Educational Prayer Corner:

Wisdom from the Optina Elders.

"A time of trial has now come; do we have faith? A person can maintain his faith who believes fervently and sincerely, to whom God is the dearest of all. Only he who guards himself from every sin can guard his faith, according to the Gospel: Light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil (John 3:19)." St. Nikon.

December Celebrations and Observances:

6th: Jacob Carrelle-Birthday. 11th: Rebeca Rucks-Namesday. 16th: Zachary Stafursky-Birthday. 21st: John Mazziotti-Memory Eternal! 21st: Natalie Kovalchik 22nd: Roxanne Kovalchik-Birthday. 26th: Jonathan Cohen-Birthday. 31st: Nikola Lalovic-Birthday

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Candles on the altar and candelabra are donated by V. Rev. Daniel Geeza for the health of Matushka Mary on the Eve and day of the Nativity of Christ. $25.

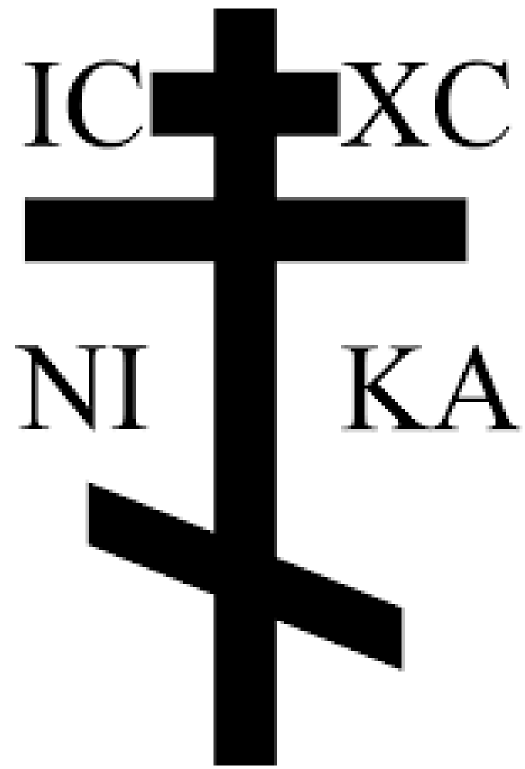
See Fr. Paul if you would like to donate toward altar candles in memory or the health of a loved one.

What is Orthodox Christianity? This PowerPoint multimedia presentation completed by St. Tikhon's graduate Fr. Daniel Mackay is available to view. It is a three-part slideshow that aims to: 1) Answer the question for a contemporary American audience with some familiarity of Christianity and 2) offer some basic orientation for those who may be exploring Orthodox Christianity.

Part One: "The Teachings of Christ" (running time 40 minutes): https://vimeo.com/133268270
Part Two: "Falling Away From Christ" (running time 45 minutes): https://vimeo.com/132086893
Part Three: "The Life in Christ" (running time 40 minutes): http://vimeo.com/132791183

Coffee Hour Schedule:
December 27: Christmas Potluck. (Non-fasting). Please bring a favorite dish to share! All are welcome!

~Bulletins for December IMO John Naughton. ~



All Saints Orthodox Church

December 27, 2015

Sunday After the Nativity of Christ

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SUNDAY – December 27, 2015

EPISTLE: Gal. 1: 11-19
GOSPEL: Mt 2: 13-23
Saints of the Day: Sunday After the Nativity of Christ

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***A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS** who are visiting and worshipping with us this morning. Your presence has blessed us, and we pray that you also have been blessed by God and will return to visit again. A schedule of our services and special events is posted on our website along with many other interesting items and links. Please visit us there as well (www.alsaintsolyphant.org).*

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The following Troparia and Kontakia are sung after the Little Entrance:

(Resurrectional Troparion--Tone 5) Let us, the faithful praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for he willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection!
(Nativity of Christ Troparion--Tone 4) Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it those who worshiped the stars, were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to Thee!
(Sunday after the Nativity/Holy Righteous Ones Troparion--Tone 2) Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, to David, the ancestor of God: You saw a Virgin great with Child; you gave glory with shepherd; you worshiped with the Magi; you received the news from the angel. Pray to Christ God to save our souls!
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: (Holy Righteous Ones Kontakion--Tone 3) Today godly David is filled with joy; Joseph and James offer praise. The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy. They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth, and they cry out: "O Compassionate One, save those who honor You."
Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. (Nativity of Christ Kontakion--Tone 3) Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One! Angels with shepherds glorify Him, the wise men journey with a star, since for our sake the Eternal God is born as a Little Child!

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Schedule for the week:

TODAY: **9:30 Divine Liturgy. Followed by Community Potluck (Non-fasting).

Saturday, January 2nd: Confession: 3:30 PM. Vespers 4 PM.

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Announcements

Fast Free week. December 28th through January 1st. Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Church School is on break until January 10th, 2016.
Bulletin sponsorships are needed for August & September 2016. Please see Fr. Paul or Ken.

Perogies: Available for purchase in January on a Friday to be determined from 9-11:30 a.m. and Sunday 11-12. Thank you to those for all your hard work in making them! Try some tasty Pierogis!

We pray to the Lord in His great mercy to visit and heal our brothers and sisters who are in need: Matushka Mary. Subdeacon Will. Claudia. Yelena and the child to be born of her. Justin. Liam. Matushka Patty.

Please continue to keep Matushka Patty in your prayers! She is starting to look for jobs in the Scranton or nearby area. If you know of any leads, plese let her or Fr. Paul know.

Our Holiday Season has Arrived! This is the special time of the year for our faith, family, friends, and joyous celebration. Please pray for each other. Pray for Christ's love, patience, and forgiveness with each other. Please pray for safe travels to all during this holiday season. Please pray for the peace and safety of the entire world.

May God be with you and bless you this Holiday Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!