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DECEMBER 1, 2024

PRIEST MARTYR ALEXANDER HOTOVITZKY

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:16-23

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You took hell captive, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Troparion (Priest Martyr Alexander Hotovitzky)

In a time of fiery temptations for the Church of Russia, you manifested Christ's love to your flock through meekness and humility. As a good pastor you laid down your life for Him. Pray for us, Hieromartyr Alexander, that our souls may be illumined!

Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Kontakion (Priest Martyr Alexander Hotovitzky)

Hieromartyr Alexander, you bore labors and illness upon your shoulders, and joyfully took the narrow path of suffering for Christ, through which you attained the heavenly Kingdom. Entreat God the Savior to grant us mercy on the Day of Judgment!

Kontakion (St. Luke)

Let us praise the godly Luke: he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church; for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, together with wise Paul, to be a teacher of the gentiles!

Fasting Season for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

We are now in the six-week Fasting period that prepares us for the January 7 Feastday. Fr. John is available to discuss fasting disciplines and hear Confessions by appointment.

Welcome to all guests via livestream and those in person today. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan.

Memorial Prayers - Memory Eternal + Većnaja Pamjat +

We pray for the soul of newly departed Matushka Marie Meyendorff, for Monk Nicodemus 40-days since his repose, for Fred Glumic, Sr. (Kathy Lumovich's father), long-time St. Luke member Robert Gurick, Olga (Nevenka Milosevich's sister), and JoAnne (a friend of Fr. John and Popadija Kitty) on their anniversaries. Grant rest eternal with the Saints, O Lord, to the souls of the departed.

Thank You for the "First-Sunday" Potluck Dishes & Charity Food for the Hungry

This Week's Service and Event Schedule

- Wed., Dec. 4 10:30AM Festal Liturgy for the Entry of the Theotokos & Potluck.
- Wed., Dec. 4 7PM Orthodoxy 201 on zoom: "For the Life of the World"
- Thurs., Dec. 5 6PM FOCUS DC Google Meet on local parish outreach ministries
- Sat., Dec. 7 9AM "First Saturday of the Month" Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Sat., Dec. 7 5PM "First Saturday of the Month" Great Vespers

Preparing for the Holiday Bake Sale

- See the bulletin board sign-up sheet to volunteer to help on Sunday, December 8 and on the December 14 Bake Sale Day. The Sisters are grateful for the community effort.
- The Sisters are now accepting baked goods of all varieties, especially homemade "Cookies by the Dozen". Please label ingredients. Items will be frozen until Bake Sale day.

St. Nicholas Christmas Market & Used Book Sale – Sat., Dec. 7 - 10AM-4PM

St. Nicholas Cathedral at 3500 Massachusetts Ave., NW is having a holiday event offering books, icons, jewelry and cultural items. "Give the Gift of Christ this Christmas."

Ss Peter & Paul Christmas Market – Saturday, December 7 – 11AM-5PM

Ss Peter & Paul Orthodox Church at 10620 River Rd, Potomac, MD will host a variety of local vendors, artisans, and craftspeople. Info: ChristmasMarket@peterpaulpotomac.org.

God is with Us: "Grieving as Orthodox Christians" – Sat., Dec. 7 – 2-5PM

Come to a free retreat given by Dr. Sarah Byrne-Martelli at All Saints Orthodox Church at 3130 Franconia Rd. in Alexandria, VA. Registration: <https://orthodoxalexandria.org/>

Christmas Charity Collection Basket – Final Week through December 8

We are joining with Women Giving Back by donating gifts for children – toddlers to teens. They welcome new unwrapped gifts worth at least \$25 and \$25 Gift Cards to Amazon, Walmart, Target, Sephora. See <https://womengivingback.org/youth-seasonal-programs/>

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

Across the miles, we send birthday greetings to Melissa Barry and Dn. Patrick Gariano.