

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

Dec 7th, 2014

**Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)**  
 When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body, You rose on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life: “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom!// Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

**Tone 4 Troparion (St Ambrose)**  
 In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Ambrose, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

**Tone 1 Kontakion (Resurrection)**  
 As God, You rose from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Yourself. Human nature praises You as God, for death has van-ished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to You:// “You are the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!”

**Tone 3 Kontakion (St Ambrose)**  
 You shone forth with divine doctrine, eclipsing the deception of Arius, shepherd and initiate of the mysteries, Ambrose. You worked miracles through the power of the Spirit, healing various passions;// righteous Father, entreat Christ our God to grant us His great mercy.

**Tone 1 Prokeimenon**  
 Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

(Ps 32/33:22)  
*v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1)*

**Epistle** Ephesians 5:9-19

**Tone 1** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
*v: God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me.. (Ps 17/18:47)*

**Today’s commemorated feasts and saints**

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — **Tone 1.** St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397). Ven. Anthony, Abbot of Siya (Novgorod—1558). Ven. Nilus of Stolobénsk (1554). Ven. John the Faster, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—12th c.). Martyr Athenodorus of Mesopotamia (ca. 304). Ven. Paul the Obedient. St. Philotheia of Thrace, Protectress of Romania (12th c.). Ven. Gregory, Founder of Grigoriou Monastery (Mt. Athos—14th c.).

*v: :He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps 17/18:50)*

**Gospel** Luke 17:12-19

**Communion Hymn**

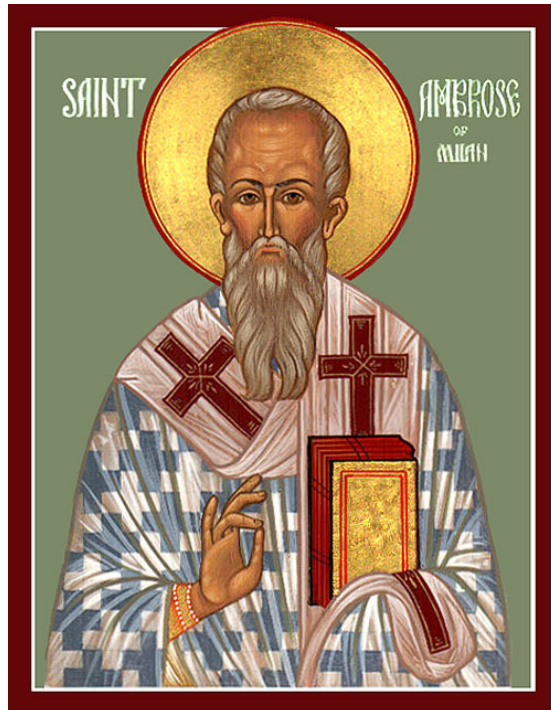
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)  
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Candle: gold (love) Light all three candles and review the meaning of the first two candles. Symbolism: Remember the words of St. John, “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.” Scripture: St. Luke 1:26-38. Theme: The life of St. Nicholas who was known for his great generosity in distributing gifts and money to the poor. He preferred to deliver his gifts after dark and in disguise so that no one would know who left them. How can we follow his example by giving gifts to the needy?

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Candle: white (peace) Always review the meaning of the previous candles as the candles are being lit. Symbolism: This candle reminds us of the Angel’s message to the shepherds, “Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.” Scripture: Luke 2:1-18 Theme: Reflect on whether there is someone who has something against us, or if we have something against anyone. Are there relationships that need repairing or people we need to forgive? Forgive and be forgiven.



## Announcements:



Today we **green the church** following coffee hour!! Many hands make light work as we decorate the church in anticipation of **The Nativity of Christ**.

The **Sunday School Christmas Program (Yolka)** is coming soon - on Sunday Dec. 21. Every Sunday until then, during church school the children will be practicing!

- 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 will be creating the 2015 budget over the next month, for presentation & voting at our Annual Meeting in January. To be considered a voting member of the parish, the by-laws clearly outline a "member in good standing". To be counted as a voting member, you must be in regular attendance, recent communion & confession and a pledge-commitment to the church. Pledge cards are in your mailboxes and should be prayerfully filled out returned to Scott Condo's mailbox by Nov. 30.

# Happy Birthday

May God Grant  
You Many Years

## December

Tony Manos  
Fr Stacey  
Zoe Powell  
Ann Kisha  
Scott Condo  
Brenna Romano  
Natalie Tillman  
Joel Brady

## 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>

Wednesday

<b>Akathist to the Theotokos</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

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Upcoming

<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>Dec 15</b>
<b>Christmas Program (Yolka)</b>	<b>Dec 21</b>
<b>Christmas Royal Hours</b>	<b>Dec 23 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Christmas Eve Vigil</b>	<b>Dec 24 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Christmas Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>Dec 25 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. 7** GATES, RICHTER, BRANDON, CONDO  
**DEC. 14** HUBA, KOSITA, DEGENHART, FRISCHKORN  
**DEC. 21** TAPYRIK, KRAJCI, BLANCHARD, LEWIS, CER-RATO  
**DEC. 28** KISHA-WISE, KISHA, MONAHAN, POWELL

