

St Basil the Great on Gratitude

“Preserve gratitude like a precious deposit within your soul, and from it you will receive a double portion of delight,” “Remember the apostolic word, ‘Give thanks in all circumstances.’”

When you sit down to eat, pray. When you eat bread, do so thanking Him for being so generous to you. If you drink wine, be mindful of Him who has given it to you for your pleasure and as a relief in sickness. When you dress, thank Him for His kindness in providing you with clothes. When you look at the sky and the beauty of the stars, throw yourself at God’s feet and adore Him who in His wisdom has arranged things in this way. Similarly, when the sun goes down and when it rises, when you are asleep or awake, give thanks to God, who created and arranged all things for your benefit, to have you know, love and praise their Creator.

“Let us Attend!”



**“And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned,
and with a loud voice glorified God,...”**

**A PARISH BULLETIN OF
ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Olyphant, Pennsylvania

Rev. Paul J. Witek, Ph.D., Parish Rector, 201.315.5722

10 December 2023

27th Sunday After Pentecost

Bulletin, 10 December 2023

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugephus, of Alexandria (ca. 313). St. Joasaph, Bishop of Belgorod (1754). Martyr Gemellus of Paphlagonia (ca. 361). Ven. Thomas of Bithynia (10th c.). Righteous King John of Serbia, and his parents Righteous Stephen, Despot of Serbia, and Venerable Angelina of Serbia.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19; **Gospel:** Luke 18:18-27

Our souls and minds are strengthened and fortified by the regular reading of the Holy Scriptures. Daily readings can be found on the parish's wall calendar, or online by visiting the OCA's daily reading page <https://www.oca.org/readings>.

Weekly Schedule

- **Tuesday, 12 December 2023: 9:00AM to St. Herman of Alaska.**
- **Saturday, 16 December 2023: 10AM, Baptism of David Getz; 5:30PM Panikhida, 40th day for +Sonia Lopatofsky; 6:00PM Great Vespers, Fr. Paul available for Confessions following Vespers. .**
- **Sunday, 17 December 2023. Sunday of the Forefathers of Christ. 9:30AM, Divine Liturgy with Agape Coffee Hour Fellowship Following.**

Announcements

~ Sincere thanks to all those visiting today. Please join us downstairs for Agape Coffee Hour Fellowship.

~ Our thanks to all those that participated this week in making pierogi. May God grant you all many blessed years.

~ This Sunday marks the end of our second annual Christmas Drive for students in need at Mid-Valley High School. For those that have donated, sincere thanks. If you wish to give, please support this drive with a check or envelope given in today that is marked "Christmas Drive".

~ The Baptism of David Getz will take place on Saturday morning, 16 December at 10AM. All the faithful of All Saints are welcome for this wonderful event that will fully welcome David into the fullness of the Orthodox Faith. Please join us.

~ The parish is collecting donations for flowers to beautify the Church for Feast of Nativity. If you are interested, please provide an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers".

~ As we approach the Feast of the Nativity, Father Paul will be available for Confessions following Vespers next Saturday, and during the Pre-feast Services on Wednesday Evening, 20 December following Small Compline; Friday Morning, 22 December following Royal Hours, and before Vespers on Saturday 23 December.