

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember, we are still in the Nativity Fast. Please bring appropriate fasting foods (no meat or dairy products) to our fellowship hour.

Fr. John will be attending the Pan-Orthodox Clergy Retreat this Tues-Thurs.

Please contact Fr. Bill (443-0209) with any pastoral emergencies.



Wed. Dec. 8	6 pm	Vespers
	<i>following Vespers</i>	Parish Council meeting
Thurs. Dec. 2	6pm	Choir Practice
		Peck's House - 520 Hillcrest Dr.
Fri. Dec. 9	10 am	Divine Liturgy
Sat. Dec. 10	11 am	Catechumen Class
Fri. Dec. 24th	6 pm	Vesperal Liturgy for Christmas

**Remember to read your Bible and pray every day!**

**If you have not already done so,  
please turn in your pledge card for 2011 today.**

*See any Board member for a pledge form*

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## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun. Dec. 5, 2010

Tone 3



Date	Readers
11-28	Mike Winney & Robert Frisby
12-5	Jelena Timotijevich & Mike Winney

**Matins Gospel: Luke 24:36-53**

**Resurrection Hymn - Tone 3**

Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad! For the Lord has done a mighty act with His own arm! He has trampled down death by death, and become the first born from the dead! He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted to the world great mercy!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**Hymn of GreatMartyr George - Tone 4**

Liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the sick, and champion of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

*now and ever and unto ages of ages.  
Amen.*

**Hymn of the Theotokos - Tone 3**

You who are the intercessor for the salvation of our race, we praise you, O Virgin Theotokos For in the flesh assumed from you, after that He had suffered the passion of the Cross, Your Son and our God delivered us from corruption, because He is the lover of Mankind.

**Prokeimenon in Tone 3 (Ps 47)**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**Epistle: Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2**

**B**RETHREN, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. +

**Alleluia in Tone 3 (Ps 31)**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shame!

Be Thou a God of protection for me, a house of refuge, in order to save me!

**Gospel: Luke 13:10-17**

**A**T THAT TIME, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him. +

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SEARCH  
BEFORE DISMISSAL**

*As we search and seek out a new location for our parish, we will be praying this prayer weekly during Liturgy, and ask you to pray it daily at home.*



Lord Jesus Christ, our God, You have said, "Apart from me You can do nothing." In faith we embrace Your words, Lord, and we entreat Your goodness. Help us to carry out the work we are about to begin, to find another home for our parish. To You we give glory, to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, our Help and Refuge, who knows that we can do nothing right without Your guidance and help; direct us by Your wisdom and power, that we may accomplish this task and, whatever we do according to Your divine will, so that it may be beneficial to us, to others and to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Our Lord and Savior, You became man and labored with Your hands until the time of Your ministry. Bless us as we begin this work. Help us to bring it to completion. Lord, enlighten our minds and strengthen our bodies, that we may accomplish our task according to Your will. Guide us to bring about works of goodness to Your service and glory. Amen.+

# PARISH PRAYER LIST

HAVE MERCY, O LORD, ON YOUR SERVANTS,

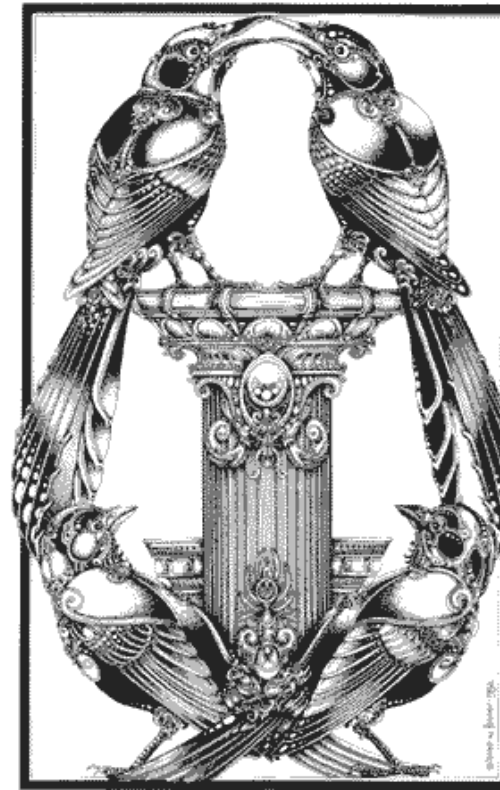
GIVE REST, O LORD, TO YOUR SERVANTS,

## LIVING:

Irene Teneralli, Connie, Crystal, Tom & Kymie Bowden, James Anthony, Jim Burns, Alex, Sandy, Adrian, Melanie Schlapfer, Bill Mueller, Judy Raessler, Viola Hammerstrom, John Berkholtz, Kris Wells, Helen Vlahakis, Dr. & Mrs. Oden, Mr & Mrs Seth Burgess, Ovi Lungu, Bill Kountanis, Darrell and Patty Bostic, Deon Christensen and family, Helen Ko, Campbell Mackenzie, Betty Dudley, Will Degenhart & family, Stephen & Cassandra Landis. Nathan & Merilee Peck, Sky Rizk, Dumitri Popita, Susan Hill, Tanya, Darlene, Glenn, Fr. Hans & Susan Jacobse, Fr. John Stavropoulos, Fr. Bill Clark, Steve Brooks, Tom & Geris Kourkoumelis, Kristi & Dan Thanos, Philip Winney, Lindsay, Gail & Vicki Brannock, George Peter Rizk, Steve & Robin Hyde, Barbara Wright, Boyd Jackson, Marnie Butts, Luke Glen, Charity Books, Kathy Hunt, the Borza family, Elizabeth, Seraphima, Macrina, Mary, Silas, Fr. Daniel & Theresa, Gray, Susana, Robert, Kayla, Briana, Joel, Kelsey, Shaun, Theresa, Chris' 2 grandmothers, Raymond Zogob's father, Diane Robertson, Kathy & Chris Hough.

## DEPARTED:

George Komashko, Archpriest Antony Vladimir, Lambrini, Dominic Teneralli Sr., Dominic Teneralli Jr., Rose Bachmann, Janine, George Hicha, Lola Christie, Jackie Pelkey, Helen Shugrue, Eugenia, Elizabeth Higbee, Janet Maissen, Nat, Amanda, James, Abp Job, Abp Anthony, Don, Anastasia Jones, Jack Christensen, Ethel Hunt, Child Nicholas, John, Delores, Lydia (Letitia) Preda, Fr. Gabriel Cooke, Richard & Larry Peck, Chuck, Lisa Covington, Andrew Lubnick, Dennis Kontanis, Julia Sedon, Ariel Borza, Michael Hicha, Tom Pallad, Peter Rizk; Demos Vlahakis; Rhonda Dawson; Nicholas, Peter, Kay, Shirley, George Cosmakos, Andrew Degenhart, Annuncio Aaflaq; Bishop Innocent (Gula); Fr. Michael St. Andrew.



## 12 Days of Christmas Mystery & Meaning

*We'll explore the origin, and real meaning of, the well loved, well known, but nonsensical carol, The Twelve Days of Christmas, only to see that it refers not to gift giving, but to a pilgrimage made from England to the Holy Land.*

*One of our LIVING FAITH Classes*

**11 am – 1 pm  
Sat. Dec. 18th**

**The class is free, but please let Fr. John know you are coming so there is enough handout material.**

## Visitors

We are happy that you joined us today, and we want you to know the following;

- Visitors and children are always welcome at all of our worship services.
- You won't be asked to do anything that would make you uncomfortable.
- We don't expect visitors to contribute anything financially to support our parish.
- Our children worship with us, and we love having them here.

If you are an Orthodox Christian, please introduce yourself to Fr. John before the service begins, so that, if possible, you may receive the Holy Mysteries of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are not an Orthodox Christian, we invite you to partake of the blessed bread distributed at the end of the service, to fill out a "Welcome" card (available in the Narthex), and to join us after the service for some hospitality!

# SAINTS ALIVE

*The Lives and Deeds of the Heroes of our Faith*

## The Martyrs of Zographou Monastery on Mt. Athos

*The saints who were killed by fellow Christians, but refused to fight back.*

26 Monkmartyrs of the Zographou Monastery on Mount Athos In the year 1274 at the Council of Lyons (in France), the Byzantine emperor Michael VIII Paleologos decided to buttress his waning power by forming a union with Catholic Rome. This step evoked universal discontent. In 1278, the emperor issued a decree to introduce the Union at Constantinople by forceful measures, if necessary.

Mt. Athos stood in firm opposition to the Union. The Athonite monks sent a letter to Michael pointing out that the primacy of the Pope, his commemoration in the churches, celebrating the Eucharist with unleavened bread, the insertion of the "filioque" ["and from the Son"] into the Creed, could not be accepted by Orthodox, and they asked the emperor to change his mind. "We clearly see," the letter said, "that you are becoming a heretic, but we implore you to forsake all this and abide in the teachings that were handed down to you.... Reject the unholy and novel teachings of a false knowledge, speculations, and additions to the Faith."



The Crusaders pushed out of Palestine and finding refuge in the Byzantine Empire, declared to the emperor their readiness to affirm the power of the Pope by fire and sword, if necessary. In addition, Michael had hired mercenaries, both Turks and Tatars, to enforce his decree.

The emperor despised the monks of Mt. Athos for their opposition. Since he did not want to provoke the Greeks, he decided to vent his spite upon the Athonite Slavs. By Michael's order, the servants of the Pope descended upon the Bulgarian Zographou monastery. When the demand to accept the Union was presented before the Zographou monks, they refused to listen. They adhered to the doctrines of the Fathers, and fearlessly censured those who accepted the Latin teachings. The majority of the Zographou monks left the monastery, but the most steadfast, twenty-six in number, remained within the monastery tower.

The holy martyrs for their Orthodox Faith, were burned in the monastery tower on October 10, 1284.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL

ST. GEORGE CHURCH

# Christmas Eve VESPERAL LITURGY

**Dec. 24th**

**6 pm**

Our annual Christmas Eve service will begin with the reception of catechumens, and the readings from the Old & New Testaments followed by the Holy Eucharist.

We will end with some traditional Carolling!

Make plans to attend now!

