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BULLETIN – AFTERFEAST OF THE THEOPHANY OF CHRIST

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This Week @ Ss. Peter & Paul – January 11-17, 2020

- 1/12 Tues 6:00 am Reader's Orthros
7:00 pm – Women's Zoom Book Study
- 1/13 Wed 6:00 pm – Holy Unction
- 1/14 Thurs 6:00 am – Men's Reading Group
- 1/16 Sat 6:00 pm – Great Vespers & Compline
- 1/17 Sun 8:20 am – Orthros
9:30 am – Divine Liturgy – St. Anthony the Great & 12th Sunday of Luke
2:00 pm – Community Dinner

Looking ahead—

- January 19 *Women's Book Study*
- January 20 *Parish Council*
- January 27 *Paraklesis*
- January 30 *Divine Liturgy for the Three Holy Hierarchs*
- January 31 *Community Dinner*

AFTER CHRISTMAS BOOKSTORE SALE

All Christmas merchandise is now 50% off. Come see the selection on the table beside the Bookstore counter.

COLLECTION FOR ROOF REPAIRS

The repair of the north transept and north side roofs is finished. Glory to God! We are collecting donations to cover the cost of the repairs, which included extra charges due to extensive water damage, and to build up our Roof Fund in order to replace the south side roof. So far, we have collected **\$16,295.**

Many Years – Birthday

Kathleen Elwell

January 14

Amy Nicholas

January 15

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE COLLECTION BOXES

Now is the time to count the change you collected in your alms boxes, and either put a check in the offering designated FFHP in the memo or put paper cash in an envelope marked for FFHP in the offering. Thank you for these alms used by the Archdiocese to help feed many at home and around the world.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

The Women's Book Study resumes on Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 pm with a Zoom meeting. Anyone interested in joining may contact Sarah Steiger (steiger2008@gmail.com) and she will send you the link to the meeting.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, January 17

**To-Go Meal Served At
2:00 pm**

Donations of non-perishable food items and helpers to make and distribute the dinner needed. Please leave food items in the parish hall kitchen marked for Community Dinner.

HOME BLESSINGS

Home blessings will be a little different this year. We have blue sign-up sheets available in the Narthex. Please indicate if you would like your home blessed soon after Theophany or once things have calmed down, and let us know what day(s) and time(s) of the week you prefer.

At the direction of our Metropolitan, home blessings will take place with precautions: only one blessing per day, only those who live in the house should be present, the priest will wear a mask, it will be up to the residents if they want to wear a mask, the visit will be limited to the blessing only; the priest will not stay for coffee or conversation.

CALENDAR ITEMS

If you have anything you would like to put on the church calendar, including Trisagion prayers, please contact Dn. Anthony for his review. (frdnanthony@gmail.com)

“Christians are good not merely out of obedience to law or harmony with nature, or in order to gain immortal bliss for the soul. Rather, they are righteous in anticipation of the age to come, the eschaton, the age of the fullness of creation in the incarnate Son of God.” ~ Orthodox Study Bible notes on Epistle for Theophany, Titus 2:11-14

Memory Eternal

January 10	Marshall Hardenbrook
January 12	Dn. Michael Russell
January 16	Constance Werner

Profitable Prayers

Many beautiful prayers of the church are seldom or never heard by the people, either because they are done quietly by the priest for the sake of brevity or because they are at services that are only occasionally prayed in the parish. Either way, it is beneficial to know them, understand them, and perhaps incorporate them into one's personal prayer rule.

The Hours are four brief prayer services of the Church's daily prayer cycle that mark the principal hours of the day. We often hear these times referenced as times related to Christ's crucifixion. First Hour corresponds to daybreak (6:00 am). Third Hour corresponds to mid-morning (9:00 am). Sixth Hour corresponds to mid-day (12:00 noon). Ninth Hour corresponds to mid-afternoon (3:00 pm).

The Prayer of the Hours: “Thou who, at all times and at every hour, both in heaven and on earth art worshipped and glorified, O Christ God, long-suffering, plenteous in mercy and compassion, who lovest the just and showest mercy to sinners, who callest all men to salvation through the promise of good things to come: Do thou, the same Lord, receive also our supplications at this present hour, and direct our lives according to thy commandments. Sanctify our souls; purify our bodies; set aright our minds; cleanse our thoughts; and deliver us from all calamity, wrath and distress. Compass us roundabout with thy holy angels; that, guided and guarded by their host, we may attain unto the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of thine unapproachable glory. For blessed art thou unto ages of ages. Amen.”

It is appropriate to call out to God at all times and every hour of the day and ask His help to unite ourselves to Him in all things.

+Fr. Christopher