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Great Martyr James of Persia
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
Ephesians 6:10-17

Gospel Reading
Luke 13:10-17

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion for Great Martyr James of Persia

You astounded all, long-suffering James, by enduring horrible tortures with great patience. As the evil assembly performed the slaughter, you uttered prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord. Through your sufferings you received your crown, and came to the throne of the heavenly King, Christ God. Entreat Him to save our souls!

Kontakion: You listened to your faithful wife and contemplated the judgment of God, holy James; you despised the threats and commands of the Persians, accepting the cutting of your body as though you were a vine. Therefore you were revealed as a martyr worthy of honor.

The Nativity Fast - Through Saturday, January 6

We are now in our spiritual preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fr. John invites us to schedule a time with him for the Sacrament of Confession.

Sisterhood Holiday Bake Sale

Yesterday's Bake Sale was hindered a bit by winter weather conditions. The good news is that today we can still purchase from the great variety of holiday specialties. We commend the event coordinator, Alexia Kolias, who applied her adaptability, dedication and past experience to lead a hard-working team of volunteers from the Sisterhood and church family. Well done!

Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. May you experience along with us the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for Coffee Hour. You are always welcomed in our worship, fellowship and charity outreach.

God Bless Fr. Deacon Mark

Congratulations and Axios to Fr. Dn. Maximus (Romanchak) on his monastic tonsuring at St. Tikhon's Monastery last Friday. His new name is Fr. Dn. Mark. All of us in his home parish sing with joy, "GOD GRANT HIM MANY YEARS!"

Faith in Action: NVFS Christmas Project – Final Day Today

Many thanks for the generous donations of toys for the children of the homeless and working poor families assisted by Northern Virginia Family Services. Monetary contributions may still be given to Sue Mamula with checks made payable to "NVFS Holiday Programs" or go to <https://www.nvfs.org>. Our kindness will help spread love, hope and joy this holiday season!

Sisterhood Meeting - Today

All women are invited to attend the Sisterhood meeting after Coffee Hour today. The agenda includes a preliminary bake sale report and plans for January 6 & 7.

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, December 13, 7:00-8:30PM

Vespers will be served Wednesday evening. A group discussion follows on "The Heavenly Banquet, Understanding the Divine Liturgy" by Fr. Emanuel Hatzidakis.

Winter Coat Drive – Sunday, December 17

There is a serious need for new or used winter coats for children, women and large men at the Embry Rucker Center in Reston. Please donate clean and ready to wear items not needing repairs. They also need new hats, scarves and gloves.

Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker – Tuesday, December 19

We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas at 10:30AM on Tuesday the 19th. Plan to stay afterwards for lunch. Bring a fasting food to share if you can. God bless all those who commemorate St. Nicholas for their Family Slava or as their personal patron saint. Mnogaja ljeta!

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Fr. Deacon Patrick as he celebrates his birthday. May God grant him many years! Mnogaja ljeta!