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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel Reading
Luke 14:16-24

CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!

Troparion for the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

Through faith You justified the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: She who bore You without seed. So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion

You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid, for You are merciful and able to do as You will.

Memory Eternal +

We offer prayers today for Mile Milosevich, Edward Phillips, Zora Milasnovich and Mary Szul on the anniversaries of their falling asleep in the Lord. May our Lord grant rest eternal in blessed repose to His servants. Večnaja pamjat +

The Nativity Fast

Fr. John invites everyone who has not yet come to the Sacrament of Confession to schedule a time to meet with him before January 7. *“Come, open your heart, speak in all truth to Him, knowing that you are loved beyond judgment to the point of sacrifice and death: His death, and your life - life in time and life eternal.”*

~ Metropolitan Anthony Bloom

Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests who are with us today. Please join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life. You are always welcome in our worship, fellowship, study and charity outreach.

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Schedule Change

Vespers and O-201 will not meet this Wednesday but will resume on January 15.

First-Saturday-of-the-Month Great Vespers – January 4

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend Vespers this Saturday at 5PM in preparation and anticipation of the Nativity of Our Lord.

Children’s Christmas Program – Sunday, January 5

Our Church School children will present their special Feastday program after Divine Liturgy on January 5th. Have cameras and joyful hearts ready.

First-Sunday-of-the-Month ~ Pot-Luck Coffee Hour – January 5

Next Sunday, contributions of fasting-foods will be welcomed for Coffee Hour.

First-Sunday-of-the-Month ~ Faith in Action: Food for the Needy – January 5

Remember the hungry, homeless and working poor families in our local area next Sunday by donating canned and boxed nutritious foods. Grocery gift cards and monetary gifts are also welcomed. See Sue Mamula for more information.

Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord - Service Schedule

Monday, January 6 7:30PM Burning of the Badnjak and the Christmas Vigil;
Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, January 7 10:30AM Festal Divine Liturgy followed by a Christmas feast prepared by our Sisterhood. Desserts are requested.

Visit the St. Luke Gift Shop for Religious Gifts

Shop today for icons, classic books, jewelry and craft items from monasteries.

St. Luke Capital Campaign for 2019

Parish members and friends who planned to offer a donation in 2019 towards our building program can still contribute before the end of the year. See Ron Kecman, President of the Board of Trustees, today.