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Sunday, November 25. **26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (10th of Luke) - Tone 1. Leavetaking of the Entry into th Temple.** Hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome (101). Heiromartyr Peter, Archbishop of Alexandria (311). St. Peter Galata of Syria (ca. 429). **Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Clement, Bishop of Ochrid and Enlightener of the Bulgarians (961).**

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom , 9:30am.

Epistle: Eph 5:9-19; Heb 9:1-7 Gospel: Lk 13:10-17; Lk 10:38-42; 11:27-28.

Tuesday, November 27. Commemoration of the Weeping Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos. called **"ZNAMENIYE" (THE SIGN)** at Novgorod in 1170, and the other Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos, **"OF THE SIGN":** the **"KURSK-ROOT"** (1295), **"ABLATSKAYA"** (1637), and others..

Daily Vespers in Middlebury, 4:30pm.

Wednesday, November 28. Eve of Martyr Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia (250).

Daily Vespers, 5:30pm, followed by a light meal and study on the Gospel of St. Matthew.

Saturday, December 1.

Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 5pm.

Sunday, December 2. **27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (11th of Luke) - Tone 2.** Prophet Habakkuk (Abbacum, Avvakum 6th c. B.C.). Ven. Afanasii (Athanasius), Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves ca. 1176). Ven. Afan sii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves 13th c.). Martyr Myrope of Chios (ca. 251). Ss. John, Heraclemon, Andrew, and Theophilus, of Egypt (4th c.). St. Jesse, Bishop of Tsilkansk in Georgia (6th c.). St. Stephen-Urosh, King of Serbia (1367).

3rd and 6th Hours, 9:10am.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom , 9:30am.

Epistle: Eph 6:10-17 Gospel: Lk 18:1-27.

Christ is Born!

Starting with the Feast of the Entry (11/21) and continuing on to the Nativity, the Church invites us to sing "Christ is Born!" Here is the short hymn, which occurs within the canon at Matins during this season:

Christ is born; glorify Him!

Christ comes from heaven; go to meet Him!

Christ is on earth; be exalted!

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

And praise Him in gladness, O people, for He has been glorified!

Include this hymn in your daily prayers, and join the Church in proclaiming to the world the Good News of the Son of God taking on human flesh, becoming like us in every way but sin so that we might become like Him. Let us go to meet Him! And let us call those around us to sing to Him, for He has been glorified!

Special Collections

Throughout this Nativity Fast we will have several special collections to help those around us—both near and far.

- Today, November 25th, the special collection will be given to the Russian Orphanage with which Krill and Megan have an association.
- Next Sunday, December 2nd, the special collection will be given to Fr. Alex and Mat Stacy Karlgut who are raising funds to adopt 4 siblings from Russia.
- On December 9th, on the day of our St. Nicholas party, we will have our regular collection of food for the local food self; bring peanut butter, tuna, cereals, and other dried or canned goods.

Reading Recommendations

There is a new section in the Bookstore: Reading Recommendations from Fr. Caleb. Four books are currently available for your browsing. If you would like to order any of the books, fill out one of the order slips on the shelf with the books and Barbara Gabriel will order them for you.

Study on the Gospel of Matthew

Our study on the Gospel of Matthew, led by Fr. Caleb, will resume this Wednesday after Daily Vespers. This week we will look at Matthew 3:1-4:16. Photocopies of the text will be provided.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Dec 2 Sunday | * Parents Support Group |
| Dec 5 Wednesday | * Parish Council Meeting (Eve of the Feast of St. Nicholas). |
| Dec 9 Sunday | * St. Nicholas Day Party. |
| Dec 13 Thursday | * Feast of St Herman of Alaska. |