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BULLETIN OF NOVEMBER 26, 2017

SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 26

25th Sunday After Pentecost

St. Innocent of Irkutsk

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Church School; Q. & A. Period; Coffee Hour

MONDAY/NOVEMBER 27

7:00p.m. Memorial for + John Kachek

WEDNESDAY/NOVEMBER 29

7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to
St. Andrew the Apostle (Nov. 30)

THURSDAY/NOVEMBER 30

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confessions

FRIDAY/DECEMBER 1

St. Philaret the Merciful

8:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00p.m. Compline & Akathist to
St. Porphyrios of Athos (Dec. 2)

SATURDAY/DECEMBER 2

9:30a.m. Confessions
10:00a.m. General Church Clean-Up
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/DECEMBER 3

26th Sunday After Pentecost

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Church School
5:30p.m. Compline & Akathist to
Great-Martyr Barbara (Dec. 4)



"The Fathers tell us, the souls of the dead remember everything that happened here—thoughts, words, desires—and nothing can be forgotten. ▶▶▶

▶▶▶ If a man helped someone or was helped by someone else, this is remembered as is the person concerned, or if he injured someone, or was injured by someone, all this is remembered. ▶▶▶

▶▶▶ In fact the soul loses nothing that it did in this world but remembers everything at its exit from the body. Whatever is in a man here is going to leave the earth with him, and is going to be with him there.''

Offerings Week of November 26

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, Anastasia, Panteleimon, Eva & Ivanna; in memory of Bocai and Sarchisian families; in memory of Nicholas; for the health of Basil; in memory of Richard.

Wine: for the health and protection of Alexander (birthday).

Flowers: in memory of Melanie.

Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Nov. 27, 1979 John Skwarla

Nov. 27, 1992 Mary Bozinta

Nov. 27, 2012 John Kachek

Nov. 28, 1974 Anna Perchisin

Nov. 29, 1921 Alexander Khvechin

Nov. 29, 1934 Fr. Peter Shemashko

Nov. 29, 1981 Mary Fetchina

Nov. 30, 1930 Athanasius Klebanovich

Coffee Hour Schedule

Coffee Hour Hosts please prepare foods that are simple enough, so you are not absent from the Divine Liturgy. It is only after Communion, that we should leave the church and attend to food preparations.

Nov. 19 **Lenten Coffee Hours Begin**

Nov. 26 Kita, Nevitt, Keller, Turri, Kachek
& Torrasi

Dec. 03 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona

Dec. 10 Sokol, Nasledysheva, Staina & Sarchisian

Counters Schedule

Nov. 26 Larissa M. & Paulina N.

Dec. 03 Rebecca O. & Ekaterini M.

Dec. 10 Ciprian C. & Jill P.

Ushers Schedule

Nov. 26 Edward S. & Kahka K.

Dec. 03 Timothy S. & Peter B.

Dec. 10 Jerome S. & Adrian M.

Sunday Readers Schedule

Nov. 26 Daniel T. / Dec. 03 John Z.

Names Day Greetings: Many Years!

St. Andrew: Robert Erkman; Andrew Finnegan,
Andrew Keller, Andrei Moldoveanu;
Andrea Hunchar

The 40 Day Nativity Lent

On November 15, we entered into the Nativity Lent in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord (Dec. 25th). A fast is being observed from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. On most weekends, fish, wine and oil are permitted, and on other festal days. Your parish wall calendar, the printed monthly bulletin and the parish website bulletin indicate modifications to the Fast.

Bins for Non-Perishable Foods

During the Nativity Lent, you may bring food items to the church vestibule for the local food bank.

5th Annual Coat Drive Is Underway

This year, your donation will benefit the children and families of the Appalachian Mountains. Kindly place your unwanted coats, hats, gloves and scarves in the bin at entrance of church hall no later than Sunday, December 10th.

General Church Clean-Up

On Saturdays, December 2nd and 9th, a general clean-up will take place for preparing the church for the Feast of the Nativity. We begin at 10:00a.m. Your participation is welcomed.

The Holy Mysteries of Confession & Communion in Nativity Lent

The reception of these two Holy Mysteries of the Church is an essential part of our Lenten work. The faithful – adults and children of Confession age (7 and older) ought to receive these Mysteries in this time of the 40 days Fast (November-December Months).

Christmas Cookie Sale – Sunday, Dec. 10th at 11:20a.m. in the Lower Hall

Please join us in this annual fund-raiser by baking and buying cookies as well as promoting the event. A sign-up sheet for listing of your baked cookies is on the vestibule stand, or speak with Jill Peterson. The sale

The ascetic Father Tychon stressed the importance of not working on Sundays. He gave the proof of how God sent manna to the Israelites to feed them in the desert, but not on the seventh day. He wouldn't bless those who were greedy and hoarded the manna; it would spoil and fill with worms. The Israelites stayed inside their tents that whole seventh day, praising God.

Determining Your Proportate Giving							
Weekly Giving Amount							
If Your Annual Gross Income Is:	2%	3%	5%	7%	10%	12%	15%
\$ 20,000	\$ 7.69	\$ 11.54	\$ 19.23	\$ 26.92	\$ 38.46	\$ 46.15	\$ 57.69
\$ 30,000	\$ 11.54	\$ 17.31	\$ 28.85	\$ 40.38	\$ 57.69	\$ 69.23	\$ 86.54
\$ 40,000	\$ 15.38	\$ 23.08	\$ 38.46	\$ 53.85	\$ 76.92	\$ 92.31	\$ 115.38
\$ 50,000	\$ 19.23	\$ 28.85	\$ 48.08	\$ 67.31	\$ 96.15	\$ 115.38	\$ 144.23
\$ 60,000	\$ 23.08	\$ 34.62	\$ 57.69	\$ 80.77	\$ 115.38	\$ 138.46	\$ 173.08
\$ 70,000	\$ 26.92	\$ 40.38	\$ 67.31	\$ 94.23	\$ 134.62	\$ 161.54	\$ 201.92
\$ 80,000	\$ 30.77	\$ 46.15	\$ 76.92	\$ 107.69	\$ 153.85	\$ 184.62	\$ 230.77
\$ 90,000	\$ 34.62	\$ 51.92	\$ 86.54	\$ 121.15	\$ 173.08	\$ 207.69	\$ 259.62
\$ 100,000	\$ 38.46	\$ 57.69	\$ 96.15	\$ 134.62	\$ 192.31	\$ 230.77	\$ 288.46
\$ 110,000	\$ 42.31	\$ 63.46	\$ 105.77	\$ 148.08	\$ 211.54	\$ 253.85	\$ 317.31
\$ 125,000	\$ 48.08	\$ 72.12	\$ 120.19	\$ 168.27	\$ 240.38	\$ 288.46	\$ 360.58
\$ 150,000	\$ 57.69	\$ 86.54	\$ 144.23	\$ 201.92	\$ 288.46	\$ 346.15	\$ 432.69

Two Mites

The relationship of a person and his money is fundamentally a spiritual matter: it reveals as much about his relationship with God as does his discipline of prayer or any other "religious" activity. Jesus said in Matthew 6:21, "*Where your treasure is there shall your heart be also.*" Somehow, in some way, what a person does with his money, how he thinks about it, where he spends it, what he will do to earn it, and the things to which he will give it, are some of the real clues to who he is inside, to what is essentially important to him, to what is really in his heart... The places where we make our most serious investments are the places where our real self, our inner self, is going to be most interested, most teachable, most responsive, and most open. To deal with a person in terms of what he does with his money is to deal with most people where they really live.

11 thoughts on the Nativity Fast from Pat. Daniel of Romania

Bucharest, November 20, 2017

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To mark the start of the Nativity Fast, which has already begun for those Churches celebrating on the new calendar, His Beatitude Patriarch Daniel of Romania has published eleven reflections and recommendations for his flock, reports [Sedmitza](#):

1. We fast not to be seen and praised by men, but to draw nearer to God.
2. We fast because we love God more than His material gifts which we can consume.
3. Forgiveness is a good way to begin the Fast. No one can enter upon a spiritual struggle for purification without forgiveness.
4. Fasting supports the prayer of believers who consider their connection with God to be the center, light, and nourishment for their souls.
5. True fasting is not simply abstaining from animal products, but also to abstain from material greed and the pursuit of selfish domination over others, and also the limiting of any thoughts, words, or deeds which diminish your love for God and others.
6. If the Fast is accompanied by deeds well-pleasing to God, then fasting makes us light for others and chosen vessels of God's glory.
7. The Fast is not only a material, but a spiritual condition—that is, a fast of the eyes, mouth, and heart.
8. Fasting is the spiritual condition of sacrifice or offering of those who fast freely and in accordance with their powers.
9. During the Fast, the amount of our material food decreases, but spiritual food increases.
10. Fasting supports prayer, while fasting without prayer is not a spiritual work.
11. Fasting calms the egotistical passions, enlightens the intellect, sanctifies the emotions, and changes our attitudes and behavior towards others and nature, placing all in the life of the presence of God's love.

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The first miracle of St. Nectarios of Aegina occurred after his repose. His last days were spent in a room for the incurables of the hospital. As soon as he gave up his spirit, the nurse and a nun began to prepare his body to transport it back to Aegina. They removed his sweater and placed it on the bed of the man next to him who had been paralyzed for years. The patient at once became well, rose from his bed, and praised the Lord. To date, there are more than 600 documented miracles attributed to St. Nectarios.