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ST. PROCLUS, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPE

Sunday December 3, 2017

Ephesians 5:8-19, Luke 12:16-21

Tropars and Kondaks Tone 1

Welcome! We welcome to our church this morning all visitors, guests, relatives, and friends of Saints Peter and Paul Church. We pray your visit with us is spiritually rewarding, holy and life-giving. Visit often!

Don Shumack fell asleep last Sunday afternoon and a funeral service was held on Thursday. Our prayers are with the entire Shumack family as they, and we, mourn the loss of one of our own. We will have a panachida after the liturgy today for the repose of the soul of Don – Eternal Memory!

Monday Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple.

Confessions: ½ hour before the Divine Liturgy on Sunday and feast days, or by appointment as necessary.

“Devils take great delight in fullness, and drunkenness and bodily comfort. Fasting possesses great power and it works glorious things. To fast is to banquet with angels.”

+ St. Athanasius the Great

The Nativity Fast

“The birth of Christ brought joy and hope to those who had been in darkness and the way the Orthodox celebrate Christmas is designed to let people feel that hope again,” states Father Jonathan Ivanoff, an Orthodox Christian Priest and Pastor of St. John the Theologian Orthodox Church in Shirley, New York.

The Orthodox Church teaches that Advent represents the time before Christ, when God’s people were lost and disconnected from God. Experiencing this loss and disconnection in some way is seen as a necessary pre-requisite to embracing the joy of Christ’s birth in its fullness.

To achieve this, instead of “pre-celebrating” the Christmas holiday during Advent, Orthodox Christians participate in a solemn, six-week fast during this time.

“There will come a time when not the persecutions but money and the goods of this world will take people far from God. Then many more souls will be lost than in the time of the persecutions.”

+ St. Seraphim of Viritsa,

Upcoming Schedule

Dec 3, 6, 11, 13 at 4:00 PM – Making of dough / Dec 4, 7, 12, 14 at 9:00 AM – Baking of Rolls

Ladies Altar Society Christmas Party – Sunday December 10th at 1:30 – Hoss’s.

St. Nicholas Day Potluck and Celebration – Sunday, December 17th after Liturgy

CrossRoad Orthodox Summer Institute: Scholarships Available for Diocesan Students Attending CrossRoad Orthodox Summer Institute. The Diocesan Chancery is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the 2018 CrossRoad program. CrossRoad is a ten-day academic summer institute that prepares high school juniors and seniors to make big life decisions and invites them to connect with the Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. Participants from all over the country come together to experience daily worship, take theology classes from some of the best professors in the country, visit local parishes, serve their neighbor, tour the city, and even spend a day at the beach. The sessions are as follows: Session 1 - June 16 – June 26 (Boston) Session 2 - July 2 – July 12 (Boston) Session 3 - July 21 – July 31 (Chicago). Scholarships covering the registration and tuition fee will be available to our Diocesan students who apply and are accepted to any one of the three sessions. Diocesan Students interested in attending are asked to apply to the program before the February 1, 2018 Deadline. Upon acceptance, students are kindly asked to contact Fr. Stephen Lopusky, Diocesan Director of Youth at campnazareth@acrod.org or 724-662-4840.

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