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*Holy Resurrection
Orthodox Church*

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Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Sat., Dec. 14 th	Great Vespers and Confession	6 pm
	Sun., Dec. 15 th	Sunday of the Forefathers Church School <i>(On Christmas Break until 1/5/25)</i> Hours Divine Liturgy	9:45 am 10 am

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

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

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:16-24

<p>Tone 7 Troparion <i>(Resurrection)</i></p> <p>By Thy <u>Cross</u> Thou didst destroy <u>death</u>. To the thief Thou didst open <u>Paradise</u>. For the <u>Myrrh</u>bearers Thou didst change weeping into <u>joy</u>, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O <u>Christ</u> God, to <u>proclaim</u> that Thou art <u>risen</u>, granting the <u>world</u> great <u>mercy</u>.</p> <p>Tone 2 Troparion <i>(Ven. Patapius)</i></p> <p>The image of <u>God</u> was <u>truly</u> preserved in thee, O <u>Father</u>, for thou didst take <u>up</u> the <u>Cross</u> and <u>follow</u> Christ. By so <u>doing</u>, thou <u>taughtest</u> us to <u>disregard</u> the flesh for it <u>passes</u> away; but to care <u>instead</u> for the <u>soul</u>, for it is <u>immortal</u>. Therefore thy <u>spirit</u>, <u>venerable</u> Patapius, rejoices with the <u>angels</u>.</p>	<p>Tone 7 Kontakion <i>(Resurrection)</i></p> <p>The <u>dominion</u> of death can no longer hold men <u>captive</u>, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its <u>powers</u>. Hell is <u>bound</u>, while the Prophets <u>rejoice</u> and cry: “The Savior has come to <u>those</u> in faith; enter, you <u>faithful</u>, into the <u>Resurrection!</u>”</p> <p>Tone 4 Kontakion <i>(Ven. Patapius)</i></p> <p>Thy temple is <u>found</u> to be a source of <u>healing</u>, and the people flock to it <u>eagerly</u>, O saint. They seek the <u>healing</u> of their <u>diseases</u> and the <u>forgiveness</u> of their sins, for thou art a protector for all those in <u>need</u>, ven’rable Patapius.</p>	<p>Tone 7 Prokeimenon <i>(Resurrection)</i></p> <p>The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. <i>(Ps. 28:11)</i></p> <p><i>V. Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!</i> <i>(Ps. 28:1a)</i></p>
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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 17:12-19)

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

And they lifted up *their* voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

So when He saw *them*, He said to them, “**Go, show yourselves to the priests.**” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on *his* face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

So Jesus answered and said, “**Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?**

“**Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?”**

And He said to him, “**Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.**”

Announcements:



Local honey available at the Candlestand for \$10 per bottle.

All proceeds directly benefit our church.

Pure Honey; NO additives.

The Nativity Fast or Advent Season has begun! Please try to do the best that you can without hurting or being judgmental of others. Remember abstaining from different foods is only a small part of the Advent Season. We all have opportunities to work on our prayer lives, love our neighbors, forgive others, and ask for forgiveness of our own shortcomings.

“*Oh, who loves, Nicholas the saintly*”... Stop by Coffee Hour **TODAY** to help welcome our “Special Visitor”!

All parishioners are reminded to promptly submit their Home Blessings Envelopes. If you think you might have discarded yours with your 2024 envelopes, just fill out an envelope at the Candle Desk with your name, address and phone number and turn it into Father.

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

In Loving Memory of John & Sophie Onufer and Anthony & Antoinette Niro by Joe, Karen and Family

This month's Parish Council meeting is on **Monday, December 9th at 6:30 pm.**

The Christmas season can be trying for everyone! 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 15th**, 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!

The 2025 Weekly Offering Envelopes are in. Please stop by the candlestand to pick your set. If you need a set, please see Toni Costello.

2025 Church Calendars are in. Pick up yours today!

Don't forget, we need to remember and visit our Home-Bound Parishioners especially over the holiday season! See today's bulletin insert for an **UPDATED** 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.

Save the Date:

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 or butter). (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!!