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**JANUARY 24, 2021 – 33rd Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 8**

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Services are broadcast on Facebook Live:
https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/

Services can also be accessed live on the phone thru GoToMeeting.
Meetings, coffee hour, church school and Bible study are all online via Go To Meeting.
https://www.gotomeet.me/FrJohnJillions

By phone: +1 (646) 749-3122, Access Code: 323-181-277

Videos of all children's sermons and some past services and events can be found on the Holy Ghost parish YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbrrRwB0WLkiQMId86xSJQ
Colossians 3:4-11  

( Epistle )

4  When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

5  Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

6  Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

7  in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

8  But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

9  Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

10  and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

11  where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Luke 18:35-43  

( Gospel )

35  Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging.

36  And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

37  So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

38  And he cried out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

39  Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

40  So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him,

41  saying, “What do you want Me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.”

42  Then Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.”

43  And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.
CANDLE DESK DUTY
George Kasper is scheduled for Jan. 24th … Barb Dulin will be taking attendance, but additional assistance is always welcomed ☺. If anyone is able to come early to church to help out at the Candle Desk, that would be much appreciated. It is a skeleton crew during this pandemic time. Thank you!

IN-PERSON DIVINE LITURGY HAS RESUMED … We have resumed in-person Sunday Divine Liturgies, while carefully maintaining all the necessary health precautions: masks, temperature-taking, social distancing, etc. Before coming to church please be sure you have no possible symptoms of COVID. If you have any doubts about this, please protect yourself and everyone else by staying at home.

Attendance and temperatures will be taken upon entry into the church. Masks are a must. A reminder that copies of the bulletin will not be made available to avoid contact as much as possible. Baskets will be available for purchase of candles and weekly envelopes. Pews will be marked accordingly for social distancing purposes, and the children should sit in the smaller section of pews. Please exit to the rear door closest to where the choir was located. They have relocated to the choir loft. Thank you for your cooperation.

Additionally, individual jars of water will be available to take home. As previously indicated, due to safety precautions, please do not bring your own bottles. No exceptions.

Unfortunately, home blessings this year are suspended throughout the Connecticut Deanery.

DONATIONS / CANDLES
The following donations have been received in loving memory of Mary Ann Kendall:
   $25 from Natalie Pronechen
   $50 from Paul & Patricia Nimchek

Large Cross in loving memory of mother, Eugenia (Jeannie) Bychkowski Zaffis and step-grandfather, Jacob (John) Kisley from Barbara Dulin and family.

REMINDER OF MEMORIAL CANDLES & DONATIONS … Requests for memorial candles and donations for various funds can be emailed to Sue Maugeri at: suemaugeri@snet.net or mailed to the church’s PO Box 55339, Bridgeport, CT, 06610. Please note that mail is only picked up once a week at the post office, therefore, please make sure that requests are mailed at least 2 weeks ahead of schedule.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE REMINDER … Please provide your weekly envelopes in a timely manner, either by bringing them with you to church, submitting them via US mail to Holy Ghost Orthodox Church, PO Box 55339, Bridgeport, CT, 06610-5339, or by the online donation system as follows:

There is a link on the Holy Ghost Website https://holyghostbpt.org/ on the right-hand side of the home page. You can set up a one-time donation or recurring. There is a cost to using this service, which you can cover or charge the church. (It is hoped that you will be able to cover the charges.) Thanks!

Credit/debit card transactions are 2.9% plus $.30 per transaction
ACH/bank account transactions are 1% plus $.30 per transaction
PART 1 OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING... took place virtually last Sunday. It should be noted that this format is being followed by other parishes as well. Key topics were discussed such as the election of officers, and the budget for 2021, which was approved. Twenty-one of 62 eligible voters were in attendance. Part 2, which will cover all other topics, will be in-person at Holy Ghost once COVID restrictions have been lifted.

CHURCH CALENDARS AVAILABLE FOR 2021 ... Pistey Funeral Home once again has graciously sponsored our church calendars. If you are able to safely come to church, you will be able to pick one up. Otherwise, please let Fr John know that you would like to have your calendar mailed to you.

REMINDER... PRAYERS FOR THE SICK ... If you have loved ones who are sick or departed and you would like them remembered and included on the list, please send their names to Fr John (you can also indicate if you would prefer someone's name not be published).

TAX FORMS FOR 2020 ARE AVAILABLE ... requests for tax forms should be sent to Sue Maugeri as follows: email suemaugeri@snet.net or call/text her at 203-305-7237. Thank you.

Archpriest Joseph Henry Irvin fell asleep in the Lord on January 13, 2021, from complications arising from COVID-19. His burial took place in Parish Cemetery of Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church, Norwich, CT

May Fr Joseph’s memory be eternal!
PARISH METRICS (JANUARY 23rd THRU JANUARY 29th)

BIRTHDAYS – None Listed

ANNIVERSARIES – None Listed

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

JANUARY 23 – Gregory Katrenich, 1924 (56); Alexander Amentkovich, 1930 (1); Timothy Plovak, 1931 (52); Efrosina Siniuk, 1941 (57); Mary Gallan, 1965 (78); Mary Sivec Hricisko, 1967 (92); Alexander A. Yanosy, 1984 (72); Nadia Denisovich, 1986 (93); Vladimir (Walter) Zolnerchik, 1990 (82); Anne C. Dziamba, 1990 (83)

JANUARY 24 – Maria Andreychak, 1908 (6); John Kopchak, 1915 (2 months); John Oseidach, 1973 (56); Tatiana (Beatrice) Kosturko, 2006

JANUARY 25 – Andrew Bobko, 1899 (2); Alipsy Moisevich, 1929 (42); Elizabeth Moorash, 1958 (41); Mary Pistey, 1984 (82); Anna Gallan Fecko, 1996 (89); Anastasia Samonek, 2018

JANUARY 26 – Anna Kochiss, 1915 (6 months); Catherine Gerpak, 1918 (6); Sophie Oseidach, 1962 (71); Anna Zamba, 1990 (64)

JANUARY 27 – Elena Kostik, 1901 (15 months); Spiridon Spiritos, 1907 (23); Helen Pavlova Volkova, 1947; John Turko, 1953 (47); Susanna Katrenich, 1954 (80); Tikhon Senchuk, 1959 (63); Nicholas Ermolovich, 1970 (75); Elizabeth Alesevich, 1999 (82); Stephen Ivanoff, 2002; Olga Walsh, 2005

JANUARY 28 – Nicholas Andreychak, 1908 (10); Michael Gonchar, 1917 (5 months); Major General Dimitry Koronatovich, 1920 (63); John Shostak, 1971 (57); Michael Zavatsky, 1981 (72); Stephen Jankura, 1986 (90); Agnes Pistey Rukan, 1995 (87)

JANUARY 29 – Anastasia Molchan, 1924 (2 months); Prokopy Behun, 1966 (85); Peter Sumpel, 1969 (68); George Snehovsky, 1973 (70); Lydia H. Jankura, 2011 (86)

Memory Eternal! Вечная память!

As has been said many times, in everything we do God examines our motive, to see whether we are doing it for His sake or for some other purpose. Thus when we desire to do something good, we should not do it for the sake of popularity: we should have God as our goal, so that, with our gaze always fixed on Him, we may do everything for His sake. Otherwise we shall undergo all the trouble of performing the act and yet lose the reward.

St. Maximus the Confessor