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Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Sat., Dec. 3 rd	<u>NO</u> Vespers	
	Sun., Dec. 4 th	Holy Great Martyr Barbara and her Companion Julianna; St. John of Damascus; the Glorification of Priest-Martyr Alexander Hotovitzky	
		Sunday School Hours Divine Liturgy	9:15 am 9:45 am 10 am
	Tues., Dec. 6 th	Feast of St. Nicholas, Wonderworker and Archbishop of Myra in Lycia	
		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 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 Liturgy.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:12-19

Announcements:

A very special thank you to all my family and friends at Holy Resurrection. To Fr. Stephan and Fr. Sam, a special thank you for your special prayers before my surgery.

Also, thank you to my family and friends for your prayers, candles, phone calls, cards, gifts, visits, and food. I was overwhelmed by your outpouring of concern for me through your prayers.

I am recuperating well and very grateful to God for everyone's support.

God is good!

Martha Zeli

CHRISTMAS ALTAR CANDLES: The following Altar Candle was presented by the following:

In Loving Memory of Tammie Kay Scarvel by Mom, Patty Minor.

The orders have been collected and ingredients are being bought but **WE NEED YOU** to come on over to lend a hand and enjoy the fellowship. Nothing like nut roll baking to get you into the holiday spirit! All Parishioners are invited to come and help bake the Christmas nut rolls on **Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd starting at 7 am**. Nothing beats the aroma of freshly baked Christmas rolls. *Remember, real men ALSO make Christmas rolls!*

This Christmas season will be trying for everyone again! Help yourself while in the process of helping others and spread the joy of the birth of our Savior! Many of our St. Tikhon seminarians and their families sometimes feel disconnected and monetary help is not always available to help with necessities. **TODAY through December 11th**, 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. Let us not forget to help our neighbor in need!

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.*

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.

The lights are looking good! Please give feedback to the council if you see things that we still need to address.

A Note from Council ~~ Don't forget: If you have any changes/updates to your phone/cell number, e-mail address or home address, please let us know. Please drop off any new information at the candlestand or give to Mary Merella to help us keep the information on our contact lists up-to-date. Thanks!

Interested in learning how to make Proshpora? If interested, please let either Marie or Mary know. A demonstration/class is on the horizon.

Reminder: Please have the courtesy to inform others if you have potentially exposed them to Covid. It is still imperative that we remain vigilant to keep safe and healthy.

Upcoming Events:

- **Don't forget that the Nativity Fast (Philipovka) has begun.** Pick up some of Baba's homemade Perohi (potato & cheese and cabbage fillings are available) to help keep the fast!
- ***This Year's Christmas Yolka*** is scheduled for **Sunday, December 11th**. Come watch our Sunday School children tell the story of our Dear Savior's birth. Also, don't forget to bring your cameras, as we will have a “Special Visitor” arrive that day! Please help make our Yolka a festive occasion for all – please see either Marie Dudzinski or Rebecca Bazzar if you are able to help lend a hand with some goodies for Coffee Hour to welcome St. Nicholas! *“Oh, who loves, Nicholas the saintly”...*
- ***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 Savior 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!!

➤ **Christmas Services:**

Sat., Dec. 24 th	Holy Supper (in Parish Social Hall)	5:30 pm
	Vigil of the Holy Nativity	8 pm
	(Compline and Matins)	
Sun., Dec. 25 th	Feast of the Nativity of the Lord	
	Carols	9:45 am
	Divine Liturgy	10 am