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SUNDAY – January 24th, 2016
EPISTLE: Col. 3: 4-11
GOSPEL: Lk**. 18: 35-43**
Saints of the Day: St. Xenia of Petersburg

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).

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

(Resurrectional Troparion--Tone 1) When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body; Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy resurrection O Christ! Glory to Thy kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind.
(All Saints Troparion) As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to our souls**.**
(Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg Troparion--Tone 5) Having lived as a stranger in the world, you outwitted the deviser of evil by your pretended foolishness, O Xenia. You received the grace from God to foresee and foretell things to come. Now are you have been translated from earth to heaven, you are numbered with the choirs of the Angels.
(Resurrectional Kontakion--Tone 1) As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exult O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee: Thou art the Giver of resurrection to all, O Christ.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: (Blessed Xenia Kontakion--Tone 4) You gave your wealth to the poor, O Xenia, and accepted poverty out of love for Christ; having lived a life rivaling the Angels, you were accounted worthy of glory on high.
Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen (Steadfast Protectress Kontakion--Tone 6) Steadfast Protectress of Christians, Constant Advocate before the Creator; despise not the entreating cries of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you.

Schedule for the week:

TODAY January 24th: 9:30 Divine Liturgy. Followed by Coffee Hour (Non-fasting).

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

Announcements

Today, January 24th at 4 PM. 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 is on the white board.
Today, January 24th, after liturgy: we will hold a fundraising planning meeting at All Saints. All parents with children planning to attend camp are requested to attend. The goal of this meeting is to discuss and plan concrete ideas for upcoming fundraisers, with the goal of having at least two major fundraisers planned for the spring. Other parishioners are also welcome to provide ideas and support for this endeavor, as well as join the meeting. We are also looking for sponsors and donations to offset the costs for summer camp.

There is a Home Blessing sign up list on candle desk. Please provide the date and time. Fr. Paul will be in contact with you!

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 all 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, Pavel, who was born of her on Sunday, Jan. 3rd, congratulations! Justin. Liam. Matushka Patricia. Marguerite.
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).