


*Let us invoke the name of the Lord
and save ourselves.
When God's name is on our lips,
we are saved.
"Commit thy way unto the Lord;
trust also in Him,
and He shall bring it to pass.
And He shall bring forth thy righteousness
as the light. (Psalm 36:5-6).
Only submit to the Lord and implore Him.*

St. Seraphim of Sarov



Let Us
Be Thankful AND
Worship God

HEBREWS 12:28

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TONE 6

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***Monk-Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New of Mt. St. Auxentius,
Martyrs Basil, Stephen, two Gregories, John, Andrew, Peter, Anna, and many others;
Martyr Irenarchus and Seven Women Martyrs at Sebaste;
Martyrs Timothy and Theodore the Bishops; Peter, John, Sergius, Theodore and Nicephorus, the Presbyters;
Basil and Thomas, the Deacons; Hierotheus, David, Chariton, Socrates, Comasius, and Eusebius the Monks;
and Etymasius, at Tiberiopolis; Bl. Theodore, Archbishop of Rostov***

“Trained in asceticism on the mountain, with the weapon of the Cross you destroyed the spiritual assaults of the hostile powers, all-blessed one. Again, you bravely prepared for combat and slew Copronymus with the sword of faith. For both struggles you have been crowned by God, Monk-Martyr Stephen of eternal memory.”

Troparion, Tone IV

Holy and All-Praised Apostle Andrew, the First-Called

Tuesday, November 30

“Let us praise Andrew, the herald of God, the namesake of courage, the first-called of the Savior’s disciples and the brother of Peter. As he once called to his brother, he now cries out to us: ‘Come, for we have found the One whom the world desires!’”

Kontakion, Tone II

TODAY’S EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 2:4-10

TODAY’S GOSPEL: LUKE 13:10-17

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, December 4 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, November 29	I Thessalonians 2:20-3:8	Luke 19:37-44
Tuesday, November 30	I Corinthians 4:9-16	John 1:35-51
Wednesday, December 1	I Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 19:45-48
	I Thessalonians 4:1-12	Luke 20:1-8
Thursday, December 2	I Thessalonians 5:1-8	Luke 20:9-18
Friday, December 3	I Thessalonians 5:9-13,24-28	Luke 20:19-26
Saturday, December 4	II Corinthians 11:1-6	Luke 12:32-40
(St. Alexander Hotovitzky)	Hebrews 13:7-16	Luke 12:32-40

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER:

30, Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Live Streamed “St. Andrew’s Day Celebration” Akathist

DECEMBER:

5, Sunday Food Sale

12, Sunday 7:00 p.m. Zoom Virtual Tour of Bethlehem

19, Sunday Pre-Christmas Potluck Lunch

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POTLUCK:

On Sunday, December 19, we will have a Pre-Christmas Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy. No meat dishes, please. There is a sign-up sheet in the Hall.

SUNDAY FOOD SALE:

We will have our monthly Food Sale next Sunday, December 5. Please cook and bake a favorite food and donate to the sale. Thank you!

DONATION ENVELOPES:

Your 2022 Offering Envelopes are available in the church vestibule. They are organized alphabetically. If you do not see a box with your name on it, or if your address needs correction, please contact Fr. Alexander.

HALL ROOF REPAIRS:

Work on the roof of the Fellowship Hall continues, although weather conditions have forced some delay. Parishioners are reminded that this is an expensive project, and your support is needed and appreciated. To those who have already donated, much thanks!

ZOE FOR LIFE!

ZOE is interested having new members on their Board of Directors. See Fr. Alexander for further information.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are provided by Alex Cundik.

EASTERN CHURCHES SEMINAR:

The 37th Eastern Churches Seminar, sponsored by Notre Dame College is now available for viewing. It features Bishop John Michael Botean of the Romanian Byzantine Diocese, speaking on “After the Deluge, What it means to be Church in Post-Pandemic Times.” [YouTube.com/NotreDameCollege](https://www.youtube.com/NotreDameCollege).

ST. ANDREW’S DAY CELEBRATION:

On Tuesday, Nov. 30, 8:00 p.m., the Akathist to St. Andrew the Apostle, the First-Called will be live-streamed via YouTube. Hosted by St. Nicholas Church in Mogadore and sponsored by National Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America, this 2nd Annual “Virtual” Celebration will include an address by His Eminence Bishop Paul. Join on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUW6f-E-Fgw>

VIRTUAL TOUR OF BETHLEHEM:

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America is sponsoring a “tour” of Bethlehem charitable event via Zoom. Reserve your spot by making a donation on the F.O.C.A. at Eventbrite. The tour will be Sunday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. There is a flier in the Fellowship Hall with further details.

Visit the link:

www.eventbrite.com/x/virtual-tour-of-the-city-of-bethlehem-tickets-189343931797

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Susan Range in memory of Christopher Range.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION	\$ 6706.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	5.00
BUILDING FUND	1680.00
CANDLES	103.00
FELLOWSHIP HALL ROOF	10,215.00
SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE 11/14/21	603.00

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THE SPIRITUALITY OF NOVEMBER

A hard month to describe, November is an in-between experience, with neither enough warmth for comfort nor cold for merriment. It is a month that has an allure to what has gone by in the preceding months, but also, as the days become shorter and shorter, it leads with some urgency to the expected thrill of what will occur with coming darkness. For some, like this writer, November is the “time of my life.” It’s the time to realize that much has gone by, that the end is coming, and that “right now” is what it is, and so it makes sense to “let go and let God!”

November days can be bright, with the still-autumnal crispness, full of colors and with those long afternoon shadows that make for classic folk tales, like the one about children getting lost in a forest, becoming scared, coming across a talking fox, who teaches them about how to find their direction by discovering which side of the tree moss grows on. Things like that can happen in November. Then again, snow can begin to fall, and another kind of story takes place. One about high-school teenagers, boys and girls, who decide to take the keys to the car when parents are away and go for a joy ride, only to run out of gas in the middle of nowhere, and it’s freezing, and nobody seems to be on that road, until finally a pick-up truck with a crusty curmudgeon comes by and offers to help them if they can sing him the song, “Amazing Grace,” That too can happen in November, as can many other strange and wonderful things!

Spirituality is affected by the circumstances and conditions of time. As we live in time, and time is measured by hours, days and months, there is always something in the particular time we live in that affects our spiritual life. For practicing Christians, the seasons and month of the year have liturgical events which compel us to make connections. These events are “historical,” because they refer to something that happened in the past, but also “non-temporal,” because the substance of the commemorated event is independent of time. Such holy days have spiritual growth. An example is the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple, celebrated on November 21. It is a commemoration of the entrance of the young Mary to perfect her holiness within the sacred Temple community in Jerusalem, which became the prophetic preparation for her becoming the Mother of Jesus. It is also, for us here and now, our “entrance” into holy life as conveyed through the spiritual tradition of the Orthodox Church.

Like time, place conditions spirituality. For us Orthodox Christians, “place” means being citizens of the United States, where the fourth Thursday of November is Thanksgiving Day. No other day provides such a spiritual connection to the people in this country. Christmas does have similar qualities, but unfortunately its “commercialization” has diluted the actual spirituality of the Nativity. (That the Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord has limited collective resonance in our nation is for complex reasons and need not concern this reflection.) Being a uniquely American holiday, Thanksgiving is in its very essence about America and about what it means to be an American. Anyone who gives that serious thought recognizes the spiritual dimensions. The God-given comforts, abundances, opportunities, resources, benefits, and immense varieties - all are of such magnitude that it is impossible not to see divine providence. Unfortunately, for much of the time we are pathetically myopic and take everything for granted. The freedoms, luxuries and gift of leisure that we have should make us grateful, and humble, more often than it does. What a blessing that Thanksgiving gives us the perfect occasion to do just that.

Fr. Alexander Garklaus

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DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
5 24th Sunday after Pentecost Ven. Sabbas Sunday Food Sale	6 St. Nicholas the Wonder-worker 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	7	8	9	10	11 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
12 25th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of the Holy Forefathers	13	14	15	16	17	18 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
19 26th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of the Holy Fathers Pre-Christmas Potluck Lunch	20	21	22	23	24 Eve of the Nativity of Christ 9:00 a.m. Royal Hours 6:30 p.m. Vigil (note time)	25 THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers (note time)
26 27th Sunday after Pentecost Second Sunday of the Feast of the Holy Righteous Ones	27	28	29	30	31	January 1 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers