

**Our Vision: *To know and love Christ, sharing His love with others***

Dec 14th, 2014

**Today's commemorated feasts and saints**

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — **Tone 2. Sunday of the Forefathers.** Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucis, and Callinicus of Apollonia (249-51). Martyrs Apolonius, Philemon, Arianus and Theoctychus, of Alexandria (286-287).

**Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)**  
 When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out:// “O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

**Tone 2 Troparion (Forefathers)**  
 Through faith You justified the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore You without seed.// So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

**Tone 6\* Kontakion (Forefathers)**  
 You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: “Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid,// for You are merciful and able to do as You will!”

**Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Song of the Fathers)**  
 Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is

Your name forever! (Song of the three Holy Children, v. 3)

*v: For You are just in all that You have done for us!* (v. 4)

**Epistle** Colossians 3:4-11  
 (Forefathers)

**Tone 4**  
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among those who called on His Name.*  
 (Ps 99/100:6)

*v: They called to the Lord and He answered them.* (Ps 99/100:6)

**Gospel** Luke 14:16-24 (Forefathers)  
**Communion Hymns**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



**Fifth Sunday of Advent**

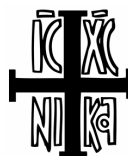
Candle: purple (repentance)

Review the meaning of the first four candles.

Symbolism: This candle reminds us of our need to repent before we can meet the coming of Christ. “Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.”

Scripture: Mark 1:1-8, 14-15.

Theme: Discuss repentance and then prepare oneself with a thorough self-examination followed by confession and communion.



## Announcements:



Thanks to all who helped decorate the church in anticipation of **The Nativity of Christ**.

The **Sunday School Christmas Program (Yolka)** is coming soon - NEXT Sunday.

- The **Coffee Hour Sign Up Sheet** has been posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up for 3 dates or they will be assigned to you ;)

- **Volunteers are needed for the following:**

- Shovel church sidewalk early Sunday morning before liturgy (8:30AM-9:10AM)

- Work on a team developing a quarterly or bi monthly church newsletter. This includes writing articles, graphics and layout, photography, issue themes, content, and developing the audience. Please see Fr Stacey or Steven Mathewson to get involved.

- Please prayerfully consider filling an office on **Parish Council** for the 2015 year. To be on council, one must be a member in "good standing" as indicated in the by-laws. Regular attendance, recent communion & confession and a pledge-commitment to the church constitute a member in good standing, as does membership within Holy Assumption for at least a year. Please see Father Stacey or Kathy to express an interest



We are still waiting on some to fill out their pledge cards. Please prayerfully consider your pledge to God and his church for this next year. Pledge cards are available on the candle desk in the Vestibule of the church, and also in the hall. We need these ASAP in order to plan for next year's budget. All those wishing to be voting members of the parish need to fill out a pledge card. If you have any questions or concerns please see Fr. Stacey. Please return your pledge cards to Scott Condo or put in his mailbox.

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed in your time with us! Regarding participation in the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion is treated with the utmost respect and reverence in the Orthodox Church, and it is the rule that only practicing Orthodox Christians may receive it. Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome, however, to participate with us in any other way they may desire, and are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

### Please Join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy in the Social Hall!



If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able. For those interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity please ask any of our church community – or feel free to contact Fr Stacey. Our parish library is available for your reading interests. Children are welcome to join church school classes after liturgy.

## CONFESSIONS

Fr Stacey can usually hear confessions after any weekday service or after Saturday Vespers. He is also available by appointment, or during his regular office hours.

### Mission Statement:

Bringing the love of Christ to our community through prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, service, and outreach within the tradition of historic Orthodox Christianity.

### This Week:

Today

<b>Hours</b>	<b>9:10 AM</b>
<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>
<b>Yolka Practice</b>	<b>11:45 AM</b>

Monday

<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
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Wednesday

<b>Daily Vespers</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
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Saturday

<b>Great Vespers</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Catechism Class</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>

Next Sunday

<b>Hours</b>	<b>9:10 AM</b>
<b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Christmas Yolka</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>11:45 AM</b>

Upcoming

<b>Christmas Royal Hours</b>	<b>Dec 23</b>
<b>Christmas Eve Vigil</b>	<b>Dec 24</b>
<b>Christmas Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>Dec 25</b>
	<b>9:30 AM</b>

Going to miss a service? Listen online to our Divine Liturgy and other Orthodox Christian Teachings INBN.net

### Coffee Hour Schedule

**DEC. 21** TAPYRIK, KRAJCI, BLANCHARD, LEWIS, CER-RATO

**DEC. 28** KISHA-WISE, KISHA, MONAHAN, POWELL

