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October 25, 2026 – 21st Sunday After Pentecost. 5th Sunday of Luke.

Sat Oct 31, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun Oct 25, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. Inquirers' Fellowship after coffee hour (all visitors invited).

Mon Oct 26, 8:30am / 9:45am – Matins / Liturgy for the Great-Martyr Demetrius, at Ss Constantine & Helen. *(Fr Demetrius Nicoloudakis' namesday)*
Tues Oct 27, 9:30am – Divine Liturgy for St Olga of Alaska, at Holy Apostles Orthodox Church, Mechanicsburg, PA

Sat Oct 31, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun Nov 1, 9am – Divine Liturgy & Fellowship. *Holy Wonderworkers & Unmercenaries, Cosmas & Damian.* Blessing of Healthcare Workers.
Sun Nov 1, 4:00-7:30 – "Holy Stories" Coffeehouse @ SsC&H *(see announcements)*

Sat Nov 7, 4pm – Great Vespers & confessions
Sun Nov 8, 9am – Divine Liturgy and **Annual Harvest Dinner** immediately following (All are invited). *Archangel Michael & bodiless powers of Heaven.*

> Mon Nov 9 – **Movie Night** – *Man of God*, about St Nektarios of Pentapolis
> **6:30**pm – Akathist, followed by the movie in the church basement.

> *Martyrs Menas, Victor, & Vincent; Martyr Stephanida*
> Tues Nov 10, 6pm – Great Vespers
> Wed Nov 11, 9am – Divine Liturgy

> *50th Anniversary of Holy Trinity, Stroudsburg, PA. Events in Stroudsburg:*
> Fri Nov 13, 6pm – Vespers *followed by Dinner in the Parish Hall*
> Sat Nov 14, 9am – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy *followed by Grand Banquet*

Sunday Nov 15 – Beginning of the Nativity Fast. *Parish Council Meeting.*

Hymns of the Day

Troparion for the Resurrection (Tone 4)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel / the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, / they cast away the ancestral curse / and elatedly told the apostles: / "Death is overthrown! / Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!"

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.

(Glory) Kontakion for the Resurrection (Tone 4)

My Savior and Redeemer as God / rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. / He has shattered the gates of hell, / and as Master, // He has risen on the third day!

(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: Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

The Lord said, "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil

things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

Announcements

TODAY, after Coffee Hour, all visitors, inquirers, and catechumens are invited to our monthly **Inquirers' Fellowship** at the Rectory. This is an opportunity to learn about the journey to the Orthodox Faith in a comfortable fellowship setting. Regular parishioners are of course always welcome too – this also may be your opportunity to share your experiences as an Orthodox Christian with newcomers. We hope to see you there.

On Sunday evening November 1, Ss Constantine & Helen parish is hosting their next **Orthodoxy On Tap** event – this time, a Coffeehouse with a "Holy Stories" theme. Speakers will be Mr. Anthony Linderman and Fr. Nicholas Palis. The evening will also feature a couple of musical performances, and will conclude with an open mic segment, back by popular demand. *Open to all ages – both the young and the young-at-heart.*

Movie night! We will be screening the film, ***Man of God*** (2021) on Monday November 9, on the feast day of St Nektarios, Metropolitan of Pentapolis and Wonderworker of Aegina. We'll sing a brief Akathist in his honor at 6:30pm, and begin the movie maybe by 7pm. Popcorn will be provided; bring your favorite movie snacks to share.

Our sister parish of **Holy Trinity Church, Stroudsburg, PA**, is celebrating its **50th Anniversary** on Friday-Saturday, November 13-14. All are invited to the liturgical services, as well as a dinner in the parish hall after Vespers on Friday (see the front page for the schedule). On Saturday, a Hierarchical Liturgy will be celebrated, followed by a ticketed Grand Banquet ($70/adults) at The Shawnee Inn, East Stroudsburg. If you are interested in the banquet, please contact our good friend Fr. Vjekoslav by October 31, at 224-814-9969 or vjekoslav.jovo@gmail.com, or ask Fr. John for a banquet form.

A new Men's Brotherhood is being formed within our diocese: the ***St. Alexis Toth Brotherhood***. It "seeks to strengthen the bonds among men across the Diocese while encouraging a deeper commitment to Christ and His Church. Through gatherings, spiritual discussions, shared meals, service opportunities, pilgrimages, and other activities, members are given opportunities to build meaningful friendships and support one another in the Orthodox Christian life." All men 18 and older are invited. The Brotherhood may meet at different locations around Eastern PA depending on who joins, so if you are interested, please see Fr. John, or contact Fr. Kirill Zawatski at lemkopriest@gmail.com.

Please remember to support our SCRIP program! Many of the stores and restaurants you *already shop at* are available – buy a gift card and spend it at the store just like your own cash, but in the process, St Herman's receives a percentage. It's a *very* easy way to support the parish. See Tina or Marie during coffee hour for more information (and remember to bring cash).

Prayers

The newly departed: Fr. Peter Bodnar (9/26). ***Anniversaries:*** Protodeacon Keith Russin (10/26/2017). Subdeacon Gregory Sulich (10/24/2013). Gertrude Hummer *(Mat. Alexandra's grandmother)* (10/23/1993).

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, Philothea (Jessica) Sullivan & infant Lucas, Richard Kawood, Peggy Hay, Cindy Kauffman, Melissa Hinshaw, Vera Timko *(Mat. Anna Hughes' mother)*, Cheryl Terenchin.

Homebound, hospitals, nursing homes: Olga Frimenko, Gloria Spitko.

For our Catechumens: 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 *(Theodore)*.

Please also remember in prayer the Parish of All Saints Orthodox Church, Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada, whose temple was destroyed by fire on October 1. (They are accepting donations by mail at "All Saints Orthodox Church", 302 2nd St. East, Meadow Lake SK, S9X 1G5, Canada.)

"Treat everything with love, kindness, patience and humility.
Be like rocks. Everything erupts on you, but like the waves,
everything falls back. You must be calm!"

– St Paisios of Mount Athos

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.*