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Stephen Kelsey - Church School

Beginning of the Nativity Fast

Sunday, Nov 15, **23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 6.** Holy Martyrs and Confessors Gurias, Samonas, and Abibus, of Edessa (299-306). St. Paisius Velichkovsky (1794).

Epistle:

Gospel:

Eph. 2:4-10

Luke 10:25-37

Monthly Parish Council Meeting, following coffee and fellowship

Tuesday, Nov 17

Daily Vespers, 5:30 pm

Soup and Bread Reading Group, *St. Seraphim of Sarov* (Chap. 7), 6:30 pm

Friday, Nov 20, Forefeast of the Entry of the Theotokos

Daily Vespers for the Feast of the Entry, **5 pm**

Saturday, Nov 21, **THE ENTRY OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE**

Divine Liturgy for the Feast, 9 am

Vigil for the Resurrection, 6 pm

Sunday, Nov 22, **24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 7. Afterfeast of the Entry into the Temple.** Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles, and Onesimus, disciple of St. Paul (1st c.).

Sixth Hour, 9:50 am

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, **10 am**

Epistle:

Gospel:

Eph. 2:14-22

Luke 12:16-21

THANKSGIVING SERVICE - Tuesday, Nov 24

As a practice for Thanksgiving, on Tuesday evening, November 24, at 7:00 pm, we will serve the Akathist, *Glory to God for All Things*. This Akathist, attributed to Protopresbyter Gregory Petrov shortly before his death in a Siberian prison camp in 1940, is a song of praise amidst the most terrible suffering.

PARISH FEAST DAY - Saturday, Dec 5

It is our great joy that, once again, His Grace, Bishop Nikon, will visit us for Great Vespers with Litya on the eve of St. Nicholas Day, Saturday, December 5, at 6:00 pm. A lenten meal will follow Great Vespers, and His Grace will make himself available for questions. Priests and parishes of the Boston Deanery, as well as local Orthodox parishes, are invited to join us. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY - Sunday, Dec 6

On Sunday, December 6, our Parish Feast Day continues with Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Following Liturgy, we will celebrate our St. Nicholas party with the Church School. In honor of the wonderful goodness of our patron, St. Nicholas, there will be decorating the Christmas tree, a responsive story, presents, and more. All are invited during coffee and fellowship.

PLEDGE DRIVE TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

In November each year, we ask members and friends to make a pledge for support of the Church in the coming year. Please see the mailing this week. We like to introduce aspects of the pledge program. This morning's subject is **Percentage Giving**.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov 24	Tuesday	Thanksgiving Service
Dec 5	Saturday	Parish Feast Vespers with Bishop Nikon
Dec 6	Sunday	Patronal Feast Day St. Nicholas Church School Party
Dec 20	Sunday	Monthly Parish Council Meeting
Dec 24	Thursday	Christmas Eve - Royal Hours, 6:30 am Vigil for the Nativity of Christ, 6 pm
Dec 25	Friday	Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Christ, 10 am

COLLECTION OF CANNED GOODS DURING ADVENT

We will be having a non-perishable food drive for the St. Joseph's Food Pantry in Salem throughout the month of November. There is a tremendous need in our area. Please help this worthy cause. Suggested items - tuna, peanutbutter, canned goods, canned fruit, canned soup, rice, instant mashed potatoes, pasta, tomato sauce, baking items (cake mix, brownie mix, etc.), snack items (crackers, granola bars).

ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

We have begun preparation of our Community Christmas Card. We list names in a special Christmas card that will be sent to all the members in our Church community. The deadline is Sunday, December 6th. Please see Maria Johnson for details.

COOKIE SALE DECEMBER 12

Our 3rd Annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be on our Feast Day, Saturday, December 12, from 11 to 2.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We are planning to decorate our church for the Nativity Feast with poinsettia plants. These flowers will beautify our church throughout the Christmas season. You may take them home after Divine Liturgy on January 6th. You have received an order form in the mail. Order forms may be brought into church or mailed to 64 Forrester Street, Salem, MA 01970. Please be sure to enclose payment with your order. All donations will be posted in the vestibule. Orders must be received by December 13th.