



*Holy Resurrection
Orthodox Church*

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Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Services	Mon., Nov. 16 th	Commemoration of Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew (at St. Nicholas, Donora)	
		Hours	8:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	9 am
	Sat., Nov. 21 st	Entrance into the Temple of the Most Holy Theotokos	
		Hours	8:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	9 am
		Great Vespers	7 pm
	Sun., Nov. 22 nd	Holy Apostle Philemon, Saints Apphia, Archippus, and Onesimus	
		Hours	9:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am

Epistle

(Ephesians 2:4-10)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

not of works, lest anyone should boast.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Gospel (*Luke 10:25-37*)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

He said to him, **“What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?”**

So he answered and said, *“‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’”*

And He said to him, **“You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”**

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Then Jesus answered and said: **“A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead.**

“Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

“Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

“But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

“So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

“On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’

“So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, **“Go and do likewise.”**

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

Next Week -- Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:16-21

Announcements:

November is the month we traditionally give **THANKS** for all the blessings in our life. Let us take a moment and share our blessings with others. We are collecting non-perishable food items to keep on hand at the church for when a need arises and, it has arisen a couple of times! Please drop off any non-perishables food items in the church social hall. God bless!

Don't forget, we need to remember and visit our Home-Bound Parishioners especially over the holiday season! See today's bulletin insert for a 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.*

We have just finished the book read of "Walking with Moses" with Father John Parker. We are starting a new virtual book read that meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. If anyone is interested, please let me know and we will add you to the group.

Christmas is coming! (In spite of COVID-19 still hanging around!)

We are getting together to bake some nut rolls to brighten the holiday season. Due to this year's unusual circumstances, we are only baking nut rolls and we will not be advertising in the *Mon Valley Independent*. We are taking orders and have posted our nut roll ad on the HROC's website. (Some of our diehard customers have already placed their orders!) Today's bulletin insert is the Annual Christmas Bake Sale order form. You can submit your orders at the Candle Stand by **Sunday, November 29th**.

Don't forget to include a valid telephone number(s) on the order form so we can arrange for you to pick-up!

Any Parishioner who feels comfortable to help is invited to come and bake the Christmas nut rolls on **Friday, December 4th and Saturday, December 5th AND/OR Friday, December 11th and Saturday, December 12th starting at 7 am.** Come on over to lend a hand, enjoy the fellowship and get into the holiday spirit all while maintaining social distancing. Nothing beats the aroma of freshly baked Christmas rolls. *Remember, real men ALSO make Christmas rolls!*

Perohi also available: Potato & Cheese (\$7.50 a doz.) and Sweet Cabbage (\$7.00 a doz.)

From Fr. Stephan:

Recently, parishioners, as well as friends, neighbors, and even strangers who recognize me as a member of the clergy express their concerns in regards to the civil/political unrest as well as the corona virus situation.

Now, more than ever, we need to come together as the "Body of Christ" and let the "Light of Christ" shine through us. I am going to ask that everyone in the parish add these special petitions to their daily prayers.

Again, we pray, O Lord, that You come to our aid now during the global spread of the Coronavirus and be with the families of those who are sick and who have died. May the sick regain their strength and health, and as they worry and grieve, defend them from further illness and despair. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Give wisdom and strength to our federal government, our state governments, together with the leaders of all nations, and give them foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they serve. Give them the added wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for and prevent future outbreaks. O Lord hear us and have mercy.

Again, we pray, O Lord, that You be with the doctors, nurses, researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. We pray that You stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Whether

we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, we pray that You stay with us as we endure and mourn, prepare, and persist. O Lord hear us and have mercy.

Petitions at the Augmented Litany in a Time of Civil Unrest

Again we pray for this country and for all its cities, towns, and countrysides that are riven by strife; for all those who are victims of violence, of hatred and injustice, of disorder and unrest, and especially for those who have been killed, that they might find their repose in thee; for all who are beset by anger and fear; for those in civil authority and all who enforce the law; and for all the people of this land: for justice, godly liberty, mercy, a peaceful life, and remission of our sins. O Lord hear us and have mercy.

Again we pray that all people of this land, its rulers and authorities, its citizens and all who reside here, might be enlightened with the light of thy Gospel and thy commandments, unto peace and good order and love for one another, so that we might easily and safely pass from our temporary homeland here to, our true homeland with thee in heaven. O Lord hear us and have mercy.

Update from Fr. Stephan:

- a) We will ***maintain social distancing***. Every other pew has been taped off. This provides 6'3" between rows. The center isle is 5' wide so available rows alternate from side to side. For right now, we are asking that two people sit in each pew unless they are a family group. This may change as things open up further.
- b) ***Masks are now mandatory in public spaces where the general public is admitted***. Example: when you come to communion, Fr. Stephan will wear a mask so that you will be able to receive.
- c) Fr. Stephan will use an ***individual spoon for each communicant***. Every spoon will be cleaned and sanitized by Fr. Stephan.
- d) There will be ***NO congregating at the candle stand***. The prayer/candle forms will be available in the pews. Fill them out at your seats. Drop in basket at the candle area.
- e) ***Father Stephan will no longer be calling to ask you to schedule for services***. Being permitted to have 40 per service helps situation greatly. If you are able to come on a Saturday from time to time please do! This will open some additional spaces on Sundays making it possible for everyone to start coming on a weekly basis.
- f) The Church is cleaned and sanitized after each service. Please be considerate and make our jobs easier. ***If you use a service book please leave it on the pew so that it can be sanitized***.