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Christ Is In Our Midst!

Services	Sat., Feb. 1 st	Great Vespers and Confession	6 pm
	Sun., Feb. 2 nd	The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple (Zacchaeus Sunday)	
		Church School	9:15 am
		Hours	9:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am

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

Epistle: Hebrews 7:7-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

<p>Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)</p> <p>The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as <u>dead</u> men. Mary <u>stood</u> by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure <u>body</u>. Thou didst capture hell not being <u>tempted</u> by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, <u>granting</u> life. O Lord, Who didst <u>rise</u> from the dead, <u>glory</u> to Thee.</p> <p>Tone 4 Troparion (Ven. Xenophon)</p> <p>O God of our <u>Fathers</u>, always act with <u>kindness</u> towards us; take not Thy <u>mercy</u> from us, but guide our <u>lives</u> in peace through the prayers of Venerable Xenophon and his <u>family</u>!</p>	<p>Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)</p> <p>When Christ God, the <u>Giver</u> of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His <u>mighty</u> hand, He bestowed resurrection on the <u>human</u> race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the <u>God</u> of all.</p> <p>Tone 3 Kontakion (Ven. Xenophon)</p> <p>Thou didst keep vigil in the courts of the Lord with thy wife and two children, blessed <u>Xenophon</u>, and thou didst gladly lavish thy <u>wealth</u> on the poor. Therefore, thou hast inherited <u>divine</u> joy.</p>	<p>Tone 6 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)</p> <p>O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! (Ps. 27:9a)</p> <p>V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)</p>
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Epistle

(1 Timothy 1:15-17)

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

(Matthew 15:21-28)

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

But He answered and said, "**I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**"

Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

But He answered and said, "**It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs.**"

And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered and said to her, "**O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.**" And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Announcements:

The Parish Council has requested the posting of the second notice of our Parish's Annual Meeting which will be held at Coffee Hour on **Sunday, February 2nd**.

- Council members are elected to a 3-year term. So every year approximately 1/3 of the council members are up for re-election. If they want to stay on the council after their three year term it is perfectly fine. However they still need to be voted in again by the Parish. If anyone is interested in serving on the Parish Council, please submit your name to Tim Laciak or Father Stephan.
- Also, if anyone has any matters to be placed on the Annual Meeting Agenda, please inform Tim.

Matushka Sophie Daniels is not doing well. Please include Matushka Sophie in your prayers along with the Daniels Family during their time of need. Sophie's prayers for us have been continuous and she will be praying for us throughout eternity. We should use her example of prayer to strengthen our own prayer lives.

'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' ... **'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.'** Hardship is unexpected and can happen to anyone! Parish Council will be taking an ongoing special collection to assist any Parishioner in need. Holy Resurrection has been gracious in their generous gifts to multiple families in need. We will have a basket for donations to replace the funds that have been distributed so that we are able to continue to do this. Again, **THANKS** for your generosity!

House Blessings: Father Stephan is working on his schedule. **Please let him know if there are any changes to your address and/or phone number.** He will contact you before he arrives. Don't worry about your mess, Father Stephan has had a lot of life experience with a house full of people and stuff. Traditionally one would want to have at least one clean spot with a clean white cloth that has a bowl of blessed water, an icon, candle, and a fresh herb that can be used for the blessing and later as seasoning.

With the snow and fringed temperatures, show your love for your neighbor! Check in with our Home-Bound Parishioners to make sure they are okay and/or need anything. The cold snowy weather can land lock many. See today's bulletin insert for an **UPDATED** listing of our Home-Bound Parishioners. Let them know that they are loved and not forgotten! *If you know of a person who needs to be added to it, please let Father Stephan know.*

SAVE THE DATE:

The first 2025 diocesan event planned by the Diocesan Youth Committee is a **SKATING PARTY** at PPG-Place on **Sunday, February 2 (3 PM - 4:45 PM)** in downtown Pittsburgh. Please note that **ALL** are invited - NOT just families with children! Please call or text Fr. Alexander Cadman with any questions or with your RSVP to 814/321-4473 or e-mail to alexandercadman@outlook.com. See the flyer on the vestibule bulletin board for more information.

Grab your Sweetheart and dance the night away at a Valentine's Day Polka Party at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church at 301 South State Street, DuBois. Polka music by the Vagabonds. Cover charge is \$15 per person. Kielbasa Sandwiches, Pierogies, Halushki along with snacks, a variety of desserts, soft drinks and coffee are on the menu. There will also be a 50/50 Drawing. All proceeds benefit St. Nicholas' Building Maintenance Fund.