

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

December 10, 2017

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 17:12-19

Next Week: Colossians 3:4-11 **Next Week:** Luke 14:16-24

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

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| Services | Sun., Dec. 10 th | Sacrament of Confession | 1-3 pm |
| | Sat., Dec. 16 th | Great Vespers (Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow) | 7 pm |
| | Sun., Dec. 17 th | Sunday of the Holy Forefathers Church School Hours Divine Liturgy Sacrament of Confession | 9:15 am 9:45 am 10 am 1-3 pm |

Announcements:

Please see today's bulletin insert for:

- a listing of Fr. Stephan's Schedule for the sacrament of confession for Advent; and
- an **UPDATED** 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.

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!

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**"...

Continuing a tradition that Fr. Sam had brought back from years gone by ~~ 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 for the birth of our Lord and God and Savor 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 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.

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: December 3rd: \$2,587

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.