

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

January 6, 2019

Epistle Reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 3:13-17
Next Week: Ephesians 4:7-13 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 4:12-17
*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

Services: Sat., Jan. 12th **Great Vespers**
(Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow) **7 pm**

Sun., Jan. 13th **Martyrs Hermylus & Stratonicus of Belgrade**
Church School **9:15 am**
Hours **9:45 am**
Divine Liturgy **10 am**

Announcements:

Fr. Stephan and Matushka Denise wish to thank everyone who expressed holiday greetings through cards, gifts and messages. May God grant you many rich blessings this Christmas and in the year to come!

The Greshes are in the process of preparing for the FINAL move from Ohio. However, there's no room at the Rectory in order to complete the move! Father has had some success in minimizing some of his stuff and Parish Council has approved the posting of additional parish pieces that will need a new home. Pictures of these items that need a new home will be made available. If you have any interest, just let Father Stephan know and give a donation to the Church.

There will be a Parish Council meeting on **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7 pm**. Several items on the agenda for discussion will be to determine the date for the Annual Parish Meeting and discussions regarding the 2019 Parish Budget/Pledge Campaign.

House Blessings: It is that time of the year again for the house blessings. Father Stephan is working on a 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.

A Ham/Turkey Dinner Coffee Hour is being planned for one and all! Bring a guest! On **Sunday, January 20th**, HROC will be sponsoring a Ham/Turkey Dinner Coffee Hour with all the trimmings. While the cooks are fixin' the ham/turkey and sides, they are reaching out to fellow parishioners for assistance with a dessert to help finish this dinner with a bang! Do you have an awesome dessert that could help them out? There will be an RSVP sheet at the candlestand only to ensure that there's enough food for everyone. We are setting the table for 100 guests! Also, there will be another sheet for the awesome dessert donation. This Ham/Turkey Dinner Coffee Hour is a reminder at the start of this new year for all of us to count the *many blessings* we have to be thankful for and to reach out to the many around us who do not! A Free-Will Offering basket will be available.

Looking ahead: Please note these events on your calendars which will occur in ensuing month or so:

Pre-Lenten Retreat: Saturday, March 9th. The topic and speaker are in process. It will be an interactive experience to help prepare us for the Resurrection.

Parish Annual Meeting: Sunday, [TBD] after Divine Liturgy.

The *2019 Church Calendars* have arrived and are available in the vestibule today.

The winter season edging its way in! Use your judgment based on weather conditions. If the services are canceled, it will be announced on WPXI.

Collection: December 25th: \$3,163 & December 30th: 1,508

