



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Parish Newsletter

December 2014

DECEMBER—DAY 9 HOURS, NIGHT 15

- 6 Sat ↓ *St. Nicolas, Bishop of Myra, Wonderworker*
 7 Sun^{26•I•Lk11} 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Busenberg**
 13 Sat *31st Anniversary of the death of Fr. Alexander Schmemmann*
 14 Sun^{27•II•Lk12} 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Doyle**
 21 Sun^{28•III•Lk13} **SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY**
 ☛ 9:45 a.m. Common Confession Rite (*in conjunction with the penitential season*)
 ~10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Ellmore**

THE WEEKS OF LUKE BRING US TO THE FEASTS OF LIGHT

The Church reflects on the Divine Manifestations [ΤΑ ΦΩΤΑ] of the Lord Jesus Christ:
 Life from God (December 25) • Life with God (January 6)
 Encountered in the Sacramental Life of the Church (February 2)

- 24 Wed **CHRISTMAS EVE**—4:00 p.m. Vespers with the Divine Liturgy
 25 Thu **NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

NOTE: Between Christmas and Theophany—what was long ago called by some the Dodekaïmeron or Twelve Days—there is no Wednesday/Friday abstinence.

- 28 Sun^{29•IV•Lk14} **SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY**
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Geoghegan**

JANUARY—DAY 10 HOURS, NIGHT 14

- 4 Sun^{30•V•Lk15} **SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY**
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Honshul**
 6 Tue **THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
 12 Sun^{31•VI•Lk16} **SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY**
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Krisa**

The Poot on Our New Space.

The buildout up in Ashburn is going slower than we should like—what else is new?—but Marsha Morrow reports work is progressing. Problems with HVAC, electricity and water have been dealt with. Partition walls have been framed in. Wallboarding and flooring will be next. Then, painting the walls, installing the kitchenette, *etc.* And, of course, at every turn there needs to be a County inspection of this or that.

Once all this is completed, the churchy part begins. The holy table has been built. The 12-foot-wide mural—the Communion of the Apostles—that will be installed on the wall behind it has arrived from California. Two of the *giclées*—digital art prints of ikons—have arrived too. *Chef d'oeuvres*, and they are imposing. We have to construct a stand for the cross and ikon that will have their place behind the holy table, and our best minds are working on that.

We probably won't get into the new place by the end of the year. You may or may not know that Mr. Matthew Lepnew has filed an appeal with Loudoun County's BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) because he is aggrieved by the County's approval of our parking arrangements. His apparent goal: to wear us down, and to keep us from getting an occupancy permit.

Plan to take part in the common confession rite scheduled for Sunday, 21 December, at 9:45 a.m. Come on time. And come in the right frame of mind. Let us greet the Feasts of Light as “a people of his own, eager to do what is right” (Titus 2.14).

An Event in Istanbul.

Pope Francis bowed to receive a kiss and the blessing of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew during a joint service of thanksgiving this evening (29 Nov.) in Istanbul. “I ask a favour: bless me and the Church of Rome,” Francis said, before turning to Patriarch Bartholomew and bowing.

The request was spontaneous, Vatican spokesman Fr. Federico Lombardi said afterwards, but not unprecedented.

During the service the Patriarch prayed that the Churches be restored to “full union.”

After welcoming Pope Francis, whom he had accompanied to a Mass at Istanbul's Roman Catholic cathedral earlier in the afternoon, to the Patriarchal Cathedral of St. George in Phanar, Bartholomew thanked him for his “fraternal” visit.

“May these Holy Fathers, on whose teaching our common faith of the first millennium was founded, intercede for us to the Lord so that we may rediscover the full union of our Churches, thereby fulfilling his divine will in crucial times for humanity and the world,” he said.

He also noted the tenth anniversary of the return of the relics of St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom from Rome to the Orthodox Church.

The relics of the two former Patriarchs of Constantinople were returned by Pope John Paul II in 2004 at the request of Patriarch Bartholomew.

“We express to Your Holiness our fervent thanks for this fraternal gesture on behalf of your Church to our Patriarchate,” he added.

Fr. Lombardi said that the “richness and the solemnity” of the Liturgy, which was a sung service of prayer held by candlelight, was very touching.



In Flagrate Delictu.—One of several surreptitious photographs taken recently by Mr. Matthew Lepnew and sent to the Reston Association. RA's reaction was communicated in this 20 November letter. Over these many years we were never in violation of any County ordinances which take churches into consideration, and were unaware of Reston's more stringent rules against "open flames." One might be right in thinking Mr. Lepnew's does not wish us well.

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Dear Fr. Harrilchak:

The Reston Association is terminating your use of the Glade Community Building at 11550 Glade Drive, effective immediately for failure to comply with Community Building Use Rule 3b and for removal of the smoke detector in the facility during your group's use. Rule 3b states open flames are not permitted in Community Buildings.

The Reston Association was informed of the presence of open flames and removal of the smoke detector during your group's use of the building, including photographs, on 11/9/2014 and 11/16/2014. You received reminders about our policy via email on 11/11/2014 and by phone on 11/13/2014.

We ask you to return your key to the Glade Room as soon as possible to the Member Services office at the address above.

Sincerely,

Lisa Delgado
Member Services Supervisor

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