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Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Services	Mon., Nov. 30 th	Commemoration of Holy Apostle Andrew, the First-Called <i>(at St. Nicholas, Weirton, WV)</i>	
		Hours	8:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	9 am
	Sat., Dec. 5 th	Holy Father Sabbas the Sanctified	
		Hours	8:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	9 am
		Great Vespers	7 pm
	Sun., Dec. 6 th	St. Nicholas, Wonderworker and Archbishop of Myra in Lycia	
		Hours	9:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am

Epistle

(Ephesians 4:1-6)

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Gospel

(Luke 13:10-17)

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise *herself* up.

But when Jesus saw her, He called *her* to *Him* and said to her, **“Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.”**

And He laid *His* hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.”

The Lord then answered him and said, **“Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead *it* away to water it?”**

“So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?”

And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

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

Next Week -- Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:12-19

Announcements:

Julia and family express their thanks to everyone for their prayers, candles lit, phone calls and cards during Chuck’s hospitalization and at his passing. The warmth and love of their parish family felt during these difficult times will always be treasured and remembered.

God Bless everyone!

Julia, Julie, Shari, Chuck and Reenie

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!

This Christmas season will be trying for everyone! Help yourself while in the process of helping others and spread the joy of the birth of our Savior! Since the beginning of the pandemic, St. Tikhon’s Seminary has been closed to everyone except for essential personnel of St. Tikhon’s. Many of our seminarians and their families are feeling disconnected and monetary help is not freely available to help with necessities. Starting with this week’s Saturday/Sunday liturgies through December 13th, we will be taking a special collection to help make Christmas for our seminarians and their families special. Please place your donation in the basket by the choir. We will also be sending along some of Julia’s handmade colorful hats and headbands with our monetary gift. We are celebrating Christmas a little differently this year. Let us not forget to help our neighbor in need!

REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR ORDERS – DUE TODAY!

MOST IMPORTANT:

*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.