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27TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

December 13, 2020

Tone 2

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Ephesians 5:9-19 (Epistle)

Luke 17:12-19 (Gospel)

A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship.

If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.

TODAY **Rest** of Ven. Herman of Alaska, Wonder worker of All America (†1837); **Sunday of the Forefathers**; Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, & Orestes, at Sebaste (†4TH c.); Virgin Martyr Lucia of Syracuse (†304); Ven. Arcadius of Novotorsk (†11TH c.); Ven. Mardarius, Recluse, of the Kiev Far Caves (†13TH c.); Ven. Arsenius of Latros (†8TH-9TH c.); Ven. Nikodemos.

9:30 am Third & Sixth Hours

10:00 am **Divine Liturgy** - **LIVE Stream on St. Nicholas Facebook Page**

Saturday, December 19

4:45 pm Ninth Hours

5:00 pm **Great Vespers** - **LIVE Stream on St. Nicholas Facebook Page**

Sunday, December 20 **28TH Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday before the Nativity; Forefeast of the**

Nativity of Christ; **Rest** of St. John of Kronstadt (†1908); Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch (†107); Ven. Ignatii, Archimandrite of the Kiev Far Caves (†1435); St. Philogonius, Bishop of Antioch (†323); St. Daniel 2, Archbishop of Serbia (†1338).

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Tone 7 Troparion (*St. Herman*)

O joyful North Star of the Church of Christ, guiding all men to the Heavenly Kingdom, teacher and apostle of the True Faith, intercessor and defender of the oppressed, adornment of the Orthodox Church in America: Blessed Father Herman of Alaska, pray to our Lord Jesus Christ /// for the salvation of our souls!

CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE 2020

Thursday, December 24TH

6:30pm Christmas Vigil

Friday, December 25TH

9:40am Hours

10:00am Christmas Liturgy

Saturday, December 26TH

9:40am Hours

10:00am Christmas Liturgy

All Christmas Services will be streamed LIVE on our Facebook page.

Vespers are canceled on Saturday, December 26TH

PLEDGE CARD please return by mail your pledges cards to our church as quickly as possible. This information will help us to better understand our parish financial expectations for 2021. Thank you and may God bless your responsible stewardship!

BULLETIN SPONSORS To offset the cost of weekly printing of the bulletins we are hoping to find monthly sponsors that would donate \$25 to cover this cost.

A NOTE FROM RECTOR It is with a heavy heart that I must convey to you all that some members of St. Nicholas Parish have resigned their membership. I am very much saddened by this decision but I will respect their wishes to move on. These people have been the backbone of our parish for many years and their absence will be felt by all. I humbly ask their forgiveness. I am remorseful for my part in the events leading up to their departure and I pray to someday receive their forgiveness. Thanks be to God for the many relentless years of service these people gave to St. Nicholas parish. May our Merciful God keep them safe and help them find spiritual peace on their journey of life.

CHRISTMAS CARDS We have a beautiful selection of handmade Christmas cards, created by Elena PAVLOV, available for purchase at the candle desk. All proceeds collected from the purchase of these cards go directly to our church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Please consider making an offering to help offset our Christmas flower cost. These donations can be made in honor of your loved ones. After the Christmas season has ended these flowers will be available to take home.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following people, who are in need of God's healing and grace:
Danelle BERGSTROM Tom KOMPARE Richard JOVANOVICH Vera HAUG Lubov SIROTUK Irina & her kids
Sevasti BERGSTROM Georgia PATTEN Galyna SHAFRANEC Serge HAUG June BRADLEY
Katherina BRADLEY Lydia ODOM Joseph ORLOVICH Jose FELIX Bogdan КОPYТ

MANY YEARS... Happy Birthday to Valerie HAUG on December 13TH & Anna VILCHIS on December 16TH

May God grant all our celebrants Many Happy and Healthy Years!

Today Epistle (Colossians 3:4-11)

Brethren... When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Today Gospel (Luke 14:16-24)

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 'For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

Апостол Дня (Колоссянам 3:4-11)

Братия... Когда же явится Христос, жизнь ваша, тогда и вы явитесь с Ним во славе. Итак, умертвите земные члены ваши: блуд, нечистоту, страсть, злую похоть и любостяжание, которое есть идолослужение, за которые гнев Божий грядет на сынов противления, в которых и вы некогда обращались, когда жили между ними. А теперь вы отложите все: гнев, ярость, злобу, злоречие, сквернословие уст ваших; не говорите лжи друг другу, совлекшись ветхого человека с делами его и облекшись в нового, который обновляется в познании по образу Создавшего его, где нет ни Еллина, ни Иудея, ни обрезания, ни необрезания, варвара, Скифа, раба, свободного, но все и во всем Христос.

Евангелие Дня (Луки 14:16-24)

Он же сказал ему: "Один человек сделал большой ужин и звал многих, и когда наступило время ужина, послал раба своего сказать званным: 'Идите, ибо уже все готово.' И начали все, как бы сговорившись, извиняться. Первый сказал ему: 'Я купил землю и мне нужно пойти посмотреть ее; прошу тебя, извини меня.' Другой сказал: 'Я купил пять пар волов и иду испытать их; прошу тебя, извини меня.' Третий сказал: 'Я женился и потому не могу придти.' И, возвратившись, раб тот донес о сем господину своему. Тогда, разгневавшись, хозяин дома сказал рабу своему: 'Пойди скорее по улицам и переулкам города и приведи сюда нищих, увечных, хромых и слепых.' И сказал раб: 'Господин! исполнено, как приказал ты, и еще есть место.' Господин сказал рабу: 'Пойди по дорогам и изгородям и убеди придти, чтобы наполнился дом мой. Ибо сказываю вам, что никто из тех званых не вкусит моего ужина, ибо много званых, но мало избранных.'"