

HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Very Reverend Father R. John Dixon, Pastor

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 29, 2009

Commemorating: Martyrs Paramon of Bithynia and Philoumenos of Ancyra; Venerable Akakios of Sinai; Hieromartyr Dionysios, bishop of Corinth; Urban, bishop of Macedonia; Nicholas, archbishop of Thessalonika

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: Leila Hawarny
(six-month memorial for Albert Hawarny)

Today's Coffee Hour: Leila Hawarny

Next week's (12/6) Holy Bread: Rose Saad

Next week's Coffee Hour: Teresa and Charlie Abraham

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday: To Alex Parlock (12/1). May God grant you many years!

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. Cost is \$20. Please RSVP to Fr. John today if you plan to attend.

Winter Camp: is a weekend retreat for those in grades 7-12. Activities include: Christian Ed, Afternoon Program, a Campfire (in the snow!), plus there's Snow Tubing and much more! Dates are Jan 15-18 and Feb. 12-15. Go to antiochianvillage.org for more information.

Christmas Baklawa Sale: The ladies of the parish will be sponsoring a baklawa sale for Christmas. All proceeds will be used to repair the interior of the church. An order form is in today's bulletin. Please see Mary Ann Dolen for more details, including baking dates.

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR NOV. 30—DEC. 7

Monday, November 30

♦ **St. Andrew, the First-Called Divine Liturgy: 10 am @ St. George**

Tuesday, December 1

Wednesday, December 2

♦ **Vespers: 6:30 pm**

Thursday, December 3

♦ **Bible Study: 12:00 pm**

Friday, December 4

Saturday, December 5

♦ **A Day at the Monastery: 10 am—3 pm**
♦ **Vespers: 4:00 pm @ Holy Spirit**

Sunday, December 7

♦ **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 FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST
IN TONE 3

Today the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth in an ineffable manner to the Word before the ages. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when thou hearest, and glorify with the angels and shepherds him who shall appear by his own will as a new babe, being God before the ages.



THE EPISTLE

Reader: Sdn. Julian Saad

Prokeimenon: **Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.**

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (4:1-7).

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke (18:18-27).

The Lord spoke this parable: "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

Love, endure, overlook, do not get angry, do not become irritated, forgive one another, in order that you resemble our Christ and are counted worthy to be near to Him in His kingdom.

*Elder Ephraim of Philotheou Mount Athos,
"Counsels from the Holy Mountain"*



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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 29, 2009

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

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION IN TONE 8

From the heights thou didst descend O Compassionate One, and thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that thou might deliver us from passion. Thou art our Life and our Resurrection, 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.