

Upcoming Events:

- A Diocesan Advent Retreat – “Spiritual Growth & The Body of Christ” will be presented by the Very Rev. Thomas Soroka on **Saturday, November 16** at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church (150 Elmtree Road, New Kensington). The Retreat will open with a prayer service at 10 am followed by a light continental breakfast. The presentation is from 11 am to 1 pm. The event is free and does not require a reservation.
- A visitation of *The Wonder Working Icon of Saint Anna* will be at St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral on December 7th and 8th. A Great Vespers Service will be held **Saturday, December 7 at 5pm** followed by a Moleben and Presentation by Fr. Sergius. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 8th at 10 am** followed by Veneration of the Icon and Farewell. (See the vestibule bulletin board for details)

Collection: Oct. 27th: \$928.00; Mission collection: \$510.00



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November 3, 2019

Hieromartyr Akepsimas, Bishop of Naeson

By Very Rev. Fr. Lawrence Farley

In the fourth century, King Sapor of Persia raged against the Church, killing the Christians – as many as sixteen thousand. One of the bishops taken was the eighty-year-old Akepsimas, who suffered along with several of his clergy, such as his priest Joseph (aged seventy) and his deacon Aithalas (aged sixty). When Bishop Akepsimas was arrested, he was asked by one of his household what he wanted done with his property and house, for they knew he would be killed. He replied, “It’s no longer my house; I’m going to a better house and will not return.” Akepsimas languished in prison before finally being beheaded. He suffered with his fellow clergy in 350.

Services	Sat., Nov. 9 th	Great Vespers (Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)	7 pm
	Sun., Nov. 10 th	Holy Apostles Olympas, Erastus, Quartus, Herodion, Sosipator, and Tertius	
		Church School	9:15 am
		Hours	9:45 am
		Divine Liturgy	10 am

Epistle

(Galatians 1:11-19)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.

And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Gospel

(Luke 8:41-56)

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.

Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me."

Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."

When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl.

Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping."

And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise."

Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat.

And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened..

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

Next Week: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Announcements:

With deepest gratitude and love, we would like to extend our deepest thanks for the love and support we received throughout Chrisia's illness and our loss at her falling asleep.

May God bless one and all for your generosity, prayers and comfort throughout this difficult time.

May her Memory be Eternal!

Lynn Johnston, Paul Simkovich and Family

Thank you to everyone from Matushka Denise, Father Stephan and Family for the cards, candles and prayers offered in the falling asleep of Nora Hough, Matushka's Mother. Please remember Nora in your prayers and God bless everyone for their kind words of comfort during this difficult time.

Matushka Denise and Family

Christmas is coming!

Don't forget to order your nut, apricot and/or poppyseed rolls! In today's bulletin, you will find the HROC's Annual Christmas Bake Sale order form. You can submit your orders at the Candle Stand by **Sunday, December 1st**. *Please remember*, due to the large demand for nut rolls, no orders can be accepted after the due date.

Don't forget to include a valid telephone number(s) on the order form so we can contact you for pick-up!

Let Us Give Thanks! A Spaghetti Dinner is being planned for **November 10, 2019 after Liturgy**. ALL are invited to attend to give thanks to God for our blessings! Please try to attend, as we might have a surprise in store! There will be no charge! A freewill offering will be available with half of the proceeds being forwarded to the IOCC to help assist with their efforts in the Bahamas with the hurricane victims and the other half will go to the Angel Bowl to help continue our efforts in assisting the needy of our community. A sign-up sheet will be placed at the candlestand. If you have a dietary need, please let Toni or Martha know.