



**Sunday December 04, 2016 24th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7.** Glorification
of Hieromartyr Protopresbyter Alexander
(Hotovitzky) (1994). Greatmartyr Barbara and
Martyr Juliana, at Heliopolis in Syria (ca. 306).
Ven. John of Damascus (776). St. John, Bishop
of Polybotum (8th c.).

This Week's Schedule

*Monday 12/ 05 Vespers & Divine Liturgy
Feast of St. Nicholas 6:30 p.m.*

Saturday 12/10 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 12/11 Hours 8:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

followed by coffee hour & church school

Reader Schedule

DATE	3RD HOUR	6TH HOUR	EPISTLE
Dec 4	J BUNITSKY	K BUNITSKY	FINCK
Dec 11	L SULPIZI	SOUDER	CAREY
Dec 18	L WALES	A WALES	L WALES
Dec 25	<i>NATIVITY OF CHRIST</i>		
	A RILEY	J RILEY	J RILEY

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//granting the world great mercy.

Tone 8 Troparion *(Great Martyr Barbara)*

Let us honor the holy Martyr Barbara,
for, as a bird, she escaped the snares of the Enemy,//
and destroyed them through the help and defense of the Cross!

Tone 8 Troparion *(Venerable John of Damascus)*

Champion of Orthodoxy, teacher of purity and of true worship,
the enlightener of the universe and the adornment of hierarchs;
all wise Father John, your teachings have gleamed with light upon all
things.//Intercede before Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Kontakion **Tone 4** *(Great Martyr Barbara)*

Singing the praises of the Trinity,
you followed God by enduring suffering;
you renounced the multitude of idols,
O holy martyr Barbara.
In your struggles, you were not frightened by the threats of your
torturers,
but cried out in a loud voice://
“I worship the Trinity in one Godhead.”

Kontakion **Tone 4** (*Venerable John of Damascus*)

Let us sing praises to John, worthy of great honor,
the composer of hymns, the star and teacher of the Church,
the defender of her doctrines:
through the might of the Lord's Cross he overcame heretical error,//and
as a fervent intercessor before God he entreats that forgiveness of sins
may be granted to all!

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His
people with peace. (*Ps 28/29:11*)

v: Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!
(*Ps 28/29:1*)

Tone 7 Prokeimenon (*Hieromartyr Alexander*)

Let the faithful exult in glory, let them sing for joy on their couches. (*Ps*
148/149:5)

Epistle Ephesians 2:14-22

*For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken
down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the
enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as
to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and
that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross,
thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to
you who were afar off and to those who were near.*

*For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.
Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow
citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having
been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ
Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being
fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also
are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*

Hebrews 13:7-16 (*St Alexander*)

*Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to
you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus
Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Tone 7

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Ps 91/92:1)

v: To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (Ps 91/92:2)

Tone 2

v: Your priests shall be clothed with righteousness and Your saints shall rejoice. (Ps 131/132:9)

Gospel Luke 17:12-19

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Luke 12:32-40 (*Gospel, St. Alexander*)

Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.

Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.

And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance! He shall not fear evil tidings! (*Ps 111/112:6*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Troparion

Tone 6 (*Hieromartyr Alexander*)

In a time of fiery temptations for the Church of Russia,
you manifested Christ's love to your flock through meekness and humility.

As a good pastor you laid down your life for Him.//

Pray for us, Hieromartyr Alexander, that our souls may be illuminated!

Kontakion

Tone 2 (*Hieromartyr Alexander*)

Hieromartyr Alexander,
you bore labors and illness upon your shoulders,

and joyfully took the narrow path of suffering for Christ, through which you attained the heavenly ↑ Kingdom. Entreat God the Savior to grant us mercy on the Day of Judgment!

This Week's Announcement

Feast of St. Nicholas Tomorrow evening (Dec 5th) we will celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker of Myra and Lycia (Dec 6). We will celebrate with Vespers and Divine Liturgy at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting Reminder That this Thursday Dec. 8th at 7:00 p.m. we will have our monthly parish council meeting.

Poinsettias for Nativity It's time to order Poinsettias to beautify the church for our Lord's Nativity! Order forms are available in the narthex.

Teen Decorating Gathering We will have a teen gathering on Saturday evening Dec. 10th following vespers. We are hoping to deck the halls of our parish hall. Join us!

Cookie Exchange The Christmas cookie exchange will be on Friday evening December 16th at 6:30 p.m. Sign up sheet is in the narthex or see Mat. Daria for details.

Bookstore Nativity Gifts The Bookstore will have an icon sale over the next three weekends. Stop by for discounted prices.

The Nativity Fast This is just a reminder that the Nativity fast continues until Dec. 25th. *(please make an effort)* The celebration of the feast of the Nativity of Christ in the Orthodox Church is patterned after the celebration of the feast of the Lord's Resurrection. A fast of forty days precedes the feast, with special preparatory days announcing the approaching birth of the Savior. Thus, on Saint Andrew's Day (November 30) and Saint Nicholas Day (December 6) songs are sung to announce the coming birthday of the Lord: 'Adorn yourself, O Cavern. Make ready, O Manger. O Shepherds and wisemen, bring your gifts and bear witness. For the Virgin is coming bearing Christ in her womb' (Vespereal Hymn of Saint Nicholas Day)

Study Group This past Thursday six of us continued reading and discussing *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. We talked about step twelve and step thirteen on "lying and despondency". This Thursday we will read

the fourteenth step on “*On that Clamorous Mistress the Stomach*”. All are welcome to join us.

Basics of Orthodoxy Class Our class will break for December and we will return again on a *NEW* night, Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. starting January 12th, 2017. All are welcome to join us

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

'Poor human reason, when it trusts in itself, substitutes the strangest absurdities for the highest divine concepts.'

St. John Chrysostom

Love little things, and strive for that which is modest and simple. The Lord watches over us, and He is pleased that you long for His peace. Until the soul is ready, He will only sometime allow us to see that He is present everywhere and fills all things. At these moments the soul feels such joy!

Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

'... we must so join battle against them that everyone spies out the vice by which he is particularly besieged and struggles chiefly against it, fixing all the care and attention of his mind on fighting it and keeping watch on it, brandishing the sighs of his heart and the many darts of his groans against it at every moment, employing the effort of his vigils and the mediations of his heart against it, pouring out the unceasing tears of his prayers to God, and insistently and continually demanding an end to the assault on him.'

St. John Cassian

Prayers for the Departed: Hieromonk Alexander, Archpriest Oleg, Nabil Gouda, Dolores Kozak, Jesse Jones

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. Vladimir Petorak, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Mat. Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Lemlem Resat, Alfred Mokhiber, Peter Melnik, Agnes Timchak, Olga Riley, Anna Hotrovich, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, Maria Current, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Joseph Wojciechowski, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, , Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Caiton Tompkins, Michael Vannello, Catalina(Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Carson, Stephen, Maria, Aiden, Peck Family, Harry Kutch, Stephanie Hojnicky, Walter Danchenka, Abigail Brightwell

Service Ministries

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
4-Dec	Elia/Gundersen/ Farrell	Bunitsky/Lewis	Whalen/ Fink	Lewis
11-Dec	Peck/Wales	Elia/ Morjana	Nativity Cleanup	Gundersen
18-Dec	Hojnicki/Flynn/ Roberts	Riley	Farrell	Farrell
25-Dec	Nativity	Sulpizi/ Finck	Kendall	No Library

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

DATE	VESPERS and LITURGY
Dec-04	Team Conover
Dec-11	Team George
Dec-18	Team Gabriel
Dec-25	All Servers
