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SUNDAY – December 18th, 2016

EPISTLE: Heb. 11: 9-10; 17-23; 32-40. GOSPEL: Mt. 1: 1-25

Saints of the Day: Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ

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.allsaintsolyphant.org).

(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."

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: (Sunday before Nativity/The Ancestors of Christ Troparion--Tone 2) Great are the accomplishments of faith, for the Three Holy Youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though in the waters of rest; and the prophet Daniel appeared, a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN. (Sunday before Nativity/The Ancestors of Christ Kontakion--Tone 1) Rejoice, O Bethlehem! Prepare yourself, O Ephratha! The Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Chief Shepherd she carries in her womb. The God-bearing forefathers will rejoice, beholding Him, and with the shepherds, they will glorify the Virgin nursing Him.

Fr. Paul and Patty are offering a Holiday Gathering at the Rectory December 31st following Vespers until 9 PM on New Year's Eve. Light Refreshments will be served. Please come!

Schedule for the week:

TODAY December 18th: 9:30AM Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows.

Saturday, December 24th: 7PM Confession. 7:30PM Vigil of Christmas.

Announcements

Nativity Fast continues thru December 24th.

See Ken Stafursky if you did not receive a copy of the Annual Report.

Raffle basket donations. Basket proceeds fund the St. Tikhon's summer camp. Raffle scheduled for January 8th. See Dorothy Maday for chances. Also, **Mark Your Calendars.** Church School Sponsoring Breakfast after Divine Liturgy along with the raffle.

Bulletin sponsorships are needed starting March 2017. Please see Ken Stafursky.

The parish council has approved two public doors to be changed as emergency doors (with push bars). The cost is \$700. We are soliciting donations. Please see Fr. Paul or Reader Ken Stafursky.

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We pray to the Lord in His great mercy: to visit and heal our brothers and sisters who are in need: Subdeacon Will. Justin. Liam. Karen, Ceil, and Donna & the child to be born of her. Please keep Matushka Patty in your prayers for her safety and well-being while she is in North Carolina.

Please bring canned goods and non-perishables: We are adopting a needy family on a monthly basis and ask for your generosity and help.

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 Perogies!

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