

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

December 3, 2017

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:9-19 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 18:18-27

Next Week: Ephesians 6:10-17 **Next Week:** Luke 17:12-19

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

Services	Wed., Dec. 6 th	Nicholas the Wonderworker of Myra	
		Hours	8:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	9 am
		Panikhyda for Deceased Members of the Merella Family	After Liturgy
	Sun., Dec. 10 th	Martyrs Menas, Hermogene, Blessed John & Angelina	
		Church School	9:15 am
		Hours	9:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am
		Sacrament of Confession	1-3 pm

Announcements:

Our sympathies and consolations are extended to the family of **Michael Gombo** who fell asleep in the Lord last Sunday and was buried from our Church last Tuesday. May his Memory be Eternal in God's Heavenly Kingdom! A note of interest, Michael was the last surviving veteran of WWII of this Parish;

AND ALSO

Our sympathies and consolations are extended to the family of **Violet Kobal** who fell asleep in the Lord this past week and was buried from our Church yesterday. Violet was an elderly Orthodox Christian from the valley who had been in a care facility for a number of years. May her Memory be Eternal in God's Heavenly Kingdom!

Please remember both of these Servants of God in your prayers.

Matushka Denise's surgery went well and she's on the mend! Thank you from Matushka for your prayers and candles.

Please see today's bulletin insert for:

- a listing of Fr. Stephan's Schedule for the sacrament of confession for Advent; and
- a listing of our Home-Bound Parishioners. They would really appreciate a card or visit during the Advent Season. 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 know.

Christmas Altar Candles: The following Altar Candle was presented by the following:

Mom, Dad, Jacob, Jonathan, Jennifer, Ava & Nathan in *Loving Memory of Jereme Joseph Dudzinski*

Save the Date: Begin your holiday season with joy! Prayer Arise! (The Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Men's a capella Liturgical and Folk Choir) will be putting on a benefit performance at St. John the Divine Russian Orthodox Church (42 McKee Ave., Monessen) on **Saturday, December 9th at 5 pm** with prayerful Vespers and joyous Christmas Carols. Proceeds from the concert will benefit Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Our own Slippery Rock Freshman, **Victoria Cooper**, is seeking your help through sponsorship in order to participate in a wonderful educational opportunity to help her prepare for her future healthcare career. Through the SRU Physician Assistant's Club and the MEDLIFE chapter at SRU, Victoria has an opportunity to participate in the MEDLIFE Service Learning Trip to Ecuador taking place January 13-21, 2018. MEDLIFE is a non-profit organization that sets up Mobile Clinics in Peru, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Tanzania. These Mobile Clinics provide primary healthcare through doctors, dentists, gynecologists; through the dispensing of medications; and the setting up of educational workshops to improve the overall health of a community in rural or impoverished areas who otherwise may not have access to medical services. Victoria and the SRU MEDLIFE Chapter would contribute by making a sustainable difference in the local community members' lives by providing valuable health care assistance as well as participating in a development project to improve the infrastructure of the community. Through your sponsorship, you can help Victoria broaden her healthcare education by gaining invaluable hands-on training and assistance through the Mobile Clinic. Victoria's participation fee for this trip is \$2,500, which in turn funds the MEDLIFE Clinic and Patient Follow-Up Care, directly impacting MEDLIFE's capacity to serve the communities they partner with. Please see today bulletin insert regarding her trip. Victoria has participated in fundraising efforts, but is still a little short. Could you help make this wonderful opportunity a reality for Victoria? If interested, please make your check payable to "Amy Cooper" and leave at the candlestand. All sponsorships will be deposited directly into Victoria's account to defray trip expenses. All sponsors are to keep a copy of the enclosed letter as your receipt with the amount of your sponsorship noted for a tax deductible donation. Deadline for sponsorship is Sunday, December 17th. Thank you HROC for your consideration and prayers!

All Parishioners are invited to gather together to bake the Christmas rolls on the following **Friday, December 8th and Saturday, December 9th both sessions starting at 7 am**. Come on over to lend a hand, enjoy the fellowship and get into the holiday spirit. Nothing beats the aroma of freshly baked Christmas rolls. *Remember, real men ALSO make Christmas rolls!*

If baking isn't your specialty, your Help is Still Needed and Appreciated! Could you help your church increase its revenue from its baking endeavor by helping with a donation toward purchasing some of the supplies needed for baking?

This Year's Christmas Yolka is scheduled for **Sunday, December 17th**. 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 Wendy Mica if you are able to help lend a hand with Coffee Hour to welcome St. Nicholas! *"Oh, who loves, Nicholas the saintly"...*

See the reverse side of the Candlelist for MORE announcements!

Please remember your *December Fair Share Monthly* envelope. Our monthly obligation to the national church and Archdiocese is \$15 per adult person per month. Not meeting this obligation requires us to draw funds from the General Account to cover them.

Collection: November 26th: \$1,340

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 Prayer Network is still functioning and very active! Please submit your prayer request(s) to “local coordinator”, Peter Merella, for circulation to the network. He may be reached 24/7 at 724/787-2031. Please leave a voicemail as I continually check my messages also please provide a first name and last initial (if possible). See Peter if interested in participating in the prayer group.

*Please see the back of this week's candlelist for additional
announcements*