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Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Services	Fri., Nov. 13 th	Commemoration of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople (at HROC, BV)	
		Hours	8:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	9 am
	Sat., Nov. 14 th	Apostle Philip (of 12) Emperor Justinian & his wife Theodora	
		Hours	8:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	9 am
		Great Vespers	7 pm
	The Nativity Fast (Philipovka) <u>begins</u> at Sundown on Saturday, November 14th.		
	Sun., Nov. 15 th	Confessors Gurias, Samonas & Abibus	
		Hours	9:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am
	Mon., Nov. 16 th	Commemoration of Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew (at St. Nicholas, Donora)	
		Hours	8:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	9 am

Epistle

(Galatians 6:11-18)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!

As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

Gospel

(Luke 8:41-56)

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house,

for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.

Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any,

came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

And Jesus said, "**Who touched Me?**" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, '**Who touched Me?**'"

But Jesus said, "**Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.**"

Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

And He said to her, "**Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.**"

While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "**Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.**"

When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl.

Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "**Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.**"

And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "**Little girl, arise.**"

Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given *something* to eat.

And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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

Next Week -- Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Announcements:

This month's Parish Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 10th at 7 p.m.**

There may be some firewood available from the tree that was partially cut down at the rectory. Let Father Stephan know if you would like some.

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 Facebook page and 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!*

Can we tempt your taste buds???? When we were getting ready to bake Paska before the chaos of the pandemic, a few church members got together to bake nut rolls using up the last of the nuts from the Christmas baking. We have some nut rolls for sell at \$15 each. They taste great!

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***.