

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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November 29, 2020

215th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 8

Martyr Paramon

- 9:10 am - Hours
- 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
Eph. 4:1-6
Luke 13:10-17

Schedule of Services

Tuesday, December 1

- 7:00 pm - Akathist to Saint John, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

Friday, December 4

- 7:00 pm - Moleben to the Most Holy Theotokos:

Saturday, December 5

- 5:00 pm - Great Vesper

Sunday, December 6

- 9:10 - Hours
- 9:30 - Divine Liturgy.



WEEKLY BIBLE MESSAG

On November 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the contest of the holy Martyr Paramonos of Bithynia and his 370 fellow Martyrs. Paramonos contested for piety's sake during the reign of Decius, in the year 250. A ruler named Aquilinus, seeking relief from a bodily malady, visited a certain therapeutic hot spring. He brought with him captive 370 Christians from Nicomedia, and commanded them to offer sacrifice in the temple of Isis. When they refused, he had them all slaughtered. Paramonos, beholding their murder, boldly cried out against such an act of ungodliness. When Aquilinus heard this, he sent men to kill the Saint. Thus they all entered into the Eternal Kingdom. On this day, we also commemorate Martyr Philoumenos of Ancyra; Venerable Akakios of Sinai; Hieromartyr Dionysios, bishop of Corinth; Urban, bishop of Macedonia; and Nicholas, archbishop of Thessalonica. By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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On November 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy, glorious, and all-laudable Apostle Andrew the First-Called. He was the son of Jonah and brother of Peter, born in Bethsaida and a fisherman by trade.

At first he was a disciple of John the Baptist, but when the Forerunner pointed to the Lord Jesus, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:36), Andrew left his first teacher and became the first apostle to follow Christ. Then, Andrew brought his brother Peter to the Lord. Following the descent of the Holy Spirit, it fell by lot to Andrew to preach the Gospel in Byzantium and Thrace, then in the lands along the Danube and in Russia around the Black Sea, and finally in Epirus, Greece and the Peloponnesos. In Patras, he performed many miracles in the name of Christ, and won many over to the Lord. Among the new faithful were the brother and wife of the Proconsul Aegaeates. Angered at this, Aegaeates subjected Andrew to torture and then crucified him. Then the apostle prayed to God and an extraordinary light encompassed him, which lasted for half an hour. When it disappeared, the apostle gave up his holy soul to God in 62 A.D. On this day, we also commemorate Frumentios, archbishop and enlightener of Ethiopia; and Alexander, bishop of Methymna. By their intercessions, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Intercassory Prayers

We pray for all our fellow parishioners, and we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Please keep in your prayers our Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Genevieve Bobenko, Barbara Bogart, Michael Bzik, Mary Ann Dolak, Dorothy Fabian, Barbara Kary, Margaret Kovalycaik, Kathleen Lazorzcyk, Dennis Maixner, Marian Nagel, MaryAnn Rabakozi, Helen Rahnefeld, Anna Rozanovich, Maryann Stagen, Eva Stashitsky, Patricia Galley.

Birthday Greeting

Happy Birthday go out this week to
Dan Beckmann – Nov. 30. May God continue to enrich His life with the fullness of joy and happiness for many years – Mnogaya Lyeta!

Our Parish Life

◆ Please be aware that Christmas is just around the corner. Keep in mind those of our neighbors who are in need. Our Pantry Coordinator, Helen Baron, is asking for your help with food or funds to donate to those who need assistance especially at this holiday season.

◆ The **Nativity Fast** started on Sunday, November 15 and will last until the Feast of Nativity of Christ. As always, during this fasting time, each member of our parish community is encouraged to prayerfully and spiritually prepare for the celebration of this joyous feast. On **Saturday, December 12 at 1 PM** there will be an **Akathist** (healing service) to the Mother of God in front of her icon "Queen of All", followed by **Parish Confession**. Take this opportunity to rejuvenate your spiritual life as we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord.

◆ **Memory Eternal**. On November 27, 2020, His Eminence, the Most Reverend David (Mahaffey), Archbishop of Citka and Alaska, fell asleep in the Lord after a grave illness. He was the ruling hierarch of the Diocese of Alaska of the Orthodox Church in America from 2014 until his repose. **Vechnaya Pamyat!**

