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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory Forever!

To friends and visitors who worship with us today, a sincere welcome is extended and we cordially invite you to attend all the services of this church. To all who worship here, this is the House of God. Leave it not without a prayer for yourself, your congregation and for those who minister.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

READINGS



Epistle: Eph. 11:4-10



Gospel: St. Luke 8:41 - 56

Schedule of Altar Boys for Sunday, November 27th:

English Divine Liturgy: **Group #2**

Jonathan Parfejewiec, Michael Parfejewiec, Jonathan Greaves,
David Greaves.

Schedule of Ushers for Sunday, November 27th:

English Divine Liturgy: **Group #5**

Mr. William Dobransky, Mr. Stephen Mihnovets, Mrs. Donna Tuck



On Thanksgiving Day we give thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings that He has bestowed on us, with family, friends and country. In celebrating Thanksgiving, please remember the elderly and those who are unable to have dinner together as a family. Invite someone to your home or deliver dinner to their home.

We also give thanks to Almighty God for our St. Vladimir parish family and the many volunteers who show their love to our Church by donating their time, talents and money in so many ways throughout the year.

Today we honor our dedicated volunteers:

- ~ our Pyrohy Group
- ~ Choir members
- ~ Altar servers
- ~ Volunteers who plant and remove flowers around the church
- ~ Volunteers who trim the shrubs around the church
- ~ Volunteers who shovel snow
- ~ Volunteers who clean the nursery
- ~ Sunday School staff
- ~ Bratchiki (Brothers)
- ~ Ushers
- ~ Library staff
- ~ Bulletin staff

and everyone who, in any way, volunteers to help with the many needs of our parish throughout the year.

May God bless you with good health and much happiness for many years. Mnohiya Lita!

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Calendar of Events for the week of November 20th:

Sunday (today)- Annual Parish Thanksgiving Dinner following the Liturgy

Monday - *Holy Day of St. Michael the Archangel*
- **9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy**

Wednesday - 8:30 a.m., Moleben for sick parishioners

Thursday - *Thanksgiving Day.* Remember to give thanks to Almighty God for His many blessings

Saturday - 12:00 noon, Baptism & Chrismation of twins, Lucas & Rafael Santos
- 6:00 p.m., Vespers

Sunday - **8:30 a.m., English Divine Liturgy**
- **9:45 a.m., Sunday School**
- **10:15 a.m., Ukrainian Divine Liturgy**

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Our prayers and condolences are extended to Mr. Walter Samijlenko and family on the death of Mr. Samijlenko's mother, Sophia, on Friday, November 11th, at the age of 96. Memory eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

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We greet Fr. Michael and all men named Michael and women named Mychaylina on their Patron Saint's Day tomorrow. Mnohiya Lita!

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Attention Choir members: In preparation for the Pan-Orthodox Christmas Choir Concert on Sunday, December 11th at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, a joint choir rehearsal of our English and Ukrainian choirs will be held on Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 p.m. All choir members are requested to attend. As always, new members are always welcome. Also, this year, Orthodox parishes are encouraged to have youth participate in the concert and our choir director, Markian Komichak is organizing a youth choir in our parish. Parents and grandparents – please have your children join and sing at the concert. For more information, contact Markian Komichak.

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Please check out our new parish website by going to <http://www.stvladimirs.org>

Food Drive

The annual 60+ Club Thanksgiving Food Drive is currently underway. Donations of canned and dry goods are being collected throughout the month of November. Special boxes for these groceries are located in the church vestibule. All food collected will be given to St. Herman Orthodox House of Hospitality to distribute to the poor in our community. Please be generous in your donations to the poor and encourage your children to participate by bringing groceries to the church.

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Please notify the clergy of any sick and hospitalized parishioners, as well as when they have been discharged from the hospital to their homes or gone to a nursing home. This is the duty of the family.

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It's time, once again ... to start baking Christmas cookies for the Senior U.O.L.'s "Christmas Cookie Walk", which will be held next Sunday, December 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in our parish center. This is one of the many fundraisers the U.O.L. sponsors in order to assist our parish financially.

Please help us with this project. We're asking parishioners to bake some of their nicest Christmas cookies for the sale (at least 10 dozen of each kind).

If you have any questions or need any further information, please speak to Mary Ann Sklaryk or Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny.

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ALSO – Please inform all your neighbors, friends and relatives about the Christmas Cookie Walk. If you would like to take a poster to a community or library bulletin board, please see Pani Matka Mary Anne.

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The All Saints Camp Committee is sponsoring an essay contest on the topic "What I Like Best at All Saints Camp". They are hoping the campers will share their wonderful camping experiences in an attempt to encourage increased participation at the Diocesan Church School encampment and at Teenage Conference. Two prizes will be awarded – 1 week's stay at each of the above encampments. There is no limit to how long the essays should be. It is hoped that they will project the joy and enthusiasm that campers feel because of their stays at All Saints Camp. **Essays must be submitted to Pani Matka Mary Anne either through email or hard copy, by December 1, 2011.** Winning essays will be published in UOL and Church publications.

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The annual Pan-Orthodox Nativity Concert, sponsored by the Greater Cleveland Orthodox Clergy Association, will be held on Sunday, December 11th at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, Broadview Road in Parma. All choir members of both the Ukrainian and English choirs are requested to participate and, as always beautifully represent our St. Vladimir parish.

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The United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio inform our local community that on Sunday, November 27th at 3:00 p.m., a Memorial service for the victims of the Holodomor (Artificial Famine) in Ukraine from 1932-33 will take place in front of our Famine Monument. Clergy from other parishes in our area will participate.

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How Can We Support Our Church?

- ~ by becoming parish members
- ~ by making weekly donations
- ~ by attending church functions (services, dinners, festivals)
 - ~ by making lump sum donations for special causes
 - ~ by working for the Church
 - ~ by donating our talent or expertise
- ~ by including the parish in your will or as beneficiary after your death

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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The birth of a child is a joyous event – just as joyous is the time when the parents bring their child to Church to be Baptized & Chrismated and enter a Sacramental life with the Lord and His Holy Church.’

The Orthodox Church, like many Christian churches, believe in infant Baptism. Godparents have a very important role in the child’s Baptism. They speak for the baby and answer the questions when asked, as well as recite the Creed – the Symbol of Our Faith.

Parents must always remember that selecting godparents is not a social obligation but a spiritual one. It is truly sad when parents select individuals – be it family members or friends – who have no relationship with the Holy Church.

To avoid any misunderstanding, please note the following regulation demanded, as written in the Diocesan Almanac, before asking anyone to serve as godparents for your children.

“The following are the regulations concerning Baptism, which are binding upon all:

- *The primary sponsor (a male for a male child and a female for a female child” must be an Orthodox Christian who is a member in good standing of a Ukrainian Orthodox or other Orthodox parish, regularly attends the Divine Services of the Church and receives the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Communion. The primary sponsor renounces Satan in the name of his/her spiritual charge and recites the Orthodox Profession of Faith.*
- *The privilege of fulfilling the sacred vocation of Godparent is denied to any person who has been excommunicated by the Church or has excommunicated him/her self by word or deed, such as one who has married outside the Orthodox Church.*
- *Only one sponsor is required, the same sex as the individual being baptized. However, two or more may be accepted. The secondary sponsors must be of the Christian Faith, baptized in water, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”*

To avoid any disappointment, please select godparents for your children who are Orthodox Christians in good standing with the Church.

For more information, please contact Fr. John or Fr. Michael.

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Happy Thanksgiving Day

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”

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(I Thes. 5:16-18)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Sunday, December 4th - U.O.L. Christmas Cookie Walk, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 11th - U.O.L. Christmas Craft Fair, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Have you paid your parish dues for 2011?

If you’re not sure, be sure to ask at the church office on Sunday morning or call the parish office at 440-886-3223 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.