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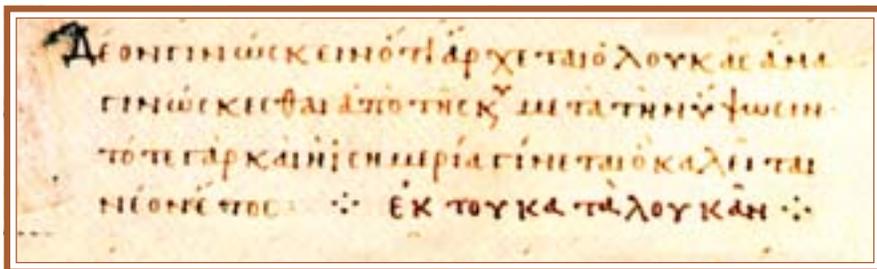
Parish Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER BRINGS THE NEW CHURCH YEAR

(DAY 12 HOURS, NIGHT 12—THE NIGHTS ARE GETTING LONGER.)



Detail, title page, Luke, *Apraktos Gospel*, XI/XII century (Athos, Iviron, unnumbered, fol. 100). The Greek reads: «One needs to know that Luke begins to be read **from the Sunday after the Elevation** [September 14], for just then the equinox is taking place; it is called **New Year**.» This year the equinox falls late on September 22, making September 23 the first day of Autumn. The 23 was also the ancient fixed date of the new year in the Orthodox Christian East.

- 18 Sat 🍷 *Food Pantry—Leesburg—10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*
- 19 Sun SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS: **THE NEW YEAR**
9:45 a.m. **Common Confession Rite**—*in conjunction with the season.*
~ 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Smith**
- 26 Sun 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Wayland**
- OCTOBER—DAY 11 HOURS, NIGHT 13**
- 3 Sun 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Visos**
- 10 Sun 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Adams**
- 16 Sat 🍷 *Food Pantry—Leesburg*
- 17 Sun 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Belinsky**
- 23 Sat ↓ *St. James, Bishop of Jerusalem, “Brother of the Lord”*
- 24 Sun 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Briggs**
- 31 Sun 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Busenberg**
- NOVEMBER—DAY 10 HOURS, NIGHT 14**
- 7 Sun 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Doyle**
- 14 Sun 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Ellmore**
- 20 Sat 🍷 *Food Pantry—Leesburg*

Looking Ahead.

As the new church year gets under way, Maria Hawkins is already planning her 18th annual Sankt

Hubertus Roast Venison Dinner-Fundraiser for 20 diner-donors. This years it we be on Saturday, November 6. Give her a call at 703.430.2289..

All flesh must lay its faults before you, O God; though our faults overpower us, you blot them out.... O God our saviour, you are the hope of the very ends of the earth.... Crown the year with your bounty.... And everywhere let there be joy; everywhere, songs of praise!
—Psalm 64. Alleluia for the New Year

The Church’s Past Can and Must Invigorate Her Life Today.

An important pastoral notion linked to the New Year at Constantinople was this: it was a time for communal penitence and renewal. Another pastoral plus is the idea of a formal beginning for the Church year reading from the Gospel according to Luke at the Sabbath and Lordsday Liturgies, starting, once again, so to speak, from the beginning of the public ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Because we all fall short in many ways, as St. James says in his epistle, it is a good thing for a parish to follow the original idea of beginning the church year with penitential prayer, driving home to ourselves, despite any evidence to the contrary, that we are in fact disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ—a people responsible, resourceful, and resilient—and answerable. **So plan on taking part in the common confession rite on Sunday, the 19th. Come on time. Come in the right frame of mind.**

IOCC Fundraiser.

International Orthodox Christian Charities invites friends and supporters to a special wine tasting event at the Serbian Embassy at 2134 Kalorama Road in Washington, D.C., Friday, October 1, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$25 online, \$30 at the door. Register: www.iocc.org.dc. Only 8% of IOCC monies are allocated to administration and fundraising.

The year ahead.

We begin this “Year of the Lord’s Favor” with the Divine Liturgy back to 10:00 a.m.

Daylight Saving Time will end Sunday, November 7 (clocks back an hour—gain an hour). **Thanksgiving** is the 25th. **Christmas** falls on a Saturday—which will allow us once again to have Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil on Christmas Eve. **Theophany** falls on Thursday, January 6 (we will mark it on the 9th). The **Great Forty Days** will begin on Monday, March 7. The **Great and Holy Pasch** falls on Sunday, April 24 (together with Western Easter for the second year in a row, and just after the Pasch of the Law). **Ascension Thursday** will fall on June 2. And **Pentecost, our parish feast**, Sunday June 12.

A Milestone for Our Parish.

In August we obtained permits from VDoT and Loudoun Water to bring a waterline into our Potomac View property. The site has been prepared; pipes have arrived; and the heavy machinery should arrive in the week of the 19th. We should have a waterline by the end of September, allowing us to move on to a sewer solution. The project comes in at 75K.

On the alternative to the Glade Room front there has been no activity. Our representatives, Marsha Morrow and James Doyle, met with the Fairfax County ombudsman for non-profits August 19 which proved extremely helpful. The property we looked at is in Fairfax, a few feet from the Fairfax-Loudoun line. Everyone who has seen the place likes it. But it is in the Chantilly area, which the Antiochians have staked off for themselves (in light of us being in the Reston-Sterling area). Likewise the Greeks up in Dulles-Leesburg.

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

Canned items—Peanut butter, Jelly, **Juices** (100% fruit), Vegetables, **Canned fruit**, Canned beans, Tomato products, Stews, Soups. **Boxed Items**—Macaroni and cheese, **Cereal**, Pasta, Rice, Potatoes, Crackers. **Other Items**—Sugar, Powdered milk,

WORDS TO LIVE BY

“...Today has enough troubles of its own.” *Mat. 6.34*

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you may judge what is God’s will, what is good and pleasing and perfect... Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good. —Romans 12.2,21

Now that we have been justified by faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have gained access by faith to the grace in which we now stand, and we boast of our hope for the glory of God. But not only that—we even boast of our afflictions! We know that affliction makes for endurance, and endurance for tested virtue, and tested virtue for hope. And this hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. —Romans 5.1–5

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, Rejoice! Your forbearance should be known to all. The Lord is near. Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude. Then God’s own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds, in Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 4.4–7

Happy the man who holds out to the end through trial! Once he has been proved, he will receive the crown of life the Lord has promised to those who love him. No one who is tempted is free to say, “I am being tempted by God.” Surely God, who is beyond the grasp of evil, tempts no one. Rather the tug and lure of his own passion tempt every man. Once passion has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin reaches maturity it begets death.

—James 1.12–15

If you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

—1 Corinthians 10.12,13

When a man can suffer injustice and endure hardship through awareness of God’s presence, this is the work of grace in him.

—1 Peter 2.19

Coffee, Tea bags, Dry beans. **Needs for the Homeless**—Pop-top canned foods, Individual serve items, Can opener. **Infant Needs**—Diapers (all sizes), Baby personal hygiene. **Personal Hygiene**—Deodorant, Shampoo and conditioner, Bath/hand soap, Tissues, Tooth paste, Toothbrush,

Laundry soap, Women’s hygiene products, Shaving cream and razors. **Distribution Center Supplies**—Ziploc bags (all types), Paper towels, Disposable gloves, Disinfectants, Bleach, Window cleaner, Antibacterial hand soap, Copy paper (white and colors), File folders.