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## *Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church*

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### **December 11, 2022**

*Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!*

<b>Services</b>	Sat., Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Great Vespers with Confession</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
	Sun., Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Martyr Sebastian; Holy Martyr Modestus</b> Sunday School Hours Divine Liturgy	<b>9:15 am 9:45 am 10 am</b>
	Sat., Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Supper (in Parish Social Hall) <b>Vigil of the Holy Nativity</b> (Compline and Matins)	<b>5:30 pm 8 pm</b>
	Sun., Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feast of the Nativity of the Lord</b> Carols Divine Liturgy	<b>9:45 am 10 am</b>

## **Epistle**

*(Colossians 3:4-11)*

When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.

# Gospel

(Luke 14:16-24)

Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,  
“and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’

“But they all with one *accord* began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’

“And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’

“Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’

“So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here *the* poor and *the* maimed and *the* lame and *the* blind.’

“And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’

“Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.

‘For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.’”

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

*Epistle:* Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 1:1-25

## Announcements:

*Thank you and God's blessings to All for the cards, candles and prayers during my convalescence from my broken ankle. I'm getting better day by day!*

*God Bless Everyone!  
Michelle "Sissy" Walters*

CHRISTMAS ALTAR CANDLES: The following Altar Candles were presented by the following:

*In Loving Memory of Jereme Joseph Dudzinski*

By Mom and Dad

**TODAY is the last day** 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!

This month's council meeting will be held on **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

**Please consider coming ‘sooner than later’  
for your Advent Confession  
to avoid long lines before Christmas.**

**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!
- ***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!!

***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 Prospora? 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.