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Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Services	Sun., Nov. 22 nd	Memorial for the Servant of God, Jereme Dudzinski on the Anniversary of his falling asleep requested by his Family	Following Liturgy
	Sat., Nov. 28 th	Holy Father New Martyr Stephen Hours Divine Liturgy Great Vespers	8:45 am 9 am 7 pm
	Sun., Nov. 29 th	Holy Martyr Paramon & Companions Hours Divine Liturgy	9:45 am 10 am
	Mon., Nov. 30 th	Commemoration of Holy Apostle Andrew, the First-Called (at St. Nicholas, Weirton, WV) Hours Divine Liturgy	8:45 am 9 am

Epistle

(*Ephesians 2:14-22*)

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained in* ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace,

and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*,

in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel (Luke 12:16-21)

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: **“The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.**

“And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’”

“So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.

‘And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.”’”

“But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’”

“So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

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

Next Week -- Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:10-17

Announcements:

Thanks to everyone who has been there to comfort Julia and family with the loss of her husband/their father Chuck. Chuck and Julia have been married for nearly 65 years and have been dedicated to the parish for many years.

Through the years, Julia has donated many handmade hats, blankets, and other knitted products for people in need. I have given many away to people who have stopped by the church looking for something warm to wear. There are still many wonderful warm handmade items available for those in need. However, please consider helping with this project by donating your time and talent to help make some additional treasures to warm someone’s day.

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!

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. We are taking orders, have advertised in the *Mon Valley Independent* and posted our nut roll ad on the HROC’s website. (Some of our diehard customers have already placed their orders!) Pick up your order form at the Candle Stand – **REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR ORDERS 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!***

Also, any Parishioner who feels comfortable to help is invited to come on **Friday, December 4th and Saturday, December 5th AND/OR Friday, December 11th 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!*

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.*

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

Update from the Diocese and Fr. Stephan 11/19/20:

- 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.
- b) *****Masks and/or face shields are now a requirement*** while on church property for any gatherings. However, 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.***

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.