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SUNDAY/NOVEMBER 24

23RD Sunday After Pentecost

Great-Martyr St. Catherine (+305)

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

Coffee Hour; Church School/Q. & A. Period

TUESDAY/NOVEMBER 25

6:30p.m. Compline

7-8:30 Study Class "The Two Ages

We Live In – Death & Eternity"

THURSDAY/NOVEMBER 28

Thanksgiving Day: 9:30a.m. Akathist:

"Glory to God For All Things"

SATURDAY/NOVEMBER 30

9:00a.m. Church Floor Cleaning

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/DECEMBER 1

24TH Sunday After Pentecost

St. Philaret the Merciful (+792)

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

Coffee Hour/Food Basket Day/Coat Drive

Fasting Modifications:

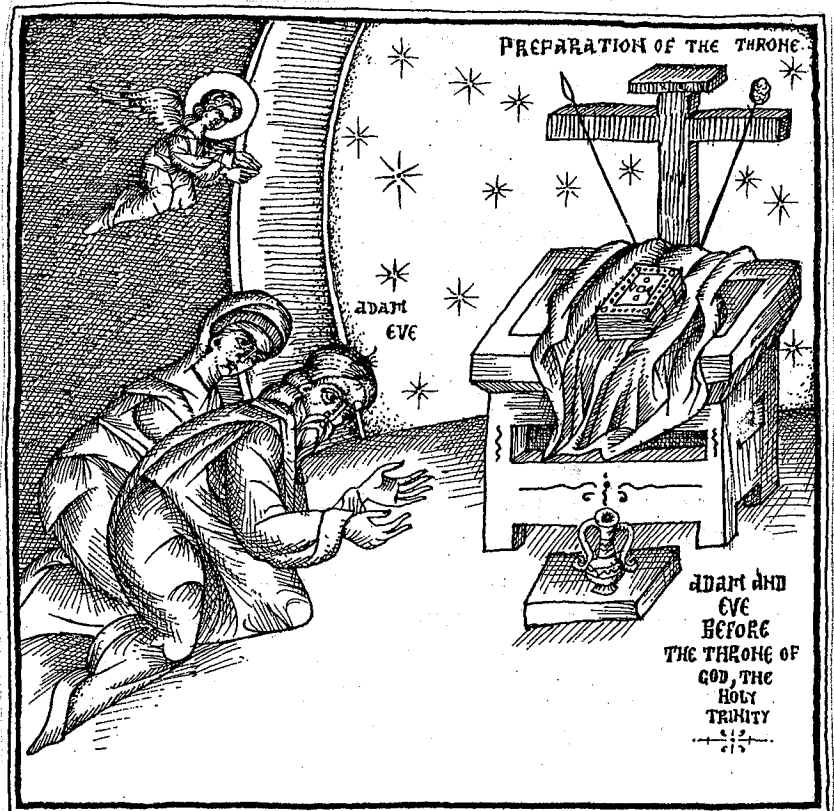
Sun/Nov. 24: fish, wine & oil

Tue/Nov. 26: wine & oil

Thurs/Nov. 28: wine & oil

Sat/Nov. 30: fish, wine & oil

Sun/Dec. 01: fish, wine & oil



There was once a tremendous drought in an area. The livestock and crops were all dying. The bishop got the whole town together to beseech God, but this failed. Finally, the bishop begged God alone to tell him what he must do to get rain. God told the bishop to go to the gate of the town early in the morning and ask the first person he saw to pray for rain. A ragged woodcutter came along. Taken aback, the bishop asked the woodcutter about himself. He said that half of what he cut he gave to the poor and the other half met his own needs. When he was asked to pray, the woodcutter only raised his hands to heaven and it poured. An hour later, the bishop rushed back to tell the wood cutter to lower his arms as it had rained enough.

A monk once asked Abba Pastor what he should do if he should see his brother sin. Should he hide that fault? Pastor said that in the hour that we cover our brother's sin, God also covers our own. Likewise, in the same hour that we betray our brother's shame, God also betrays our own.

Offerings for the Week of November 24

Relic Candle: in memory of Ivanna; in memory of Michael, Panteleimon, Justina, Anastasia, Anna, Rosalia, Melania and Ivanna; in memory of Nicholas, Eleanore, Ann Marie, John and Jerome; for the health of Alexia.

Olive Oil: in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; in memory of Richard; for Alyena on her baptism.

Wine: for the health and protection of Alexander (birthday); for Aleyna on her baptism.

Flowers: in thanksgiving and Glory to God for all things.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Nov. 25, 1968 Michael Spotts
Nov. 25, 1971 Julia Hansen
Nov. 26, 1950 Metrophan Saffron
Nov. 26, 1953 Sauka Greunther
Nov. 26, 2002 Mary Gavlick
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 Hosting

No meat, no dairy (fish permitted)
Nov. 24 Kita, Nevitt, Keller, Turri, Torrisi
& Kachek
Dec. 01 Inga, Eka, Mariana & Nona

Counters Schedule

Nov. 24 Larissa M. & Paulina N.
Dec. 01 Katerina G. & Ekaterini M.

Ushers Schedule

Nov. 24 Edward S. & Kahka K.
Dec. 01 Timothy S. & Peter B.

Readers Schedule

Nov. 24 Daniel T. / Dec. 01 John Z.

Names Day Greetings

St. Catherine/Nov. 24: K. Mantzafos, E. Margiani, K. Gedeveni, K. Motoviloff
St. Andrew/Nov. 30: A. Manolache, A. Finnegan, A. Hunchar, A. Moldoveanu
Many Blessed Years!

The 40 Day Nativity Lent: Nov. 15th thru Dec. 24th

This is one of the Four Lents of the year. A fast is observed from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil. There are days that permit modifications. These are indicated on your parish wall calendar and in the Sunday Bulletin.

The Mysteries of Holy Confession and Holy Communion Are Essential in Preparing for the Nativity of our Lord, December 25th

Regular communicants must receive these two Mysteries of the Church sometime in the months of November and/or December. Irregular communicants are encouraged to also receive these Holy Mysteries so as to celebrate in grace, the Nativity of Christ.

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Library & Friends Presents:

A Story About the Life of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Sunday, December 8th at 12:00noon in the Upper Hall. All are Invited!

Nativity Lent Almsgiving/Charities

- *Walmart Gift Certificates:* to be donated to Needy Families in Manville through our SCRIPS Program. You may also make a monetary donation directly to St. Philaret Society towards a gift certificate. Deadline December 1st.
- *Annual Christmas Letter:* Our once a year collection to benefit the work of our charitable parish venue, St. Philaret the Merciful. Deadline is December 15th. Forms in church vestibule.
- *December 1st Food Basket Day:* Bring staple food items to church vestibule for Manville Food Pantry.
- *7th Annual Coat Drive:* Clean coats, hats, gloves and scarves may be placed in the bin in the lower hall for benefit of families of Appalachian Coalfield Mountains. Deadline is December 16th.

FOR CONSIDERATION

From the Prologue By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

A tale of Elder Barlaam to Joasaph: The citizens in a certain town had a custom of choosing as king a stranger who did not know their laws and customs. After they had crowned him king, they clothed him in beautiful robes, fed him abundantly and surrounded him with every luxury. However, as soon as one year had elapsed, they deposed their king, stripped him of all his goods and his clothes, and drove him completely naked to a distant island, where he had neither bread nor roof nor companions, and where he would die in misery and humiliation. The citizens of this town would then choose another king, also a stranger and also for one year; then a third, then a fourth, then a fifth and so forth. But it



once happened that they chose a very wise and cautious man. He learned from his servants what had happened to the kings of this town after their year. Therefore, over the course of the whole year he zealously gathered food and goods and daily sent them to that island. When the year had run out and when he was stripped of his clothing and cast onto the island, he found himself amidst an enormous quantity of food, silver, gold and precious stones, and continued to live there even better than he lived as king in that town.

The interpretation is this: The town represents the world; the citizens represent the evil spirits; the kings are men, either foolish or wise. The foolish men think only of the pleasures of this life, as if it were eternal; but in the end, death cuts everything off and they, naked of all good works, go to hell. The wise, however, perform many good works, and send these good works ahead of them to the other world. At their repose, the wise kings - the good men - depart to that world where their accumulated riches await them, and where they reign in greater eternal glory and beauty than they reigned here on earth.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF ORTHODOXY

- 1) What 6th century saintly Byzantine emperor outlined the idea of Symphony between Church and State?
- 2) What does the word "Jihad" mean in Arabic?
- 3) How many Ecumenical Councils were there?
- 4) (True or False) The Nicæan Creed was written to correct false teachings.
- 5) (True or False) According to Islamic law, Christians are free to practice their faith on the Arabian Peninsula provided they do so in the privacy of their own homes.
- 6) How many natures and wills does Christ have? What are they?
- 7) Which Ecumenical Council upheld the veneration of icons?
- 8) (True or False) A skete is a very large monastery where every monk or nun follows the same practice and discipline as the others.
- 9) In what year did the Great Schism between the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches occur?
- 10) What does the Latin word "Filioque" mean?



Answer to Quiz

- 1) St. Justinian the Great
- 2) "Jihad" literally means "struggle". Sometimes thought to mean "Holy War" because Muslims struggle to bring the world into submission to Allah by whatever means necessary, including violent force.
- 3) Seven.
- 4) True.
- 5) False, Christian may not practice their faith even in private.
- 6) Two - one divine and the other human.
- 7) The seventh Council held in Nicæa 787.
- 8) False. A skete is a small monastic community, loosely organized around a leader, each monk or nun keeping, for the most part, their own spiritual disciplines and practices.
- 9) 1054 AD
- 10) "and the Son".

2019 Saints Peter & Paul Parish Fiscal Summary	Total Income	Total Expense	Year to Date Profit (Loss)	Sunday Envelope Budget	Sunday Envelope Actual	Surplus/Loss
January	11,649	11,296	353	11,827	9,541	(2,286)
February	11,031	11,127	(96)	9,462	9,067	(395)
March	12,352	24,426	(12,074)	9,462	12,120	2,658
1st Quarter	35,032	46,849	(11,817)	30,750	30,728	(22)
April	19,876	5,323	14,553	11,827	7,682	(4,145)
May	11,222	18,926	(7,704)	9,462	8,949	(513)
June	16,557	11,372	5,185	9,462	13,245	3,783
2nd Quarter	47,655	35,621	12,034	30,750	29,876	(874)
July	11,067	11,345	(278)	11,827	9,331	(2,496)
August	9,928	5,000	4,928	9,462	7,783	(1,679)
Sept	14,384	9,468	4,917	9,462	12,221	2,759
3rd Quarter	35,379	25,813	9,567	30,750	29,335	(1,415)
Oct	10,251	11,827	(1,576)	11,827	7,992	(3,835)
YTD	128,317	120,110	8,207	104,077	97,931	(6,146)

NOTATIONS:

Year to date Income higher compared to expense due to increase in Hall Rental fees, Religious Resale Items, Altar Wine, Oil and Candles Sales.

Sunday Envelope: 1st quarter on target, 2nd quarter slightly lower than budget, 3rd quarter impacted by Summer vacations and depends on September collections. Year to date, trending lower than budget.

Bottom Line: let us be mindful of our contributions as the year is coming to an end that we can end it on a positive note. The Lord bless your offerings!