

Readings for Next Sunday:

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."



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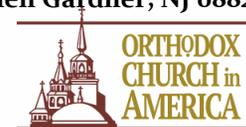
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**Sunday, November 10, 2019
21st Sunday after Pentecost
The Apostles of the 70: Erastus, Olympas, Herodian, Sosipater,
Quartus & Tertius.**

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Sunday, November 10th, 2019

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Schedule of Services:

Sun. Nov. 17th : Divine Liturgy at 10am
The Hours will begin at 9:40am

Next Week Coffee Hour Social (Nov. 17th): Jan, Nellie, and Larry; with a presentation from the priest! Please stick around!

Announcements:

Thank you to Leslie for hosting the coffee hour social today.

The Nativity Fast Begins this week. On Thursday, which is the commemoration of St. Philip, Advent begins. The Fast, itself, begins on Friday. Hence, the Nativity Fast is also called, St. Philip's Fast. Please see the "Word of the Day" below!

All the Pierogis have been sold! Congratulations and thanks to everyone for their help! Therefore, we will not be selling pierogis at the fair.

An Acolyte Retreat will be held on a Saturday, December 14th. The starting time has yet to be determined. It is very important that all servers of the altar are present. Indeed, we will have a nice time together.

Nativity Wreath. This year, we will light a candle and place it in a Nativity Wreath with each Sunday of the Nativity Fast leading to Christmas. The lighting will be accompanied with a prayer that we will say together as a parish. A special thanks to Michele for finding a beautiful wreath!

FOCA St. Nicholas Project. Our parish will again be participating with the St. Nicholas Project. If any parishioner has thoughts or ideas, please share them with the priest or a council member. Thank you.

Rahway's Healing Service. Fr. Ted Gregory has invited our parish to a healing service at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Rahway. The flier with the date and time is posted on the bulletin board. Indeed, we have also invited Fr. Ted and his parish to our healing service, as well. **Also, please note the date change for our healing service below!**

Upcoming Events

Nov. 15- Nativity Fast begins

Nov. 17- Adult Education- Ch. 8

Nov. 20- Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple: Divine Liturgy at 6:30 pm.

Nov. 23-Great Vespers with Healing Service (Please note this date change!)

Nov. 24- Sisterhood Meeting

Also on Nov. 24-Fr. Tristan Joseph will offer a presentation during coffee hour. Please wait and attend!

Prayer Requests:

Please remember in your prayers:

Galina, Alexandra, Joseph, Johnny, and William

A Word for the Day:

Regarding fasting: A good rule of thumb is to stretch ourselves a bit, but not beyond what we can do with some regularity and without being total jerks to those around us. No matter how pious we may feel, it is not part of Christian discipleship to make other people suffer for our sins. The Lord's advice on how to fast is the best: "Anoint your head and your face so that you do not appear to men to be fasting..." (Matt 6:17). If we cannot look and act like all is well, we are biting off more than we can chew. Better to eat a steak on Good Friday than to devour your neighbor for whom Christ died. As Archimandrite Meletios Webber writes, "And if you are going to say something nasty about someone...you might as well be chewing on a pork chop at the same time."

Fr. Philip LeMasters, *The Forgotten Faith*, pg. 49.

Prayer, fasting, watching, and all other Christian acts, however good they may be, do not alone constitute the aim of our Christian life, although they serve as the indispensable means of reaching this aim. The true aim of our Christian life, is to acquire the Holy Spirit of God. But mark, my son, only the good deed done for Christ's sake brings us fruits of the Holy Spirit. All that is **not done for His sake, though it be good, brings neither reward in the life to come nor in our life here the grace of God.** Wherefore our Lord Jesus Christ has said: *He who gathers not with me scatters abroad.*

St. Seraphim of Sarov. *A Conversation with Nicholas Motovilov Concerning the Aim of the Christian Life.*