

**Nov. 29th-25th Sunday after Pentecost (10th of Luke)/Martyr Paramon
and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia**

Troparion (TONE 8) Resurrection

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Troparion: (TONE 3) St. Matthew

From the tax desk you eagerly followed the call of Christ the master
Who of His goodness, revealed Himself on earth to man.
You appear as a chosen apostle and eloquent proclaimer of the Gospel to
the universe!
Wherefore, we revere your honorable memory, O Divinely speaking
Matthew//
Pray to the merciful God that He will grant remission of sins to our souls.

Kontakion (TONE 8) Resurrection

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection//
and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Glory...Kontakion (TONE 4) St. Matthew

Turning away from the tax collector's scales
You assumed the yoke of righteousness
You appear like a most talented merchant
Offering the riches of that wisdom which is from on high
Whence you preached the true word
And roused up slothful souls//
By describing the hour of judgment.

Now and Ever...(TONE 6) Theotokion

Steadfast Protectress of Christians
Constant advocate before the Creator
Do not despise the cry of us sinners,
But in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith
Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us O Theotokos//
For you always protect those who honor you.

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25th Sunday After Pentecost

Gospel Reading - Luke 13:10-17

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Epistle Reading - Ephesians 4:1-6

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Church Cleaners.....
Julian - Week of November 29, for Sunday, December 6

SMOC Ministry Team

Thank you SO much for the huge response to the need for food items for November's focus of Food Pantries.

Our **Adopt a Family project** will soon be underway! This is an opportunity to bless a local family through the Salvation Army. With our current Covid situation, we'd like to offer an additional way to participate.

If getting out to purchase an article for the family isn't convenient, please consider making a donation instead. Donations will go to purchasing things they have requested as well as the gift certificates.

Donations need to be made by December 7th and unwrapped gifts need to be at church by the 13th. The sign up booklet will be available 11/21 in Herrick Hall.

In addition, here are the items needed for the **Martin School Christmas Cleaning Tubs**:

We are on our third year for providing "cleaning tubs" for some Martin School families at Christmas. The Martin School staff gives clothing and toys to some of their neediest families. They ask us to provide cleaning supplies. So, we supply a "Cleaning Tub" to go with their gifts. Items needed include: glass cleaner, all purpose cleaners, dish detergent, soft scrub, (Bonami), bathtub cleaner, magic eraser sponges, cleaning cloths, garbage bags, paper towels, liquid hand soap, & toilet bowl cleaner.

The Holy Prophet Habakkuk (Dec 2), the eighth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Simeon, and he prophesied around 650 B.C.

The Prophet Habakkuk foresaw the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the Babylonian Captivity and the later return of the captives to their native land. During the war with the Babylonians the prophet withdrew to Arabia, where the following miracle occurred. When he was bringing dinner to the reapers, he met an angel of the Lord, and instantly by the strength of his spirit he was transported to Babylon, where at the time the Prophet Daniel was languishing in prison. The food intended for the reapers assuaged the hunger of the exhausted Prophet Daniel (Dan. 14:33-37).

After the end of the war with the Babylonians, the Prophet Habakkuk returned to his homeland and died at a great old age. His relics were found at the time of Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), together with the relics of the Prophet Micah (August 14).

The Fourth Ode of the Psalter ("O Lord, I have heard thy report, and was afraid...") is based on Habakkuk 3:2-19.

Parish Activities			
2	Dec, Wed	6:00pm	Vespers (all welcome)
5	Dec, Sat	5:00pm	Great Vespers (all welcome)
6	Dec, Sun	9:30am	Divine Liturgy (<u>email invitation only</u>)
Nativity Service Schedule			
24	Dec, Thurs	9:30am	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil (all welcome)
24	Dec, Thurs	5:00pm	Vigil (all welcome)
25	Dec, Fri	9:30am	The Nativity of Our Lord Divine Liturgy (all welcome)
26	Dec, Sat	5:00pm	Great Vespers (all welcome)
27	Dec, Sun	9:30am	Divine Liturgy (<u>email invitation only</u>)