

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Very Reverend Father R. John Dixon, Pastor

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2009

Commemorating: Martyrs Gourias, Samonas and Habib of Edessa; Thomas the New, patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Paissios Velichkovsky

The Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light for the month of November is offered by the Saad & Todora families for the health of their families and in memory of Sarah Elizabeth Saad.

Today's Holy Bread: Lexa Lewis
Today's Coffee Hour: Joe and Omayma Touma
Next week's (11/22) Holy Bread: Mary Ann Dolen
Next week's Coffee Hour: Melanie Mansour

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday: To Rebecca Saad Todora (11/15). May God grant you many years!

Parish Council: Meets this Tuesday at 7:00. Please confirm your attendance with Sdn. Joey.

Marshall University OCF: Meets this evening at 8:00 at the Marshall Newman Center.

Bible Study: Please join us each Thursday at noon for Bible Study. We are using the daily readings as found in the Dynamis.

Cridlin Food Pantry: Our Food of the Month for November is **vegetable soup**. They are also in need of men's and children's clothing as well as blankets, sheets and towels. Please be generous.

A Day at the Monastery: Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend our annual Advent Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery on Saturday, December 5. It will last from 10 am - 3 pm. We will end the day at Holy Spirit with Vespers for the Feast of St. Nicholas.

Seminary Collection: Today we will be taking up a special collection to support our seminaries. Please be generous in assisting the training of our future priests and church workers.

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 16-22

Monday, November 16

♦ **Divine Liturgy for St. Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist:**
10:00 am @ St. George

Tuesday, November 17

♦ **Parish Council: 7:00 pm**

Wednesday, November 18

♦ **Vespers: 6:30 pm**

Thursday, November 19

♦ **Bible Study: 12:00 pm**

Friday, November 20

♦ **Vespertal Liturgy 6:30 pm for the Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos in the Temple**

Saturday, November 21

♦ **Great Vespers: 5:00 pm**

Sunday, November 22

♦ **Matins: 9:30 am**

♦ **Divine Liturgy: 10:30 am**

TROPARION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN TONE 8

Most blessed art thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them didst catch the world into thy net, O lover of all mankind glory to thee.

KONTAKION OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE 4

The all-pure temple of the Savior, the most precious bridal-chamber and Virgin, the treasure-house of the glory of God, today entered the Temple of the Lord, bringing with her the grace which is in the divine Spirit: whom also the angels of God do celebrate in song; for she is the heavenly tabernacle.



THE EPISTLE

Reader: Mitchell Mansour

Prokeimenon: **O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.**

Verse: To you, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (2:4-10).

Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God--not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand, that we should walk in them.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (10:25-37).

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Nativity Fast Begins November 15

During this fast period, Wednesdays and Fridays are strict fast days as usual. On other days of the week, we abstain from meat, meat products and dairy products; but fish, wine and olive oil are permitted. Eggs are not permitted on any days. During the final weeks of the Nativity fast, Dec. 13 – 24, the fast is stricter and no fish is permitted. Olive oil and wine are permitted on Saturday and Sunday **only**.



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To Our Visitors and Guests

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East – "the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch." (Acts 11:26) We welcome you to worship this morning and thank you for joining us. Unfortunately, one of the sad consequences of the division among Christians is that we cannot offer the Eucharist (Holy Communion) to anyone except Orthodox Christians in good moral standing with the beliefs and practices of the Orthodox Church. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is a final sign of unity among all Christians and not a means by which unity is achieved. We invite you to share in the blessed bread that is distributed at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please join us during our fellowship at coffee hour.

Service Guide for November 15, 2009

The following hymns are sung during the Entrance (bottom of page 97 in the Service Book.)

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION IN TONE 6

When Mary stood at thy grave looking for thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

TROPARION OF THE MARTYRS IN TONE 4

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, by their struggles have received from thee, our God, imperishable crowns because, acquiring thy strength, they demolished usurpers and crushed the powerless might of Satan. Therefore, through their intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls.