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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 27, 2011**

*24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**READINGS**



**Epistle:** Eph. 2:14-22



**Gospel:** St. Luke 10:25-37

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**Schedule of Altar Boys for Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>:**

English Divine Liturgy: **Group #3**

Michael Dobronos, Matthew Greaves, Zachary Tatoczenko,  
John Meaden.

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**Schedule of Ushers for Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>:**

English Divine Liturgy: **Group #6**

Ms. Melanie Nakonachny, Mrs. Donna Kominko



Tomorrow, November 28<sup>th</sup>, our Holy Orthodox Church begins the solemn preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. During this period, we are called to fast from meat products, if not the entire period, at least on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. We are also instructed to do works of charity for the poor and needy, refrain from partying, discuss the true meaning of Christmas with our children and grandchildren and – most important - receive the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion. Your spiritual fathers pray that these weeks of preparation, known by many as Advent or St. Philip’s Fast, will be spiritually uplifting and will enable you to celebrate the true meaning and reason of Christmas – the Birth of Jesus Christ.

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The Senior U.O.L.’s “Christmas Cookie Walk”, which will be held *next* Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 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). Cookies should be delivered to the church on Saturday afternoon if possible, beginning at 2:00 p.m., through the school lobby. If you have any questions or need any further information, please speak to Mary Ann Sklaryk or Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny. Also, there will be a Pro-Liturgy in church at 7:15 a.m. to enable the workers to receive Holy Communion before the cookie walk begins.

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*Calendar of Events for the week of November 27<sup>th</sup>:*

**Sunday (today)- 3:00 p.m., Memorial service for the victims of the Artificial Famine in Ukraine (see Separate announcement)**

- Monday - Beginning of the Nativity Fast – Advent - Lent
- Wednesday - 7:00 a.m., Pyrohy Project (peeling)
  - 8:30 a.m., Moleben for sick parishioners
  - 5:30 p.m., Ukrainian Dance School, Bandura School, Art & Pottery classes
  - 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Library Hours
- Thursday - 6:00 a.m., Pyrohy project (making)
  - 10:00 a.m., Pyrohy project (peeling)
- Friday - 5:00 a.m., Pyrohy project
- Saturday - 9:00 a.m., Ukrainian School
  - 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Library Hours
  - 2:00 p.m. Preperation for the Cookie Walk
  - 5:45 p.m., Confession
  - 6:00 p.m., Vespers

- Sunday - *Holy Day of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary into the Temple***
  - **7:15 a.m., Pro-Liturgy with Communion for Cookie Walk workers**
  - **8:30 a.m., English Divine Liturgy**
  - **9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Christmas Cookie Walk**
  - **9:45 a.m., Sunday School**
  - **10:15 a.m., Ukrainian Divine Liturgy**

*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.

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

**Attention Choir members:** In preparation for the Pan-Orthodox Christmas Choir Concert on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, a joint choir rehearsal of our English and Ukrainian choirs will be held on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 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 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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May Our Lord's blessings be upon twins, Lucas and Rafael, sons of Edicio and Melania Santos, who were Baptized and Chrismated yesterday. We also greet grandparents, Nestor & Nina Kostryk and great grandmother, Mrs. Olga Sholudko. Mnohiya Lita!

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Last Sunday's annual parish Thanksgiving Dinner was a beautiful celebration of our parish family. A most delicious dinner was served to and appreciated by 150 people. A special thank you is extended to our catering staff for their love and dedication to our parish, as well as to everyone who assisted with selling tickets, preparation and clean up. The day was perfect, beginning with the Liturgy and the beautiful singing by a united English and Ukrainian choir totaling 30 choir members. May God bless you all for your love and devotion to Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, His Holy Church and to our St. Vladimir parish family.

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Our parish library staff expresses their sincere gratitude to everyone who supported their recent raffle of a beautiful painting of a vase of flowers. We thank the artist, Mrs. Oksana Kowal for donating the painting. It was won by Mrs. Nadia Iwanchuk.

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**Thank You!** ... to our School of Ukrainian Dance for the generous donation of \$500.00 to the needs of the parish. This year, our school has 72 students. They are divided into 3 groups and meet on Wednesday evenings. We also thank the School of Bandura for the \$300.00 donation to help offset electricity and maintenance costs. The School of Bandura has 11 students this year and also holds classes on Wednesday. Both donations were made during the Thanksgiving parish dinner last Sunday.

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Our Senior U.O.L. thanks everyone who supported their recent raffle. The winners were:

\$500.00 - Bev Martin

\$200.00 - Tanya Dobronos

\$ 50.00 each - Mrs. Anna Kappler, Peggy Hurd, Sarah Harasimchuk, Victor Sklaryk

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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 this coming Thursday, December 1, 2011.** Winning essays will be published in UOL and Church publications.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> - U.O.L. Christmas Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - U.O.L. Christmas Craft Fair, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - Youth Sunday / St. Nicholas Program

**Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Office Phone: (440) 886-3223**

The United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio inform our local community that this afternoon, 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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During the Nativity Fast, the clergy ask that parishioners who are unable to attend Liturgy and wish to receive Holy Communion at home please call the rectory to request a home visit.

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The 2012 parish offering envelopes are now available in the church vestibule. Please pick them up following the Liturgies and be generous in your offerings to our St. Vladimir parish.

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Because of the success of their last Holubtsi (stuffed cabbage) sale on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Senior U.O.L. will be having another sale on Thursday & Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. Advance orders are advised and can be placed by calling the parish office at (440) 886-3223 Monday thru Friday between 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. or the rectory at (440) 885-1509.

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Extra Volunteers are needed, beginning this Wednesday and continuing until before Christmas, December 25<sup>th</sup>, to assist the Pyrohy Group, which will be working 3 days a week. Please check the parish calendar of events for the schedule and give some of your time, even if only for a few hours. Also, for those parishioners who work during the day, special evening sessions will be held. These, too will be printed in a future bulletin.

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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 regulations 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.

**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.**