

DECEMBER:

- 22, Sunday Church School Nativity Program following Divine Liturgy
Parish Council meeting
- 25, Wednesday Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy
- 29, Sunday Potluck Meal following Divine Liturgy

NATIVITY PROGRAM:

The Church School students invite all to stay after the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, December 22, to enjoy their presentation.

SPRUCE ISLAND HONEY:

Locally-produced honey from the beekeepers at St. Herman’s House is available in the La Coupole bookstore. All proceeds benefit St. Herman’s FOCUS Cleveland.

POTLUCK MEAL:

We will share a potluck meal on Sunday, December 29, following the Divine Liturgy. Please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS IN LA COUPOLE:

Stop by the store and browse the assortment of Nativity icons, cards and gifts available. All children’s books are 20% off this month!

THEOPHANY 2025:

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 5, we will have an outdoor Blessing of Waters at the Cuyahoga River in the National Park near Brecksville. Our Coffee Hour will take place there after the service. Plan to be a part of this occasion! Directions will be made available as the date approaches.

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP:

Plan to stay after the Liturgy on Christmas morning for refreshments and HTOC Family time in our Fellowship Hall.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are hosted by Richard Samuhel in celebration of Brandon Thorne’s Chrismation.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Ron and Carrie Turley in blessed memory of Sergei and Helen Loika.

HIEROMARTYR ELEUTHERIUS, BISHOP OF ILLYRIA

St. Eleutherius, the son of an illustrious Roman citizen, was raised in Christian piety by his mother. His virtue was such that at the age of twenty, he had been elevated to bishop of Illyria. In the reign of the emperor Haderan, St. Eleutherius was tortured for his bold preaching about Christ, then was beheaded at Rome with his mother Evanthia. The Eparch Caribus, who had tortured St. Eleutherius, also came to believe in Christ and was executed.



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Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Vespers on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

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TONE 8

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday of the Forefathers

***Hieromartyr Eleutherius, Bishop of Illyria, and his mother, Martyr Anthia;
Ven. Paul of Latros; St. Stephen the Confessor, Archbishop of Surozh in the Crimea;
Ven. Tryphon, Abbot of Pechenga, and his martyred disciple, Jonah;
Martyr Eleutherius at Constantinople; Ven. Pardus, Hermit, of Palestine;
New Hieromartyr Hilarion, Archbishop of Vereiya***

By faith You justified the Forefathers, when through them You betrothed Yourself beforehand to the Church of the Gentiles. The saints boast in glory that from their seed there is a glorious fruit: she who bore You without seed. O Christ God, save our souls.

Troparion, Tone II

Adorned with the robe of priest, stained with the streams of your blood, O wise and blessed Eleutherius, over-thrower of Satan, you hastened to Christ your Master. Pray unceasingly for those who faithfully honor your contest!

Troparion, Tone V

TODAY'S EPISTLE: COLOSSIANS 3:4-11

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 14:16-24

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, December 15	Chrismation of Brandon Thorne
Thursday, December 19	6:00 p.m. Daily Vespers and Small Compline
Friday, December 20	6:00 p.m. Daily Vespers and Small Compline
Saturday, December 21	11:00 a.m. Baptism of Gianna, daughter of Jacob and Allison (Spoerl) Szendrey 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. During each Sunday service we offer Holy Communion. If you are a practicing Orthodox Christian and have come prepared to receive Christ's Body and Blood through fasting and prayer, please come forward to partake. All guests are invited to come forward at the end of the service to greet Fr. Christopher and receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

Families with children: we encourage children of all ages to be present and participate as they are able during worship. We know sometimes kids need a break, so please take good advantage of our Rest and Refocus Room located on the south side of the lobby/narthex when coming in the main entrance. If you have pre-school and school age children, we invite you to send them to Church School directly after the Divine Liturgy throughout the academic year. May God bless you!

Daily Scripture Readings can be found in the St. Tikhon's Wall Calendar or at www.oca.org/readings.