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An Abbreviated Bulletin

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Sunday, December 8, 2019 Volume V

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Hieromartyr Clement, pope of Rome (101)
Leavetaking (*Otdaniye*) of the Feast of the
Entrance of the Theotokos

9:15 – Third Hour; 9:30 – Divine Liturgy
Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6 / Hebrews 9:1-7;
Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 / Lk. 10:38-42; 11:27-28
Add'l Collection for our Capital Improvement

Fund / Panachida / Church School

Tuesday, December 10

9:30 Advent Paraklis to the Theotokos

Thursday, December 12

9:30 Moleben for the Nativity Fast

Saturday, December 14

11a-1p Mystery of Holy Confession offered

December 15, 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Prophet Habakkuk (Abbacum) (7th c. B.C.)

9:20 - Canon of Nativity; 9:30 - Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19

Gospel: Luke 18:18-27 (11th Sun. of Luke)

Tone 1; Liturgical Color: **Purple**

YOUTH Sunday / Panachida +Julia Potoski

St Nicholas Breakfast / NO Church School

"You are daily asked for alms, and
you ought daily to give willingly, without
anger, harshness, and murmuring.

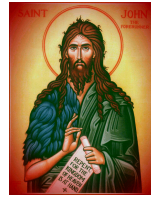
You do not give your own,
but you give that which belongs to God."
+St. John of Kronstadt

A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

Glory Be To Jesus Christ!

(responded with: *Glory Be Forever!*)

Slava Isusu Christu! (Slava Na Viki!)



We are happy that you have
joined us today! Please join
us downstairs for coffee and
a bite to eat. It is our pleasure
to have you in our presence
this morning and we wish

God's Blessings to all who visit
with us today and hope you stop again soon!
If you have any questions in regards to our
worship or Orthodoxy, please see Fr. Dave.

Bulletin Board Announcements

(Please have submissions for this section to
Father Dave by Wednesday.)

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials
were offered last week by Joanne Nelson;
Cindy Pavilonis; Olga Radick; Eleanor
Sanger; Kathy Schrmack; Theresa
Sharpless; Shuster Family; Patty Watson.

**"I am the light of the world; he who
follows Me will not walk in darkness, but
will have the light of life."** - John 8:12

A REMINDER TO MAKE TIME FOR
YOUR NATIVITY FAST CONFESSION!

"Lord, if you will, you can make me clean."
(Luke. 5:12)

Fr. Dave will be available for confessions
after ALL services, from 11a-1p on
Saturdays Dec. 14, 21, & Jan. 4, and by
appointment. Let us begin to shine in spirit
once again, being made free of the weight
and stain of our own faults!

"There is more mercy in God than there are
sins in us. Confess your sins at once,
whatever they may be." +St Tikhon of Zadonsk



We are now in the midst of
the Nativity Fast (a.k.a.
Advent or Phillip's Fast /
Filipovka). As in Great Lent,
you should establish for
yourself a rule of fasting and
stick to it. We can enjoy the

season with our extended family & friends and
still keep the spirit of the Fast, increasing our
prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. If you have
questions, please talk with Father Dave.
**Prepare the Manger of your Soul for the
coming of the new born Messiah!**

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Thank You! to all who helped with our
Church Clean-Up & Decorating yesterday!

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Nativity Fast Prayer Challenge - Please
continue the evening prayer challenge from our
Metro. Gregory! (Please see last week's bulletin)

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December Community Outreach - During
the Nativity Fast, we are called to increase
our Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.
This month we will be:

- reaching out to our **homebound** parishioners
- collecting for **Christmas at FOCUS**
(Please see Kathy Schrmack if you are able
to make a physical OR monetary donation)
- collecting for **Food Drive Project** for
FOCUS (see the bulletin board in the
church hall for details), as well as
- the **ACRY Stewardship Campaign:
Empowering the Saints for Ministry**
(this will be our community outreach
collection at the end of the month).

Thank you in advance for your prayers & offerings!

Coffee Social Steward Schedule

Dec. 15: Parish St. Nicholas Breakfast

December 22: Sharon and Matt

December 29: Open / Meat-Free

Our Stewardship Gifts To God

Stewardship:	\$ 145
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 85
Envelopes/Stewardship:	\$ 435
Total Collections:	\$ 665
Relocation Fund:	\$ 50

Nativity Commemorations – We offer you
the opportunity to sponsor items to be used
for Nativity as commemorations:
*anonymously, in memory of departed loved
ones, OR for the health of loved ones.* If you
are interested in making any of these
commemorations, please sign up on the
sheet in the Vestibule and give an *additional
free-will stewardship offering* to the Church.

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Prayer Corner

For the Health of... John, Alexandra D.,
Annie, Aislinn, Emily, Fr. Dcn. Artemius,
Pañi Marie, Michael, Daniel, Jake, Anna
Mae, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick,
Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Lino,
Louis, June, Helen, Doug, Joanne ...*through
the prayers of St. Nectarios the
Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and
St. Panteleimon, the Healer.*

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For the souls of the newly departed...
+Kelly Leone (11/25), +Francis (Smoley)
Zatorsky (11/19), +Evalyn T. Brudnak (11/14),
+Barbara Wisnosky (10/31), +Michael Timko
(10/24) ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed
repose where there is no pain sorrow or
mourning. May their Memory in God be Eternal*