



Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church

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Weekly Services: Saturday: Great Vespers-5:00p.m., Sunday: Divine Liturgy-9:30a.m.

Great Feasts: Vespers Liturgy on the eve of the Feast @ 6:30p.m. or as scheduled;

Women's Ministry meets: 1st Sunday on even months;

Choir rehearsal: 2nd Thursday of the month

Sunday, January 5, 2025

2 Timothy 4: 5-8.

Mark 1: 1-8.

Tone 3

28th Sunday after Pentecost: Sunday before Theophany
(Forefeast of Theophany)

Today, January 5: Divine Liturgy – 9:30am You can watch live streams of services on Facebook or YouTube. Go to our web site: www.hroc-oca.org and click on the hyperlink for either one at the top of the page.

Theophany eve service with Great Blessing of Water will take place following Coffee Hour.

Monday, January 6: Festal Divine Liturgy for Theophany – 7:00am

St. Nicholas Men's Fellowship meets – 6:30pm

Home blessings this week in Zips 60189 – 61114 (See note below)

Church School classes will resume on Sunday, January 12.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Our suffering sisters and brothers experiencing war in Ukraine, Gaza and throughout the world, Lynette, Vince Feldman's mother in law; cancer; Andrey, Alexandra Basinger's cousin, cleared to fight in war; Laura Salkauskas, Russ Frillman's cousin, cancerous tumor, Lee Paige, Russ' cousin, difficult ankle/foot surgery; Sam and Helen Luburich, for health; Leah, daughter of Fr. Howard and Michaelyn Sloan, sudden onset of neurological illness; Mary Pituch, very ill; Ivanka, Mary's daughter, for strength; Elena, Paul Melonas' grand-daughter for strength of faith and health; Jim McMillan, friend of Mark Bach, prayers for health and future surgery, Mark Bach, for strength; Sue Heidkamp, for health; Nancy, Margo Pelak's sister, kidney issues; Dale Svetanoff, for health; David Judson, for health; Rita Lansing, Sharon Wegh's mother, dementia; Shari, Amy's mother in law, for health; Christine, Francine Karas' sister, for health, Leah, friend of Michele Hagerman, cancer diagnosis; Claudia, for health, , Tony, nephew with chronic pain and Stephen, cancer, William and Pamela, health issues, Helen Anderson's sister, nephew and dear friends; Jeffrey, Margaret Chobanian's cousin, retinal tear; Michael, Parkinsons, Joy (cancer), James, neighbor with MS, Kenneth, Amanda, niece, successful surgery on Nov 15; Patricia, multiple health issues, req. by Chobanians; Warren, friend and husband of friend; Gordana, for health; Atlas, young boy with serious disease; requested by Diane Damos; Kurt, brain trauma after a fall; James, son of Betty Anderson and Betty herself, for health following auto accident on 12/23; George Mueller, cancer (Betty's ex brother in law) Ronald Twellman, brother-in-law of Betty Anderson, melanoma, Sheila, Ron's wife, for

strength; req. by Betty and ; Anna (mother, vision issues), Laura (young mother with serious health issues, Allene, Helen Haffner's cousin with serious health issues, Dale, Helen Haffner's husband, for health; Rob (Mesothelioma) and Mary Ann, brother-in-law and sister; requested by Helen Haffner, Alyce, friend with cancer; Melissa, niece, recovering from surgery, req. by Rick Ferris; Fr. Djuro Krosnjar, for health; req. by Oksana Manhart. **Newly departed:** Bonnie Callahan, Amy Votlz's mom, (+12/14); Svetlana, aunt of Alexandra Basinger (+12/23), Paul Anderson (+12/23).

CELEBRATIONS

Today(1/5) **Dave Judson's** birthday; **Everett Lee's** names day on Tuesday (1/7), **Eden Donegan's** 1st birthday on Thursday (1/9) Many years!

HOME BLESSINGS

I plan to conduct home blessings according to zip codes during January through the first week of February. If you'd like to have your home blessed you need to contact Fr. Alexander to let him know that you'd like to do so. You can sign up on the posted lists on the bulletin board at Church or send Fr. Alexander an e-mail at holyresurrectionpalatine@gmail.com Thank you!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

The Women's Ministry would like to thank our talented bakers and generous customers for making our Christmas bake sale a huge success. We were able to add \$1,320.00 to our bank account. So many parishioners baked beautiful and tasty breads, nut rolls, cookies, candies and pastries. Your generous support will enable us to continue our ministry to Holy Resurrection, various Orthodox charities and to our local community. Bless you dear friends!

OUR LIFE

Philip Rick Ferris suffered a setback following his surgery and is not doing well. Please pray for comfort for him and for his family.

Betty Anderson is still dealing with medical issues related to her auto accident and other health issues. Please continue to pray for her successful treatment and recovery.

TODAY'S COMMEMORATION

Hieromartyr Theopemptus, Bishop of Nicomedia, and Martyr Theonas

The Holy Martyrs Theopemptus and Theonas suffered in Nicomedia in the year 303. Saint Theopemptus was bishop in Nicomedia in the time of Diocletian. Speaking out against idolatry, he defended the faith in Christ. Because of this, he became one of the first victims of the Diocletian persecution.

The saint refused to obey the emperor's order to worship an idol of Apollo. Saint Theopemptus was thrown into a red-hot furnace, but by the power of God he remained alive. The emperor came to the furnace by night with a detachment of

soldiers, and there he saw the saint alive and praying to God. Ascribing the miracle to magic, Diocletian thought to exhaust Saint Theopemptus by depriving him of food and drink for twenty-two days, but the martyr was preserved by the will of God.

The emperor brought the famous sorcerer Theonas to overcome Bishop Theopemptus' supposed magical power. Theonas prepared a poison for Saint Theopemptus, put it into a little cake, and offered it to him to eat. The poison did no harm at all to Saint Theopemptus. Then Theonas tried an even stronger poison on the martyr. Seeing that Saint Theopemptus remained unharmed, he came to believe in Christ. They threw him into prison together with the holy bishop, who taught and baptized him, giving him the name Synesios (which means "full of understanding").

At dawn Diocletian summoned Saint Theopemptus, and again tried to turn him to pagan impiety. Seeing that the bishop remained firm in his faith, he subjected him to many grievous tortures, after which the saint was beheaded. The holy martyr Theonas refused to offer sacrifice to idols, so he was buried alive in a deep ditch. This occurred at Nicomedia in the year 303.

OVERFLOW PARKING

We've noticed that some of our parishioners or guests have been parking on the grass near the shed on the northern boundaries of our parking lot. Please do not park on grass anywhere the shed or container, as this is the area in which our septic field is located. Clay pipes are located underground and could be damaged by the weight of any vehicle. If our lot is full, please park along the sidewalks on the south side of the church and along the driveway as far as the entry to the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation.