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Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

* AMBO: Articles for publication should be submitted to: sttheocemetery@yahoo.com by Wednesday of each week before noon.

* CALENDAR: Event dates must be submitted by the 15th of each month.

NOVEMBER 6, 2016

ST. PAUL THE CONFESSOR

VEN. VARLAAM OF KHUTYN

VEN. LUKE OF KIEV CAVES

ST. JOHN THE MERCIFUL



NOVEMBER 12

Saint John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria, was born on Cyprus in the seventh century into the family of the illustrious dignitary Epiphanius. At the wish of his parents he entered into marriage and had children. When the wife and the children of the saint died, he became a monk. He was zealous in fasting and prayer, and had great love for those around him.

His spiritual exploits won him honor among men, and even the emperor revered him. When the Patriarchal throne of Alexandria fell vacant, the emperor Heraclius and all the clergy begged St John to occupy the Patriarchal throne.

The saint worthily assumed his archpastoral service, concerning himself with the moral and dogmatic welfare of his flock. As patriarch he denounced every soul-destroying heresy, and drove out from Alexandria the Monophysite Phyllonos of Antioch.

He considered his chief task to be charitable and to give help all those in need. At the beginning of his patriarchal service he ordered his stewards to compile a list of all the poor and downtrodden in Alexandria, which turned out to be over seven thousand men. The saint ordered that all of these unfortunates be provided for each day out of the church's treasury.

Twice during the week, on Wednesdays and Fridays, he emerged from the doors of the patriarchal cathedral, and sitting on the church portico, he received everyone in need. He settled quarrels, helped the wronged, and distributed alms. Three times a week he visited the sick-houses, and rendered assistance to the suffering. It was during this period that the emperor Heraclius led a tremendous army against the Persian emperor Chosroes II. The Persians ravaged and burned Jerusalem, taking a multitude of captives. The holy Patriarch John gave a large portion of the church treasury for their ransom.

The saint never refused suppliants. One day, when the saint was visiting the sick, he met a beggar and commanded that he be given six silver coins. The beggar changed his clothes, ran on ahead of the Patriarch, and again asked for alms. St John gave him six more silver coins. When, however, the beggar sought charity a third time, and the servants began to chase the fellow away, the Patriarch ordered that he be given twelve pieces of silver, saying, "Perhaps he is Christ putting me to the test." Twice the saint gave money to a merchant that had suffered shipwreck, and a third time gave him a ship belonging to the Patriarchate and filled with grain, with which the merchant had a successful journey and repaid his obligations.

St John the Merciful was known for his gentle attitude towards people. Once, the saint was compelled to excommunicate two clergymen for a certain time because of some offense. One of them repented, but the other fellow became angry with the Patriarch and fell into greater sins. The saint wanted to summon him and calm him with kind words, but it slipped his mind. When he was celebrating the Divine Liturgy, the saint was suddenly reminded by the words of the Gospel: if you bring your gift to the altar and remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift before the altar ... first, be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift (Mt. 5:23-24). The saint came out of the altar, called the offending clergyman to him, and falling down on his knees before him in front of all the people he asked forgiveness. The cleric, filled with remorse, repented of his sin, corrected himself, and afterwards was found worthy to be ordained to the priesthood.

There was a time when a certain citizen insulted George, the Patriarch's nephew. George asked the saint to avenge the wrong. The saint promised to deal with the offender so that all of Alexandria would marvel at what he had done. This calmed George, and St John began to instruct him, speaking of the necessity for meekness and

humility. Then he summoned the man who insulted George. When St John learned that the man lived in a house owned by the church, he declared that he would excuse him from paying rent for an entire year. Alexandria indeed was amazed by such a “revenge,” and George learned from his uncle how to forgive offenses and to bear insults for God’s sake.

St John, a strict ascetic and man of prayer, was always mindful of his soul, and of death. He ordered a coffin for himself, but told the craftsmen not to finish it. Instead, he would have them come each feastday and ask if it was time to finish the work.

St John was persuaded to accompany the governor Nicetas on a visit to the emperor in Constantinople. While on his way to visit the earthly king, he dreamed of a resplendent man who said to him, “The King of Kings summons you.” He sailed to his native island of Cyprus, and died at Amanthos, the saint peacefully fell asleep in the Lord (616-620).

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6

Nov. 6 Gal. 2:16-20
Luke 8:41-56

Nov. 8 Col. 1:1-2,7-11
Luke 12:42-48

Nov. 11 Col. 2:1-7
Luke 13:31-35

Nov. 7 Phil. 4:10-23
Luke 12:13-15,22-31

Nov. 9 Col. 1:18-23
Luke 12:48-59

Nov. 12 2 Cor. 3:12-18
Luke 9:37-43

Nov. 10 Col. 1:24-29
Luke 13:1-9

Holiday Baking at the Parish Hall

Friday mornings @ 10:00 AM

November 4th, 2016

November 11th, 2016

November 18th, 2016

We will be making kolaches (at least for the first two sessions). Please see Susan Lentz for more information.





PRAYER REQUESTS

Departed:

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:

Archpriest Yves Babich
Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan
Matushka Catherine Jula
Archpriest Theodore Bobosh
Mary
Michael
Pauline Alexander (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Judith Allgire (*friend of Sonia Vorell*)
Judy Baughman
Christopher Baymiller (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Paula Baymiller (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Karen Beech (*friend of Jerry Czajkowski & Arlene Neale*)
Tami Blaylock (*Igor Gajewsky's daughter*)
Tony Boccheccio
Carol Bohurjak
Thomas Bojurjak, Jr.
Thomas Bojurjak, Sr.
Marie Borland
Julie Byndas
Elsie Conrad
Arlene Czajkowski
Jerry Czajkowski
Metodije Damljanovic (*Child*)
Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia Morris's brother*)
Cindy Durkalski
Nadine Ellis

Nashwa Fam
Dorothy Fowler
Gayle Franks (*Judy Schwind's cousin*)
Roger Haupt (*Lisa Theodore's cousin*)
Janet Hennig (*friend of Judy Schwind*)
Sandee Holod
Matthew Hunley (*Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)
Donna Jacak
Victor Jacak
Kevin Jackam (*Sonia Vorell's cousin*)
Tom Jacobson
Joy Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Stephen Jahans (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Diane Kearsy (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)
Maher Khalil
Thomas Khalil
Jacquelyn Kiiskila (*Subdeacon John & Debby Pinta's family member*)
John Kovalski (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Dorothy Laskovich
Joseph Laskowski (*Dorothy Laskovich's nephew*)
Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)
Melissa McCutcheon
Jethro Miles

Paul Mihal
Andy Mytrohovich
Maude Palumbo (*Michelle Rajisch's mother*)
Debra Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)
Grace Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother*)
Anastasia Pogorily-Soljanik
Cindy Powkowski
Kay Rogozinski (*Janice Tkacz's mother*)
Dorothy Romig
Julia Sankovic (*Child*)
Debbie Seguin (*friend of Leon Felon*)
Helen Smotzer

Elaine Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)
Janice Tkacz
Elisabeth Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
Erin Zawolowycz
Elizabeth Zimmerman
Peter Zimmerman
Alice Zdinak (*Fr. John's Mother*)

David & Jessie Jacobson & Unborn Child

Yohnathan & Melissa King (*Alex & Debbie Wojnicz's daughter*) & Unborn Child

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy. You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour:

11/6/16	Dan & Lavinia Morris
11/13/16	Joy & David Pfeiffer
11/20/16	Cathy Weber & Mat. Jenn Boerio
11/27/16	Joyce Tabeling & Judy Schwind
12/4/16	Nick & Kate Zolikoff
12/11/16	Michael Tabeling & Michael Udell
12/18/16	Lauren Miklos & Chandra Czaruk

Greeters:

Sonia Vorell & Virginia Medvec
Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
Tammy & Eva Ponomarenko
Michael Tabeling & Paul Pangrace
Mat. Jenn Boerio & Karen Felon
Linda Smotzer & Igor Gajewsky
Tammy & Eva Ponomarenko



GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses:	\$ 6,538.00
Last week's collection	<u>\$ 8,768.00</u>
Over/Under	< \$ 2,230.00 >

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, \$10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris



Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

For the entire 2016 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey
from John & Ruth Fritskey

**EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD
OF GREATER CLEVELAND
54th Anniversary Year**

NOVEMBER

**Saturday
November 12, 2016**

10:00AM – 12:00PM

**Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
22909 Center Ridge Road
Rocky River, Ohio 44116**

**Program: Trip to Haiti
Speaker: Dr. Constance Magoulias**

FOCA Dinner and a Movie

Thursday, November 10th @ 6:00 PM

Quaker Steak & Lube in Valley View

**Please see Darrell Felon for
more information**





Join us to hear the Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield speak about...

St. Herman of Alaska: Orthodox America's First Defender of the Poor

November 13, 2016 – 5:00pm

St. Paul Hellenic Banquet Center, 4548 Wallings Rd., N. Royalton, OH

\$30 per person (Proceeds benefit St. Herman House FOCUS Cleveland)

Heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, coffee service, desserts

5:00 Doors open (Wine and beer sold separately)

6:00 Program begins

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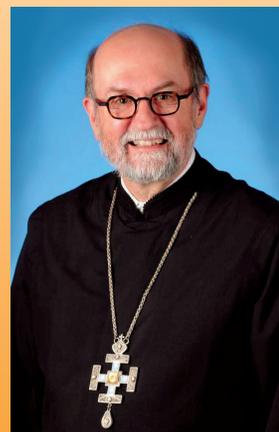
216-961-3806 or visit

www.FocusNorthAmerica.org/events

Go to: St. Herman House-FOCUS Cleveland Presents an evening with Fr. Chad Hatfield

Questions

Brenda Saridakis at 440-537-7636 or BrendaSaridakis@gmail.com



Join us for a Pan Orthodox Speaker Forum featuring **The Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield**, Chief Executive Officer of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Tuckahoe, NY.



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THANKSGIVING DAY BUFFET

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2016
11AM - 3PM

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The Sad Duties of a Prophet

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On November 12th the Church honors the prophet Ahijah, who lived in the time of Solomon and the kings who followed him.

Solomon, of course, is one of most important kings of the Old Testament. He pleased God by asking for wisdom rather than more worldly gifts, and was given that gift as well as others. He was a poet, writer, and an architect skilled enough to oversee construction of the Temple in Jerusalem. An able diplomat, he secured peace with neighboring nations, and then was able to increase Israel's trade and wealth.

But Chapter 11 of 1st Kings/3rd Kingdom records God's displeasure with Solomon's squandering of his gifts. We read in 11:1 that he took as lovers "Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian and Hittite women" even though God had told the Israelites, "You shall not enter into marriage with them...for they will surely incline your heart to follow their gods.' "

Ahijah is the prophet to whom God gives the task of telling Jeroboam that God has chosen him to succeed Solomon. Ahijah, wearing a new garment, meets Jeroboam on the road. As a sign of what the future will bring, the prophet tears his garment into twelve pieces, and tells Jeroboam that God intends to "tear the kingdom from the hand of Solomon" and give Jeroboam ten tribes.

Undoubtedly Ahijah has great hopes for Jeroboam's rule. After all, God has chosen him and saved him from Solomon's murderous wrath, and has allowed him to be named "king over all Israel" (12:

But Jeroboam fears that his subjects might want to return to Jerusalem, which is not under his control, to worship in the Temple. So he has two golden calves made, and tells his people, "You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up out of the land of Egypt" (12: 28b). He offers sacrifices on the altars of the calves he's made.

Not only are Ahijah's hopes dashed, but his next encounter with King Jeroboam, or rather the king's wife, is heartbreaking. Jeroboam's son is taken ill, and the king tells his wife to go to Ahijah to ask what will happen to the child. Knowing how he has disappointed the prophet, Jeroboam tells her to meet Ahijah in disguise so he won't know her. But God reveals her coming to Ahijah, and instructs him to tell her that evil will come upon Jeroboam's house because he has misused the gifts God gave him. She returns home with this terrible news, and as she reaches her threshold, the boy dies.

Paul writes in I Thessalonians, read on this day, "...we had courage in our God to declare to you the Gospel of God in spite of great opposition" (2: 1b).

Ahijah needed that same courage to deliver his unwelcome message to a disappointing king. Jeroboam used his free will to turn decisively from God, and Ahijah had to be the one to tell him what the consequences of his terrible folly would be.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

2016

Sunday, Nov. 6

ST. PAUL THE CONFESSOR
VEN. VARLAAM OF KHUTYN
VEN. LUKE OF KIEV CAVES
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM Boys' Night Out @ Nano Brew

Monday, Nov. 7

33 MARTYRS OF MELITENE
VEN. ZOSIMA
7:00 PM Bible Study @ Parish Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 8

SYNAXIS OF THE
ARCHANGEL MICHAEL
AND THE OTHERS
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy @ St.
Michael's in Broadview Heights

Wednesday, Nov. 9

MARTYRS ONESIPHORUS
AND PORPHYRIUS



NOVEMBER
Special Collection
**CHRISTMAS
CHARITY**



Thursday, Nov. 10

APOSTLES OF THE 70:
ERASTUS, OLYMPAS,
HERODION, SOSIPATER,
QUARTUS & TERTIUS
11:00 AM Faith Enrichment @
Copper Stone
6:00 PM FOCA Dinner & A Movie

Friday, Nov. 11

MARTYRS MENAS, VICTOR,
VINCENT & STEPHANDIA
10:00 AM Holiday Baking @
Parish Hall

Saturday, Nov. 12

ST. JOHN THE MERCIFUL
VEN. NILUS THE FASTER
10:00 AM EOWG Meeting @ St.
Demetrios in Rocky River
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Nov. 13

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM,
ARCHBISHOP OF
CONSTANTINOPLE
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
5:00 PM St. Herman's Fundraiser @
St. Paul's in North Royalton



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