Holy Virgin Dormition Russian Orthodox Church

McKeesport, Pennsylvania 330 Shaw Avenue Archpriest Dimitri D. Ermakov, Rector Office: 412-672-3444 Home: 412-469-8879 (Internet: <u>www.holyvirgindormitionmckeesportpa.com</u>) Like us on Facebook: Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church 10 December 2023 27th Sunday after Pentecost SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY (Tone 2) Ephesians 6:10-17; Luke 13:10-17 Next Sunday, Colossians 1:12-18; Luke 17:12-19 Vespers every Saturday evening @ 5:00 PM **REQUIEM MEMORIALS FOR TODAY** ND Mihailo Dragovich, offered by Simo & Paula Dragovich Maxim & Anne Dorosa, Vid & Eva Matanic and John & Tatiana Dorosa, offered by the Dorosa Family Michael Graban, offered by children Michael & Mary Anna SAINTS NAME FOR THIS WEEK TODAY, SUNDAY (Dec 10/Nov 27)- James/Jacob, Palladius, Vsevolod, Gabriel, Roman, Pinufrius Nathaniel, Diodor. MON- Stephen, Irinarch, Basil, Gregory, John, Theodore, Andrew, Peter, Anna. TUE-Paramon, Filumen, Akakius, Avivus, Pitirim, Nectarius. WED-Andrew (1st called Apostle), Frumentius. THUR- Pro. Naum, Ananius, Filaret. FRI- Avvakum (Habbakum), Athanasius, John, Iraclemon, Andrew, Theophil, Stephen, Myropia, Ises/Jesse. SAT- Sophonius/Zephaniah, Sava, Theodore, John, Theodulus, Gabriel.

Christmas Candle Reservations

Orders for special candles for Christmas are now being taken in the back of the church. Please use the book provided to make your candle request. When requesting candles or vigils, please use one line per candle. Reservations are due no later than Sunday, December 31, 2023. Parish Council Meeting next Sunday following services.

Nativity Fast

We are currently in the Nativity Fast begins. No meats should be eaten until we celebrate the Feast of Nativity of Christ on January 7th.

During this Lenten period, all of us should make an effort to receive Confession and Communion and we should prepare ourselves to receive Communion on Christmas Day.

Wall Calendars for 2024

Wall Calendars for 2024 are now available. These calendars are a gift from Dr. Robert Yakovac. Please use these calendars to plan your daily activities around the feasts and fasts of the church.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for the year 2024 are now available to our parishioners. As in the past, they will be in the church auditorium and you are asked to take your envelopes for you and your family.

Just a reminder that there are only four Sundays left for the year 2023. DO NOT USE YOUR 2023 ENVELOPES AFTER SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023. Like it has been stated many times, your number has likely changed for 2024 and you will be giving credit to someone else. This has happened as well in the past.

Year End Reminder

There are only three weeks left of another calendar year. This is a friendly reminder that our spiritual and financial obligations must be fulfilled by December 31, 2023. Our spiritual obligation is to have received Confession and Communion in this parish at least once between January 1 and December 31, 2023. Our financial obligation is to have made monetary contributions to this parish totaling at least \$200.00 between January 1 and December 31, 2023. Remember that candle purchases <u>DO NOT</u> count towards the \$200.00 minimum. If you have any questions concerning your spiritual or financial obligations, please contact Fr. Dimitri.