Holy Virgin Dormition Russian Orthodox Church

330 Shaw Avenue McKeesport, Pennsylvania 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 17 December 2023 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY (Tone 3) Colossians 1:12-18; Luke 17:12-19 Next Sunday, Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24 Vespers every Saturday evening @ 5:00 PM **REQUIEM MEMORIALS FOR TODAY** ND Mihailo Dragovich, offered by Simo & Paula Dragovich Charles Lukondi (16 yrs, 12/23), offered by Elena Anischenko & family. SERVICES THIS WEEK St. Nicholas the Wonderworker – Tuesday, December 19/6 Monday evening, 6:30 PM - Great Vespers with blessing of bread. wheat. wine and oil. Tuesday Morning, 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy SAINTS NAME FOR THIS WEEK TODAY. SUNDAY (Dec 17/4)-Martyress Barbara, John, Juliana, Seraphim, Gennady. MON-Sava, Karion, Zachariah, Anastasius, Gurius, Nectarius, Filotheus. TUE- Nicholas, the Wonderworker, Maxim. WED-Amvrossy, Anthony, Neal, Paul, John, Athinodor, Greogry. THUR-Patapius, Sosthenus, Tychikus, Epafrotidus, Kesarus, Onisiphor, Kyrill. FRI- Anna, Samuel, Stephen, Sophronius. SAT- Minus, Ermogen, Eugraphus, Joasaph, Gemell, Thomas, John, Stephen, Angelina.

#### 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 Parish Council Meeting today following services.

#### **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 three 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.

# Sarris Candy Pick-Up

Sarris Christmas candy orders are now available for pick-up in the church auditorium. Many thanks to all who supported the church in this endeavor.

# Bake Sale Pick-Up

If you ordered baked goods, they are now ready for pick-up in our church auditorium after services.

### **Church Decoration**

We will be decorating the church for the Feast of the Nativity on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Anyone wishing to help in this endeavor are welcome to stay after Liturgy that day to accomplish this task.

# Luncheon Sign-ups

A new list is in the back of the church for anyone who would like to sponsor a luncheon next year.