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29th Sunday after Pentecost 24 December 2023

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY (Tone 4)

Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24

Next Sunday, Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24

Vespers every Saturday evening @ 5:00 PM

REQUIEM MEMORIALS FOR TODAY

ND Mihailo Dragovich (40th Day), offered by Simo & Paula
Dragovich

SAINTS NAME FOR THIS WEEK TODAY, SUNDAY (Dec 24/11)- Holy Forefathers, Daniel, Nikon, Akepsius, Miraxus, Aifalus, Leonty, Theofan. MON- Spiridon, Alexander, Therapont, Gherman (Herman), Juvenaly, Peter (Aleut). TUE- Evstratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, Orest, *Lucia*, Arseny, Gabriel. WED- Thirsus, Levkuis, Kalinnicus, Apollony, Arianus, Theoctychus, Hilarion. THUR- Elevation, *Anthia*, *Sosanna (Susan)*, Paul, Stephen, Tryphon, Bacchus. FRI- Pro. Haggai, Marinus, *Theofania*, *Sohpia*, *Solomon*, Memnon, Nicholas, Symeon, Daniel. SAT- Pro. Daniel, Three Youths: Ananius, Azarius, Misael; Dionysi.

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.

Luncheon Sign-ups

We hope to continue Sunday Luncheons this coming new year. A new list is in the back of the church for anyone who would like to sponsor a luncheon next year.

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 next Sunday is the last day to use your 2023 envelopes. **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 **DO NOT** count towards the \$200.00 minimum. If you have any questions concerning your spiritual or financial obligations, please contact Fr. Dimitri.

Church Decoration

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

Church Wall Calendars

Do not forget to use your church wall calendars as a personal planning guide. We should use these calendars every day of our life when we are planning for doctor appointments and special events and be sure these do not conflict with Sacred Holy days appointments and special events and be sure these do not conflict with Sacred Holy days of the church. It should be the other way around. The church should always come first in our life.

Important dates for the first half of 2024:

Christmas Day: Sunday, January 7

Epiphany: Friday, January 19th (Blessing of homes begin)

Palm Sunday: April 28

Good Friday: May 3rd

Pascha: May 5th

Pentecost: June 23rd

This is just the first half of the year major Holy Days. Use your calendars!