

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

December 16, 2018

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:4-11 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 14:16-24

Next Week: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 1-25

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

Services: Sat., Dec. 22 nd	Great Vespers (Sacrament of Confession to follow)	7 pm
Sun., Dec. 23 rd	Ten Martyrs of Crete Sunday School Divine Liturgy	9:15 am 10 am
Mon., Dec. 24 th	Holy Supper (in Parish Social Hall) Vigil of the Holy Nativity (Compline and Matins)	5:30 pm 8 pm
Tues., Dec. 25 th	Feast of the Nativity of the Lord Carols Divine Liturgy	9:45 am 10 am

Announcements:

TODAY is our *Christmas Yolka* – Come see our church school children perform in the annual Yolka program immediately following Divine Liturgy. Grab a cup of coffee and join the festivities. Come help receive our “Special Visitor”! Hope you brought your camera. *“Oh, who loves, Nicholas the saintly”...*

Get into the Holiday Spirit **this evening 16th starting at 6:30 pm** with the Belle Vernon Area Ministerium Choir's presentation of “*A Service of Lessons and Carols*” at St. Sebastian's Church. There will be a social afterwards in the Parish Hall.

The Greshes are in the process of preparing for the FINAL move from Ohio. However, there's no room at the Rectory in order to complete the move! Father has had some success in minimizing some of his stuff and Parish Council has approved the posting of additional parish pieces that will need a new home. Pictures of these items that need a new home will be made available. If you have any interest, just let Father Stephan know and give a donation to the Church.

The Nativity Fast is in progress, don't forget to pick up some of Baba's homemade Perohi (potato & cheese, hot pepper cheese and cabbage fillings are available) to help keep the fast!

Christmas Altar Candles: Gifts are now being accepted for the Christmas Altar Candles. If you would like to make a gift in memory of loved ones or in honor of loved ones – place your offering in an envelope marking it “Christmas Candles” and leave it at the Candle Stand.

Make this tradition from years gone by a new family tradition! The Nativity Eve Veliya (Holy Supper). All are invited to participate in our Parish Holy Supper Covered Dish on Christmas Eve at the Social Hall beginning **promptly at 5:30 pm**. Reader Peter will coordinate the preparation of all dishes. Please remember all food items must be prepared with no meat, dairy (no eggs). (Some of the items traditionally served are: Garlic & Honey, Fish, Sauerkraut Soup, Fruit Compote, Bobalki, Prune Perohi; Keselicha (Fermented Oatmeal), Mashed Potatoes.) Please contact Peter face-to-face or over the phone at 724-787-2031 to confirm your menu assignment. This meal helps us to prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, God and Savor Jesus Christ. Learn centuries old customs of this holy night to re-establish the practice of this traditional meal in your family. Take a few minutes to ask parents, grandparents or great grandparents about traditions that they did on Christmas Eve. Bring a friend and see you there!!

Don't forget, we need to remember and visit our Home-Bound Parishioners especially over the holiday season! See today's bulletin insert for an **UPDATED** listing of our Home-Bound Parishioners. All of these folks are very appreciative that their parish has not forgotten them and enthusiastically send their love to all here at HROC. If you know of a person who needs to be added to it, please let Father Stephan know.

The winter season edging its way in! Use your judgment based on weather conditions. If the services are canceled, it will be announced on WPXI.

Collection: December 9th: \$2,172