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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

25th Sunday After Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hr
 Finance Committee Mtg.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

St. Philaret the Merciful

9:00a.m. Akathist

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

5:00p.m. Bible Study
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

26th Sunday After Pentecost

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hr
 Parish Council Mtg.

If a man doesn't start to work on himself, then the devil will find another job for him – to seek for flaws in others.

St. Paisius of Mt. Athos

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 3rd

Joanne Patrick

Sunday, December 10th

Gabriela Jones



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Reminder: Matching Donation

In 2017, we have a matching donation program to build up our operating account. For every dollar we finish the year in the black (the positive), one dollar will be matched by the donor – up to \$12,000. What an opportunity!

The Parish Council

The 4th quarterly meeting will take place on Sunday, December 3rd, following the coffee hour. All are welcome to attend.

Our Directory of Parishioners and Friends

is continually being updated. If you attend Christ the Savior Mission even infrequently and are not yet listed in our directory, please fill out a directory form in the back of the church. An updated directory will be made available at the candle stand in early 2018. Questions, please see Nissa Nancy.



A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all our visitors. It's good to have you with us!

Did You Know?

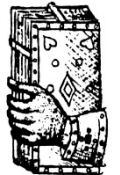
On Dec. 2, 2011, Christ the Savior purchased the property and Parish Center in Berlin. May the Lord bless those who made it possible! Glory to God for all things!

Choir Practice

Appreciation is expressed to the choir directors and members who stayed for last Sunday's rehearsal. Thank you!

Bible Study

is meeting each week at 5pm on Saturday, with Vespers following at 6pm. We are studying the Gospel of St. Matthew and are currently in chapter 5. All interested are welcome – all disinterested are especially welcome. :)



Scheduling Confession

Fr. John is available at about any time to hear confessions: before or after services or at any other time by appointment.

About Christmas

With all the hustle and bustle that revolves around Christmas and with all the temptations to spend the day "doing our own thing", let's not forget that Christmas is a Holy Day and belongs to the Lord Jesus; family, work, travel, entertaining, cooking, presents, etc., all come second to God. Bad habits? Break them and start new ones.



CASH FLOWS THROUGH 10/31/17					CASH FLOWS IN NOVEMBER 2017					FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT		
OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	OPERATING		OTHER		ALL	AS OF: 11/26		
Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Net	Available	Restricted	Savings
71,925	73,405	12,890	13,100	-1,690	7,726	8,222	0	0	-496	6,956	4,970	0



TWO MITES

From OCA Stewardship Resource Kit

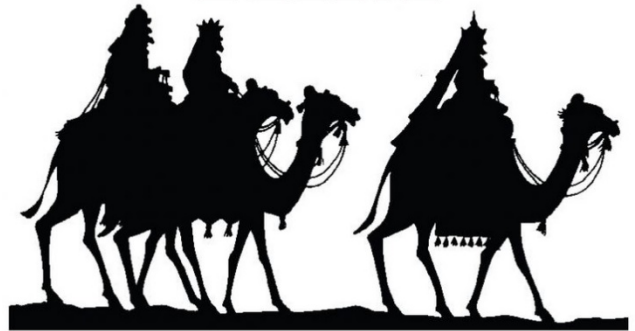
The relationship of a person and his money is fundamentally a spiritual matter: it reveals as much about his relationship with God as does his discipline of prayer or any other “religious” activity. Jesus said in Matthew 6:21, “Where your treasure is there shall your heart be also.” Somehow, in some way, what a person does with his money, how he thinks about it, where he spends it, what he will do to earn it, and the things to which he will give it, are some of the real clues to who he is inside, to what is essentially important to him, to what is really in his heart... The places where we make our most serious investments are the places where our real self, our inner self, is going to be most interested, most teachable, most responsive, and most open. To deal with a person in terms of what he does with his money is to deal with most people where they really live.

11 THOUGHTS ON THE NATIVITY FAST

Patriarch Daniel of Romania

1. We fast not to be seen and praised by men, but to draw nearer to God.
2. We fast because we love God more than His material gifts which we can consume.
3. Forgiveness is a good way to begin the Fast. No one can enter upon a spiritual struggle for purification without forgiveness.
4. Fasting supports the prayer of believers who consider their connection with God to be the center, light, and nourishment for their souls.
5. True fasting is not simply abstaining from animal products, but also to abstain from material greed and the pursuit of selfish domination over others, and also the limiting of any thoughts, words, or deeds which diminish your love for God and others.
6. If the Fast is accompanied by deeds well-pleasing to God, then fasting makes us light for others and chosen vessels of God’s glory.
7. The Fast is not only a material, but a spiritual condition—that is, a fast of the eyes, mouth, and heart.
8. Fasting is the spiritual condition of sacrifice or offering of those who fast freely and in accordance with their powers.
9. During the Fast, the amount of our material food decreases, but spiritual food increases.
10. Fasting supports prayer, while fasting without prayer is not a spiritual work.
11. Fasting calms egotistical passions, enlightens the mind, sanctifies emotions, and changes our attitudes and behavior towards others and nature, placing all in the life of the presence of God’s love.

Wise men
still seek
HIM



METROPOLITAN TIKHON PRESIDES AT DOUBLE CELEBRATION AT NYC'S ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL

From OCA.org

On Sunday, November 19, 2017—the 24th Sunday after Pentecost—His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon presided at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Patriarchal Cathedral, New York, NY, marking the 100th Anniversary of the Election of Saint Tikhon to the Patriarchal throne and the 115th anniversary of the cathedral's consecration. Concelebrating with Metropolitan Tikhon was His Grace, Bishop John of Naro-Fominsk, Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in the United States of America; Archpriest John Jillions, OCA Chancellor; Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak; and the cathedral clergy.



During the Liturgy, special prayers commemorating the election of Patriarch Tikhon were offered.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Bishop John welcomed Met. Tikhon and thanked him for the opportunity to serve together in commemorating these momentous occasions in the life of Saint Nicholas Cathedral.

"It is a pleasure and honor for myself, and all the clergy and parishioners, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy with you on this day, marking the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Council that elected Patriarch Tikhon, who was Archbishop here in the United States, who established missions and strove to bring together all the Orthodox who fled from other countries to find a new home in the new world, so that they would have an opportunity for consolation in the Church, and to partake in the Holy Eucharist," said Bishop John. "Today we also celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of this cathedral. Finally, it is my pleasure and honor to greet you on the occasion of your fifth anniversary of Primatial ministry to the Orthodox Church in America. I greet you warmly, and wish you many years in your service to God, and to all the Orthodox people in the United States, and those seeking God and the Orthodox Faith, as I know you put a lot of effort into promoting missionary work here in the United States, Canada and Mexico."

Bishop John presented Metropolitan Tikhon with a panagia in honor of his visit. In turn, Metropolitan Tikhon greeted Bishop John, the clergy and the faithful, underlining the importance of these anniversaries for all Orthodox Christians in America.

"It is a joy to be with you today, with the blessing of His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Council and of the election of Saint Tikhon," Metropolitan Tikhon said in response. "It is especially significant that we are here together in this cathedral since Saint Nicholas Cathedral was blessed by Saint Tikhon, as well as Saint Alexander Hotovitsky, who labored here. So it is truly a blessing to be here in this cathedral that was so central to the life of the Orthodox Church here in North America, and connected so closely to Saint Tikhon, who labored here before his election as Patriarch, but then carried over to Moscow, and took upon himself, that difficult task of taking on the Patriarchal Throne during a very difficult time in the life of the Russian Church.

"Saint Tikhon gave an example of that martyric life that gives strength to all of our faithful, and we can trust that in part it was his ministry here in North America that perhaps strengthened and prepared him for that ministry in Russia," Metropolitan Tikhon continued. "So as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of his enthronement, we give glory to God for his witness, for his connection to us here in North America, and especially here at Saint Nicholas Cathedral, and we pray that indeed, as we continue to celebrate this important anniversary, we will continue to pray to Saint Tikhon, to ask for his prayers for us, and to remember the central role that he had in this Church in North America."

A festal dinner followed in the cathedral refectory, during which Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishop John discussed cooperative efforts between the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA and the Orthodox Church in America. A video with highlights of the Divine Liturgy and a photo gallery, are available online.