Educational Prayer Corner:

Wisdom from the Optina Elders.

"I implore you to live piously in order that you might preserve your Orthodox faith, in order that no one and nothing, no circumstances and no kind of sorrow can turn away from it. For this you absolutely must pray, seeking God's help to keep your faith pure" St. Nikon.

January Celebrations and Observances:

4th: Tom Evans-Birthday. 6th: Joanie Setzer & Joe Schlasta-Birthday. 12th: Andrew Capalong-Birthday; Jane Stuchlak-Memory Eternal!. 14th: Ella Cohen-Birthday. 17th: Kathy Stankiewicz; Janet Gima-Birthday. 20th: Sonia Lopatofsky-Birthday. 21st: Fran Meholic-Birthday. 27th: John Puthorosky; Violet Jenevieve-Birthday. 31st: Michael Stuchlak, Sr.-Memory Eternal!

Collections: Weekly: $208.98. Loose: $25. Tithe: $557. 2nd collection: (Perogi) $54. Knights of Columbus Christmas donation: $100.

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

If anyone would like to send Matushka Geeza a get well card please see Joni Rezanka for her address.

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 for January, 2016:
1/10: Rolls only. All are welcome!
1/17: Stuchlak & Naughton Families. All are welcome!
1/24: Rolls only. All are welcome!
1/31: Monthly Potluck. Please share with the community!
January bulletin IMO of Michael Stuchlak, Sr. offered by the Stuchlak family

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All Saints Orthodox Church

January 10, 2016

Sunday after Theophany

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SUNDAY – January 10, 2016

EPISTLE: Eph. 4: 7-13
GOSPEL: MT. 4: 12-17
Saints of the Day: Sunday After Theophany

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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 7) By Thy cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open paradise! For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

(Theophany Troparion--Tone 1) When Thou, O Lord, was baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest! For the voice of the Father bare witness to Thee, and called Thee His beloved Son! And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truthfulness of His word. O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself and has enlightened the world, glory to Thee!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: (Resurrectional Kontakion--tone 7) The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith. Enter, you faithful into the resurrection.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. (Theophany Kontakion--Tone 4) Today Thou has appeared to the universe, and Thy light, O Lord, has shone on us, who with understanding praise Thee: Thou has come and revealed Thyself, O Light Unapproachable!

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Schedule for the week:

TODAY January 10th: 9:30 Divine Liturgy. Followed by Coffee Hour (Non-fasting).

Saturday, January 9th: Confession: 3:30 PM. Vespers 4 PM.

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Announcements

There is a Home Blessing sign up list on candle desk. Please provide the date and time.

Church School resumes today. There is an icon available to color.
Bulletin sponsorships are needed for August & September 2016. Please see Fr. Paul or Ken.

Perogies: Available on Friday 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, please let her or Fr. Paul know.

The Orthodox Teaching on Cremation from the OCA Clergy Guidelines:

1. The practice of cremation is not a Christian one and is to be discouraged. Cremated remains are not to be brought into the temple for a burial service or for any other reason. 2. Although cremation is not encouraged, and the Funeral Service over cremated remains is denied, the remains may be buried only with the hymn Holy God… (Taken from OCA Clergy Guidelines).

Sunday January 24th at 4PM. St. Tikhon's Seminary FOCA Chapter Dinner St. Michael's Center in Jermyn. $15 Adults. $11 Children 7-12. Children 6 and under eat free. Information on white board.

Our Holiday Season is Here! This is the special time of the year for our faith, family, friends, and joyous celebration. Please pray for Christ's love, patience, and forgiveness with each other. Please pray for safe travels for all during this holiday season. Please pray for the peace and safety of the entire world.
May God be with you and bless your families throughout the New Year. God is With Us!