbia)

### **Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!**

Dec. 11, 1961 Paul Romanovich  
Dec. 12, 1976 Christina Swidonovich  
Dec. 14, 1978 Pauline Jackowlew  
Dec. 16, 1933 Vladimir Shultz  
Dec. 16, 1993 Anna Warin  
Dec. 18, 1980 Joseph Pituck

### **Namesday Greetings – Many Years!**

Sun. of Holy Ancestors/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. before the Feast of Nativity: Sarah Fedechko, Rachael Oliver, Rebecca Oliver, Sarah Oliver.

### **Offerings for the week of December 11**

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina, in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for in memory of William; in memory of Joan and Sandy; for the health of Anna Lewis (birthday).

Wine – for the health of Alexander.

### **Coffee Hour Hosting**

Dec. 11 (fasting) Kita, Nevitt, Keller  
Dec. 18 (fasting) Inga, Eka and Marina  
Dec. 25 Nana, Nona and Nino

### **Nativity 40 Day Lent**

The Nativity fast began on November 15<sup>th</sup> and ends after the Divine Liturgy on December 25<sup>th</sup>. In this Lenten time a fast is observed from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. Days of fasting modification are indicated on your parish wall calendar.

### **The Holy Mysteries of Confession & Communion**

The receiving of these Holy Mysteries are a normal part of our Lenten discipline. All are encouraged to receive Holy Communion on the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. Confession should have been made either in November or December. If you have not been to Confession in the last two months (Nov.-Dec.) you must go to Confession before the Feast of the Nativity if you wish to receive on the Feast Day, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Booklet, “The Theology of Stewardship” - An Important Guide**

All parishioners are asked to study this booklet for so as to secure a basic understanding of the

reasoning and implementation of proportionate giving.

### **The Eve of Nativity**

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Sat. is the last day of the Nativity Lent, on this day we fast from meat, dairy and fish. It is permitted to have wine and oil.

### **Fast-Free Period**

From the Feast of the Nativity, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> (after the Divine Liturgy) there is a general dispensation from all fasting thru Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.

In this period of festal celebration, the church discipline instructs us not to kneel or make prostrations either in the church or at home. The serving of Memorial Services and Marriages are not done in keeping with the character of these days.

### **Life Begins at Conception**

Did you know?

- 18 Days – a baby’s heart begins to beat
- 43 days - brain coordinates movements
- 8 weeks - all organs are functioning
- 9 weeks - has permanent, individual fingerprints
- 10 weeks – sense of touch (comfort/pain)
- 12 weeks - a baby can smile, suck his/her thumb, and make a fist.
- Adoption – over 2 million couples want to adopt –and that includes children of all races and those with special needs.

