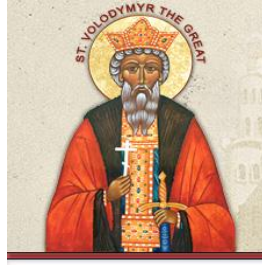


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Sunday, January 5th, 2020

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Sunday before the Nativity of Christ, of the Holy Fathers.
Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ.** Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete
(III): Theodulus, Saturninus, Euporus, Gelasius, Eunician, Zoticus,
Pompeius, Agathopus, Basilides, and Evaristus (250). St. Niphon, bp.
of Cyprus (IV). St. Paul, Bishop of Neo-Caesaria (IV). St. Nahum of
Ochrid, enlightener of the Bulgarians (910).

Vespers/Confession: Saturdays 4:30 pm

3rd & 6th Hour: Sundays 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy: Sunday 9:30 am

Weekday Feasts: 10:00am

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Tropar of Sunday

(Tone 4) When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and with gladness told the apostles: Death is overthrown. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tropar of the Holy Fathers

(Tone 2) Great are the achievements of faith! In the fountain of flames the Three Holy Children rejoice as in refreshing waters, and the prophet Daniel in the midst of lions is like a shepherd among his sheep. Through their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

Tropar of the Forefeast

(Tone 4) Prepare O Bethlehem, O Eden open unto all. Rejoice O Ephratha, for in the cave the tree of life has blossomed forth from the Virgin. Her womb has proven to be a spiritual paradise, in which is found the divine garden. Partaking of it we shall live and not die as Adam. Christ is born, to renew the image which had fallen of old.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kondak of the Fathers

(Tone 6) You would not worship a hand made image, O thrice blessed ones, but armed with the boundless essence of God, You were glorified in a trial by fire. Standing in the midst of unbearable flames You called on God: Hasten, O Compassionate One, come quickly to our defense, since You are merciful; for You are able if it be Your Will.

Both now, and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Kondak of the Forefeast

(Tone 1) Rejoice O Bethlehem, Ephratha prepare, for the ewe hurries to give birth to the Great Shepherd whom she carries in her womb. Seeing Him, the God-bearing fathers rejoice, and with the shepherds hymn the Virgin who nursed a child.

Prokimen of the Fathers

Reader (Tone 4): Blessed are You, O Lord God of our Fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name to the ages.

Verse: For You are righteous in all that You have done for us.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Alleluia Verses

Reader: Alleluia in the 4th **Tone:** We have heard with our ears O God, and our fathers have told us what deeds You performed.

Verse: You have saved us from them that afflict us and have put those who hate us to shame.

Gospel

Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was

spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, ‘God with us.’” Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Communion Verses

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, praise befits the upright. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

A note regarding Holy Communion

The Holy Orthodox Church understands Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, and only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and recent confession may participate in Holy Communion. If you have questions concerning the above, or if you would like to become a member of the Orthodox Church, please feel free to speak with Fr. Patrick.

DIVINE SERVICES

Monday January 6th – Compline and Divine Liturgy - 10:00 pm.

Tuesday January 7th – Nativity of Our Lord – No Service

Wednesday January 8th – Synaxis of the Theotokos - Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am.

Saturday January 11th – Great Vespers – 4:30 pm.

Sunday January 12th – Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am.

Tuesday January 14th – Circumcision of our Lord, St. Basil the Great, Julian New Year's Day – Divine Liturgy – 10:00 am

Saturday January 18th – Theophany, Baptism of our Lord, Jordan Feast, Great Blessing of Water – 5:00 pm;
Jordan Feast Supper – 6:30 pm

Sunday January 19th – Divine Liturgy and Great Water Blessing – 9:30 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We are once again accepting donations for our **Nativity appeal**. The proceeds will be split for the Orphanages in Ukraine and for our Benevolent Fund.
2. UWAC meeting on Sunday **January 5, 2020**. In the boardroom right after Liturgy. Snacks and coffee will be downstairs. See you there. Thanks, Ethel.
3. The draft of the minutes from the December 1, 2019 AGM are now available. **Please contact Michele** at 403-264-3437 in order to make arrangements to get a copy.

4. St. Vladimir's Parish will once again be organizing an opportunity for parishioners to have 'carollers' come to their homes during the Nativity. If you are interested in welcoming carollers to your home between **January 7th and January 17th**, or are interested in joining a carolling group yourself, please contact Tim Michayluk. This tradition in our faith continues to be an important way to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, as well as strengthening and building upon our community fellowship as Orthodox Christians.
5. All Christian Teaching (ACT) - Sunday **January 12th** at 9:30 am "The meaning of Blessing with Water" – twenty-minute talk, no sermon today.
6. We are having a Membership Development Committee organizational meeting on **January 12th** following fellowship. Please come with new ideas, events, etc. that you would like to see and help implement at St. Vladimir's Sobor! Please send your contact information to Fr. Patrick prior to the meeting.
7. **January 18th** Great Blessing of Water at 5:00 pm followed by Jordan Supper at 6:30 pm. Ticket prices - Adults - \$20.00, Children aged 13 to 17 - \$10.00, Children aged 12 and under - free. For tickets, please contact Ethel or contact Michele by telephone at 403 264-3437 (Cultural Centre office).

8. **Inquirers Class / Orthodoxy 2.0** We will be looking at worship as an important expression of Holy Tradition. Identifying barriers. Worship as an expression of truth. Worship giving access to worship in heaven and the 10 features which characterize this kind of worship.
 - Jan 16 10:00 am - Worship (Part 1)
 - Jan 16 7:00 pm - Worship (Part 1)
 - Jan 23 10:00 am - Worship (Part 2)
 - Jan 23 7:00 pm - Worship (Part 2)

9. **PROPERTY MANAGER NEEDED:** Unfortunately, our property manager, elected at the AGM, is unable to fulfill the role. We need to find someone to fill this important role on parish council. The role is to manage the maintenance of our 3 properties which are the Church, hall, and manse. You would work with the maintenance committee and the hall administrator to ensure tasks are completed. You would not be expected to do the actual work. If you are able to volunteer for this role, please contact the Parish Council president Lorne Calkins.

10. At the 2019 AGM we shared the My 3% challenge to bring our congregation revenues in line with other Orthodox Churches. The challenge is to donate 3% of your income to the Church to fund programs to focus on growth. We ask that you indicate on the donation envelope that you are taking the 3% challenge by writing My 3% in the blank beside the donation amount. Remember that 50% of your donation will be returned to you as a tax credit. Thank you for considering the My 3% challenge. As of today, we have received \$6,315 toward this initiative.

11. **TEACHERS WANTED** We are still seeking one more teacher and two substitutes interested in teaching Sunday School. If you are interested, please contact Joanna Calkins at 403-278-0822.

12. **VISYNK:** The UOCC has asked each parish to make the Visnyk available to our membership. Please visit our website <https://www.stvlads.com/visnyk> to obtain copies of the latest editions.
13. **March 14th** – Keep the date open for an upcoming Lenten seminar. Details will be provided in future bulletins.
14. If you know of someone who is ill or in need of a visitation, please contact Fr. Patrick at (403) 264-3437

Please Note: If your birthday or anniversary does not show up on our list, please let us know and we will gladly add it so that we can acknowledge you next year.

Sunday Coffee Hour

**The following people have graciously volunteered to host
Coffee hour:**

Jan. 5th - Galina Romaniouk & Marcia Maluta

Jan. 12th - Gini-Lynne Sovyn & Sonia Yarmuch

Jan. 19th - Elena Baker & Iryna Goulet

**Jan. 26th - Liliana and Mariana Castravet & Olena
Andronova**

**We thank our Coffee hosts for providing us with this
expression of Christian service and fellowship.
God Bless you!**

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**We would like to acknowledge the following member's
upcoming Birthdays this week:**

Lukian McCrank

GOD GRANT THEM MANY, MANY YEARS!