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Divine Liturgy at 9:00 A.M.
Church School Every Sunday at 10:45 A.M.
(During the Months of September thru May)

Vespers - Every Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
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TONE 8

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia;
Martyr Philumenus of Ancyra, and with him Martyrs Valerian and Phædrus;
Ven. Acacius of Sinai; Hieromartyr Abibus, Bishop of Nekressi in Georgia;
Ven. Nektárii the Obedient, of the Kiev Caves***

“Urged on by the commandments of God, with patience, you cleansed your souls from all defilement. You reached perfection as spiritual athletes; you renounced sacrifice to idols. Imitating Christ, you were slain with a spear, most blessed Paramon and Philoumenus. Always fervently intercede with Christ on behalf of the world.”

Kontakion, Tone IV

Holy and All-praised Apostle Andrew the First-Called ***Monday, November 30***

“Let us praise the apostle and theologian, Andrew, a man of great courage. He was the brother of Simon Peter and the first disciple of the Lord, and just as he once called his brother to the Savior, so now does he beckon to us: Come, we have found the One for whom the world has waited with great desire.”

Kontakion, Tone II

TODAY’S EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 4:1-6

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 13:10-17

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, December 5 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, November 30	I Corinthians 4:9-16	John 1:35-51
Tuesday, December 1	I Timothy 1:1-7	Luke 19:37-44
	I Timothy 1:8-14	Luke 19:45-48
Wednesday, December 2	I Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15	Luke 20:1-8
Thursday, December 3	I Timothy 3:1-13	Luke 20:9-18
Friday, December 4	I Timothy 4:4-8,16	Luke 20:19-26
Saturday, December 5	Galatians 3:8-12	Luke 12:32-40
(St. Sabbas)	Galatians 5:22-6:2	Matthew 11:27-30

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER:

- 12, Saturday 10:00 a.m. EOWG Presentation at St. Matthew Church; North Royalton
- 13, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale
Parish Council meeting
- 14, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

DONATION ENVELOPES:

The boxes of envelopes for 2021 weekly offerings are available in the vestibule. Please pick up the box with your name on it.

BOOK CIRCLE:

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, December 14, at 12:30 p.m. at the church. We are reading All is Well, pages 48-93.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR ST. HERMAN'S HOUSE:

We continue to collect donations for St. Herman's House of Hospitality. Our parish has supported this great outreach ministry for years in different ways. The Covid outbreak has brought about changes, making it impossible to continue our parish's tradition of preparing and serving monthly meals for St. Herman's. Yet St. Herman's continues to provide the meals and services, which are needed now more than ever; we will be offering our support through collected funds. Use the designated basket in the church, and mark the envelopes, "St. Herman's House." If writing a check, make it payable to "Holy Trinity Orthodox Church."

NEW PHONE NUMBER:

The landline at the parish rectory is no longer in use. If you need to contact Father Alexander, please call his cell phone: 516-761-8772. The church office phone, however, continues to be in use at 216-524-4859.

STEWARDS OF THE OCA:

November 15 was designated "Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America Sunday" by his Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon. Please support the work of the OCA by becoming a Steward, which will aid the work of ministries and departments that serve the entire Church by providing resources such as liturgical texts, music, educational material and events. To learn more, visit oca.org/stewards

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:

We will have another Food Sale in December, so plan to visit the food tables after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 13. If you are able to cook or bake, please donate whatever you would like.

A huge THANK YOU to all who supported the Food Sale on November 8! We raised funds in the amount of \$432!

The only pure and all-sufficient source of the doctrines of faith is the revealed word of God, contained now in the holy Scriptures.

Every thing necessary to salvation is stated in the holy Scriptures with such clearness, that every one, reading it with a sincere desire to be enlightened, can understand it.

Every one has not only a right, but it is his bound duty to read the holy Scriptures in a language which he understands, and edify himself thereby.

Metropolitan Philaret of Moscow

Constant meditation upon the holy Scriptures will perpetually fill the soul with incomprehensible ecstasy and joy in God.

St. Isaac the Syrian

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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A SPECIAL STATEMENT FROM HIS BEATITUDE, METROPOLITAN TIKHON

As you know, most parts of the world are currently experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases. In the United States alone, there were over 184,000 cases and around 1,500 deaths reported on Sunday, November 22, 2020. My prayers and those of the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America are offered for all those who have suffered and continue to suffer because of this virus, especially our Orthodox Christian brothers and sisters. With the Holy Synod, I also offer fervent prayers for the medical professionals who care for those who are ill with COVID-19.

The national and local authorities across North America are encouraging a greater level of caution while adopting a series of measures in the attempt of limiting the spread of the virus. After many months marked by the present pandemic, and which have tested us in unprecedented ways, this surge comes right before one of the most beloved civil holidays in America, Thanksgiving. Thus, observing these important measures requires an even greater spirit of self-sacrifice on our part. While celebrating Thanksgiving this year, we will celebrate with care and caution, born out of love. For it is not solely for our own health, but out of love for our neighbor, that we must do everything we can to protect one another by limiting the spread of this virus not only in our parishes, but in the greater community.

I want to encourage all members of the faithful to celebrate Thanksgiving, but with all prudence, caution, and love for our neighbor. Further, I take this moment to reiterate the following to all the parishes, monasteries, institutions, and the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America: hold fast to the directives and guidelines put forward by the Holy Synod for the whole Church, and your diocesan bishop in particular for your specific local situation. Remain vigilant in precautions against COVID-19, and continue to practice good hygiene, maintain social distancing, wear masks, and follow carefully the other important measures and practices directed by the diocesan bishops and the public health authorities. Of primary importance is to be particularly attentive to potential symptoms, and refraining from leaving our house if we are in any way sick.

At the same time, I want to encourage all of you not to be fearful but rather to be strengthened and comforted by this blessed season in which we prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. I assure you, no steps we take this year to guard against the spread of the coronavirus will prevent us from giving thanks to God for all that he has given us. In anticipation of the coming of the True Light, Jesus Christ, the great Physician and Healer of our souls and bodies, we cling to those words of the Psalmist, “I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my firm foundation, my refuge, and my deliverer (Ps 18.1-2).”

May our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed eternally with the Heavenly Father, and the Holy Spirit preserve us in these days and grant us health and his peace.

+TIKHON

Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada

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DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
6 26th Sunday after Pentecost St. Nicholas the Wonderworker	7	8	9	10	11	12 10:00 a.m. EOWG meeting at St. Matthew Church 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
13 27th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of the Forefathers Food Sale Parish Council meeting	14 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle	15	16	17	18	19 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
20 28th Sunday after Pentecost Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ	21	22	23	24 Eve of the Nativity of Christ 6:30 p.m. Vigil	25 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	26 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
27 29th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Righteous Ones	28	29	30	31		
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