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October 4, 2026 – 18th Sunday After Pentecost. 2nd Sunday of Luke.
Priest-martyr Hierotheos of Athens, disciple of Paul

We rejoice today in the "Welcoming Home" of our brother in Christ, Bradley, as he is received into the Church by Holy Chrismation during the Divine Liturgy.

Sat Oct 3, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun Oct 4, 9am – Divine Liturgy *with the Chrismation of Bradley Bosch*

Tues Oct 6, 3:15pm – Helping Harvest Food Distribution at Ss C&H

Sat Oct 10 – No Vespers
Sun Oct 11, 9am – Divine Liturgy (Fr. Edward Hughes)

Sat Oct 17, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun Oct 18, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. Parish Council Meeting.

SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Harvest Dinner will be Sunday, November 8 (the Sunday before the Nativity Fast).

Hymns of the Day

Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, / Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, / granting life to the world. / The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: / "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! / Glory to Thy Kingdom! // Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

Troparion for St. Herman (Tone 4, Valaam melody)

O blessed Father Herman of Alaska, / North Star of Christ's holy Church, / the light of your holy life and great deeds / guides those who follow the Orthodox way. / Together we lift high the Holy Cross / you planted firmly in America. / Let all behold and glorify Jesus Christ, // singing His holy Resurrection.

Troparion to St. Hierotheus (Tone 1)

We the faithful all praise Hierótheus, the disciple of Paul and Hierarch of Athens, / the world's teacher and a preacher of the Faith, / who revealed to us Christ's Mysteries / and poured forth streams of godly doctrine. / His life was well-pleasing to God, // Who is greatly merciful.

(Glory) Kontakion for the Resurrection (Tone 1)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, / raising the world with Thyself. / Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master! / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee: // "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

(Now & ever) To the Mother of God (Tone 6)

Protection of Christians never failing, / Mediatress before the Creator, ever constant. / Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, / but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. / Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, // interceding always for those who honor you.

Today's Scripture

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (18th SAP)

Brethren: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written:

"He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever."

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Gospel: Luke 6:31-36 (2nd Sunday of Luke)

The Lord said: "As you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies,

do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful."

"If we are open, we can learn a lot from the people God sends our way... This family taught me how to look through the fallen person before me. They taught me not to focus on the anger of the world, on its bitterness and demonic need for violence. There is good in everyone. There is good in the world, no matter how deep it has fallen. Our calling as Christians is to look beyond the evil, to see through the darkness, to let go and not deposit this poison in our hearts, and to keep asking God to send us love for everyone....

"Father Sophrony Sakharov writes somewhere that one cannot hope to live a Christian life; one can only learn how to die a Christian death."

– from the Mull Monastery of All Celtic Saints, 11/2/2017

Prayers

For health of: Abp. Nathaniel, Abp. Alexander, Abp. Benjamin, Apr. Thomas Edwards, Apr. James Weremedic, Dn Gregory Hubiak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Mat. Katherine White, Pani Anna Marie Slovesko, Mat. Mary Reynolds, Mat. Alexandra Black, Bernard Kusior, Nina Fatula, Gloria Spitko, Jessica (Philothea) Sullivan & infant Lucas, Richard Kawood, Peggy Hay, Cindy Kauffman, Melissa Hinshaw, Vera Timko *(Mat. Anna Hughes' mother)*.

Homebound or confined: Olga Frimenko, Gloria Spitko.

Grieving for the departed: *(for Fr John)* Mat. Laryssa, Sebastian, Avah, Christopher, Richard, Christine, Gregg.

For our Catechumens: Bradley Bosch, Brian Craig, Zaden Mershon, Sheridan Klippel, Christina Monarek.

For our diocese's seminarians and families: Subdeacon Jacob & Mariana Kurtz *(Luka, Noah, & Magdalena)*, Reader Alexander Koropsak, Nicholas & Abigail Sheridan.

Social Hour & Church Cleanup Schedule

	Social Hour	**Church Clean-up**
Sept 6	Tina Gurnavage & Marcia Lutz	Marie Drosdak & Traci Weinstein
Sept 13	Kathy Wanenchak & Stephanie Selis	Tina Gurnavage & Stephanie Drosdak
Sept 20	Elaine Dougherty & Karin Holm	John Lorchak & Phyllis Kawood
Sept 27	**Vicky McDonnell & Phyllis Kawood	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus
Oct 4	Peggy Hay & Traci Weinstein	Kyle & Daria Teter
Oct 11	**Christina Monarek & Natalya Borobina	Eugene & Kathy Wanenchak
Oct 18	Marie Drosdak & Stephanie Drosdak	Marie Drosdak & John Waselus
Oct 25	Karen Sichak & Becky Kauffman	Russ & Peggy Hay
Nov 1	Daria Teter & Marina Long	Brad & Becky Kauffman

Welcome to all visitors who have prayed and celebrated the Divine Liturgy with us this morning! We invite all of you downstairs for fellowship after the conclusion of the Liturgy. If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. John at any time. *We love you and hope to see you again!*

In the Orthodox Church, the receiving of Holy Communion is the sign of one's ***full participation in the mystery of the Faith****, and all Orthodox Christians should receive it frequently. For this reason, Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who are* ***prepared*** *to receive it (through* ***prayer****,* ***fasting****, and a recent* ***confession****) and are* ***at peace with each other****. Those who partake of the Eucharist normally fast from food and drink in the morning before the Divine Liturgy, as they are able.*