

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 1. Leavetaking of the Entry Into the Temple. Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Clement, Bishop of Ochrid and Enlightener of the Bulgarians (916). Hieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome (101). Hieromartyr Peter, Archbishop of Alexandria (311). St. Peter Galata of Syria (ca. 429).

Ephesians 5:9-19

Luke 13:10-17

What is a saint? In the person of someone holy, in his approachability and the way he relates to people, in his utter attentiveness to others, in the readiness with which he gives himself to Christ, humanity is healed and restored. But how does this renewed humanity manifest itself in practice? The holy person approaches every human being in a manner full of sensitivity, openness, purity in thought and feelings. His sensitivity extends even to animals and things, since he sees every created thing as a gift of God's love and does not want to wound that love by using these gifts with carelessness or indifference...

Saints are people who have reached pure simplicity, because they have overcome within themselves every duality, all "two-facedness", as St Maximus the Confessor says. They have gone beyond the struggle between soul and body, between good intentions and actions carried out, between deceptive appearances and secret thoughts, between what we pretend to be and what we actually are. They have attained simplicity, because they have given themselves totally to God. This is why they are able to give themselves totally to people, to their relations with people. If at times they avoid being crudely explicit about people's weaknesses, they do it in order not to discourage people, but instead to increase within them a sense of shame, sensitivity, awareness, simplicity and honesty. Saints are always encouraging. For this reason they sometimes cut down to size the excessive dimensions that people give in their own imaginations to their sins, passions and weaknesses. But they also cut other people's pride down to size in a sensitive manner...

The holy person is the most human and humble creature, but at the same time an unaccustomed and amazing figure. He makes other people feel that he is revealing within himself, and within them, human nature as it truly is.

-- Fr Dumitru Staniloae, "*Gentleness and Holiness*"

SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 25.....	9:30 am Third Hour 9:45 am General Confession 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, November 27.....	7:30 pm Adult Class with Fr David
Saturday, December 1.....	6:00 pm Great Vespers
Sunday, December 2.....	9:30 am Third Hour 9:45 am Prayer to St Xenia 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Annual Parish Meeting

Welcome to all our visitors.

Please join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy.

Please join Fr David on Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 pm as he begins a series of **Adult Study classes** on The Winter Pascha, meditations for the season of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, ending with the feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple. All those who love the Lord's Coming will find comfort and strength, as well as enlightenment and instruction.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on December 2. There will be elections to the Parish Council as well as various reports. Please take this time beforehand to reflect on the state of our parish and our vision for the future. Financial reports are available today in the Narthex for review.

Please come and enjoy some tasty treats at **Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church** in Rockaway on Dec.1. Stop by and shop at our church's Creative Crafters table and do some shopping. Proceeds from our sale of crafts to benefit HTOC Care Committee.

Coffee Hour: Thank you to Mary and Daryl Tczap for hosting last week's Coffee Hour. Thank you also to the Romanov Family for hosting Coffee Hour today. **Please note that no one is signed up for Dec. 2 or 9.** Please consider hosting Coffee Hour. It can be as

simple or as elaborate as you like. The Care Committee can help out. See Sandi Masklee (sjmasklee@gmail.com).

Please note that **the Prayer List will only be posted on the church website** and you will need the password (holyltrinity) to access it. Also, it is starting anew. If there is someone you wish to include please contact Matushka Kerri at matkerri@gmail.com.

The Care Committee is sponsoring a **Holiday Cookie Walk** fundraiser for Saturday, December 15 from 10 am – 2 pm. If you are interested in baking cookies for this event, please contact Suzette Eremin at suzseremin@aol.com.

Reminder: If people want to donate their **"free" turkeys** the food pantry is accepting them.

Nina Bohensky's **Girl Scout Troop is collecting unwrapped toys and pajamas for children and teens.** Items are distributed to Newark Resource Enter and will be collected no later than Sunday, December 9.

Pierogies are available in the kitchen Sundays after Liturgy. Proceeds benefit the Care Committee. Please see either Jeanne or Kristen Connerat or email Jeanne at momjpc@comcast.net.

Shopping on Amazon: If you are shopping on Amazon, try using our Amazon Associates link. This is a great source of income for the church, at no cost to you. www.amazon.com/?tag=holytrinorthc-20

The Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir presents a concert, "Christ is Born!" Orthodox music for Christmas featuring works from Greece, Serbia, Romania, Ukraine, and Russia. Sunday, December 9 at 4:30 pm. 200 3rd Street, Passaic, NJ. **Free Admission.**

Please remember the Food Pantry and purchase low-salt, low-sugar, and gluten-free items. Interfaith Food Pantry is in need of school supplies, canned fruit and vegetables, fruit juice, pasta, sauce, Parmalat, dry milk, canned beans, tuna, peanut butter, canned meats and meals, soups, baby food, Boost, and Ensure regular. *Please be sure to purchase low-sugar, low-fat, gluten free products.* See bulletin board for a detailed list.

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Very Rev. George Hasencz, Attached – Carol Wetmore, Choir Director



Entry into the Temple of the Most Holy Theotokos (commemorated on Nov. 21). Panselin, 8th century, Kareyes, Mount Athos, Greece

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