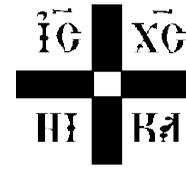
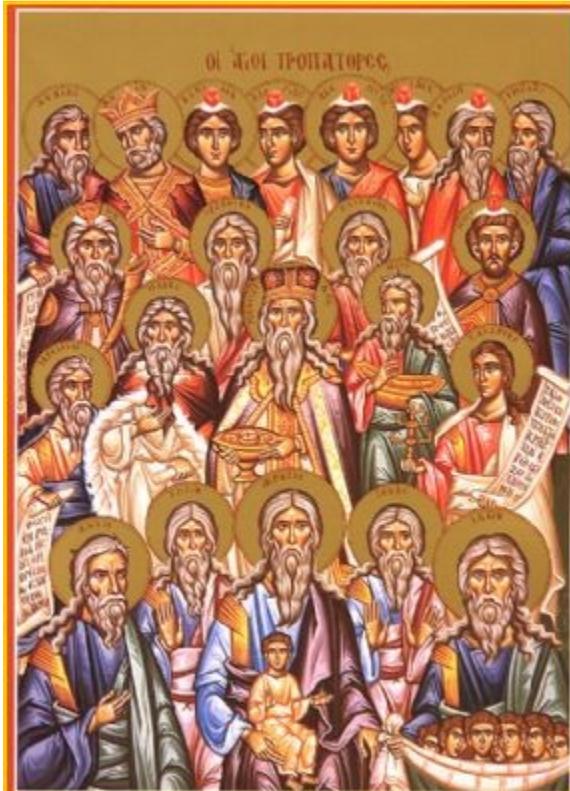


Week Schedule

Saturday Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
Confessions following Vespers

Sunday Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m.
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy

The Sunday that falls between December 11-17 is known as the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. These are the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:3, 22:18).



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Call to arrange sacraments, services, instruction, counseling, home visits, sick calls.

Troparion (Tone 4)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Troparion (Tone 2)

Through faith You justified the Forefathers, betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. These saints exult in glory, for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: she who bore You without seed. So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion (Tone 4)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

December 12, 2010

**29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
Tone 4 (12th of Luke). SUNDAY OF THE
FOREFATHERS.**

Kontakion (Tone 6)

You did not worship the graven image, O thrice-blessed ones, but armed with the immaterial Essence of God, you were glorified in a trial by fire. From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: "Hasten, O compassionate One! Speedily come to our aid, for You are merciful and able to do as You will!"

Prayers for The Faithful and Departed

Dn. Peter Skoog, Samantha Hourahan, clergy and family, James, Kavalkovich, McCartney family, LeRoy family and friends, Witiak family, Robovitsky family, Lena. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

Zuzanne Horun, Peter Zuzulock, John Rabik, Sr. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:4-11

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:16-24

Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

Welcome to our Visitors!

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession of sins should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Telephone Number

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced on the machine.

House Blessings

I've posted a sign-up sheet for house blessings in January. If you would like me to bless your house and/or visit you then, please don't hesitate to sign-up!

Flowers for Nativity

Please see Debbie to order flowers for the Feast of the Nativity.

Church Decorating/Cleaning

On December 18, parishioners will clean and decorate our church for the Feast of the Nativity.

Lecture

Our Philadelphia deanery is sponsoring a lecture today, December 12, at St. Stephen's Cathedral at 5:00 p.m. The lecturer is Dr. Harry Boosalis and he has titled his talk, "St. Silouan of Mt. Athos and Orthodox Spiritual Life." Please see the flier downstairs for more information.