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SERVICES January 13, 2019 – January 20, 2019

Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am –Divine Liturgy; Sunday School; Coffee Hour;
12 noon – Adult Study
Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019..... 9:30 am –Divine Liturgy – Diocesan Diaconal Program
5:00 pm - Vespers
Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am –Divine Liturgy; Sunday School; Coffee Hour;
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January 13, 2019

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:7-13

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.” (Now this, “He ascended” – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-17

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Orthodox Christians

As Orthodox Christians, what do we believe and how do we practice our faith in everyday life? First of all, we believe that we are members of the Original historical Church that Jesus Christ established. Jesus told His closest followers (*the Apostles*) to go and teach other people what He had taught them. The Apostles and those who came after them passed on these teachings to the present time without change or addition.

Next, we believe that the Church is made up of all who have confessed their faith in Christ throughout the centuries and who have taken part in the special sacraments of the Church. Christians follow these practices to show their earnest desire for a deep relationship with the Lord God through continual repentance and striving to keep the commandments of God.

Why must Christians live this way? Sin came into the world through Adam and Eve, our first parents. As a result, everyone is born into sin. Jesus, through His death and resurrection, destroyed the power of Satan and opened a way of salvation to anyone who repents (*turns away from sin and to God*). Only through repentance and baptism can we become children of God and no longer be slaves to Satan.

From the moment of baptism, an Orthodox Christian sees himself or herself as a stranger in this world and one who is becoming part of the Heavenly Kingdom. Through prayer, worship and unceasing effort, a Christian tries to turn away from evil and turn toward the light of Christ. This constant struggle for spiritual purity is reflected in all relationships of life.

Orthodox Christians practice their faith to achieve their desired goal – eternal life in the Kingdom of God.

January 13, 2019

PRAYER LIST : We offer our prayers for all of our shut-ins who are unable to attend church services, especially:
Vera Tatusko and William Tellep Jr.

Also offer your prayers for those in need especially *Helen Baburchak, Fr. Steven Belonick, Matushka Joanna Bohush, Lydia Boras, Laura Chapin, Elaine Costello; Nadine Dranchak, Thanos Fotiou, Jack Francisco, Justin Garcia, Kathy Gregory; Marge Herciga; Newborn Infant - Maria Karlgut; Newborn Infant - Lukeria Karlgut; Olga Kulasza, Robert Kushner, Alicia Laskowski; Linda Main; George Murphy, Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Joni Mitchell, Tyler Sunday; Millie Sviatyla, Dorothy Tarasevich, Rachelle Vitale, Olga Warski & all of our parishioners who are ill.*

To add or remove names from the prayer list in the bulletin, please let Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm know. Thank you!

MEMORY ETERNAL! There will be a Panikhida after Divine Liturgy today George Hamarich on the 11th anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord. **MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!** !

THANK YOU! We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and kind words that they expressed to us on the falling asleep of my Mom, Mae Mary Shonak. Dr. Steven & Kristine Garner



COFFEE HOUR: Come downstairs and socialize with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Today: Stella Holowatch, Deb Darling, Kyra Davies

Jan. 20: Babe Farbanish, Nettie Lukovich, Connie Devine

Jan. 27: ANNUAL MEETING

Feb. 3: Paula Norton, Nicole Ewing, Nancy Kulikowski, Patty Warski

Feb. 10: Sue Watson, Kathy Fedorchak, Marie Williams, Mat. Joanna Bohush, Cathy Stephens

**Everyone is Welcome to a Study of the Divine Liturgy
Sundays at 12 noon Jan. 6th to Feb. 19th 2019.**

In his book For the Life of the World, Fr. Alexander Schmemmann tells us that "the Divine Liturgy is best understood as a journey". The destination of this journey is announced at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy when the priest proclaims, "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". This journey is to the Kingdom of Heaven. Are we prepared, aware and present so that we fully participate in the journey? Let's learn together, so that we can more fully journey together.

HOUSE BLESSINGS As is the Holy custom of our people during Theophany season, the houses of our parishioners will be blessed. If you would like Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm to come and bless your house in January & February, please fill out the form enclosed in your January bulletin and return to the Church Office or contact Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm for a mutually convenient time.

2019 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019 immediately following Divine Liturgy.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and to take part in charting the direction of the life of our church for the next year. Reports / Budgets are due before for the Annual Meeting by Monday, January 14, 2019.

2019 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH! If you cannot find your envelopes, please notify someone in the church office.

2019 calendars are also available in the vestibule of the church

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to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We invite all of our guests to join us for Fellowship Hour and visit our book store.

For bulletin inputs, contact Fr. Alexey, Fr. Timm or Stella Holowatch (607-205-1507) – email Stellah@stny.rr.com