



Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross

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Sunday, January 23, 2022

Gospel:

Luke: 18:35-43 & Luke 21:8-19

Epistle:

1ST Timothy 1:15-17 & Romans 8:28-39

31ST Sunday after Pentecost

Synaxis of the New Holy Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra, and Martyr Agathangelus. Ven. Mausimas the Syrian. Ven. Salamanes the Silent of the Euphrates. St. Paulinus the Merciful, Bishop of Nola. Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council (680). Ven. Gennadii of Kostroma. Translation of the relics of St. Theoctist, Archbishop of Novgorod.

Liturgical and Events Schedule

- All services are Live Streamed unless otherwise noted.
- Masks are mandatory.

Sunday, January 23

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy & Sunday School

Tuesday, January 25

7:00 pm: Parish Council meeting by Zoom

Wednesday, January 26

7:00 pm: Evening Prayers by Zoom

Saturday, January 29

5:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, January 30

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy & Sunday School

Many Thanks!

I would like to thank all of you for the Get Well cards, flowers and prayers during my recent hospitalization. Thanks also to the soup makers for the delicious soups.

Val Olesnovich

It's Souper Bowl Time!

No, I didn't spell it wrong. I'm talking about our yearly **Souper Bowl Canned Food Drive to benefit Community Services**. Past years had given us a chance to socialize with our parish friends as we enjoyed homemade soups and chili. COVID is preventing us from doing that again this year. But our Ministry is still asking for donations of canned or non-perishable food since the need is still out there, whether we socialize or not. **We'll begin our Food Drive on Sunday, January 30 and continue each Sunday until February 13.** Our Souper Bowl will end on the same day as the Super Bowl! As we're watching the big game, rooting for our favorite team, and feasting on yummy snacks, we'll know that we've helped those in our community who desperately need us! All donations can be placed downstairs in the Social Hall on one of the tables. Thanks so much for your support, and

ENJOY THE GAME!!!

Church News!

2021 Donor Statements

Are now available in the Vestibule. Please remember to get yours.

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 20. Watch for details

Birthdays

23rd Stephanie Skuby-Chassen

25th David Petaccio Sr.

26th Sophia Gotowchikov, Eugenia Skuby

Flowers

In celebration of Stephanie (Skuby) Chassen's birthday – Given by Genie & Mark Skuby

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Classes with Fr. Michael Plekon

Wednesdays, February 9 and 16 on his book, “Community as Church, Church as Community.”

Some handouts from the book will be sent out in preparation for the classes. It can be purchased from Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Community-Church-Michael-Plekon-ebook/dp/B09BSDVG19>

THE 39TH FR. ALEXANDER SCHEMANN LECTURE

Will be presented online on Sunday, January 30 at 7 PM: Rev. Dr. Khaled Anatolios will speak of the topic of: “Salvation as Liturgy: Alexander Schmemmann’s Liturgical Theology and the Renewal of the Joy of Salvation.”

To register for free:

https://www.svots.edu/events/39th_Schemmann_Lecture

Today (Saturday, January 22, 2022) is the 49th anniversary of Roe v Wade. As Metropolitan Tikhon has said, we grieve on this anniversary for the many lives cut short, the emotional and psychological devastation done to so many women, the numerous wounded families, and the persistent hostility embittering our society.

Let us pray, “O Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of the Father; Who took on our Human nature to restore its sanctity. Do Thou the same Lord, enlighten Thy people here and throughout the world, with the knowledge that all life is a sacred gift from Thee, from the instant of conception, to the natural last breath. Dispel from our minds the subjective concept of quality of life, and implant the objective truth of its preciousness. Amen”

Here are just a few Orthodox and Christian Pro-life Ministries supporting women in crisis. Please consider supporting them:

Zoe for Life: <https://zoeforlife.org/>

A Christ-centered support organization that helps women who need confidential emotional and spiritual support during crisis pregnancies; assists Orthodox Christians seeking to adopt

The Treehouse: <http://wichitatreehouse.org/mission/>

Help for Moms in Crisis in Wichita, Kansas

Martha and Mary Maternity House:

<https://www.marthamarychicago.org/>

The Martha and Mary Maternity House is an Orthodox Christian Maternity Home for pregnant women in need of support in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago.

LoveLine: Love First, Life Follows:

<https://loveline.com/>

Loveline is a crisis call line for women who are facing unplanned pregnancies who feel they have exhausted resources in their area. Our hope is to discover the need, uncover hidden resources and connect her with one of our volunteer advocates in her area to help.

LoveLine is accessible 24/7/365.

Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries:

<https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>

Healing the pain of abortion – one retreat at a time.

Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon on Sanctity of Life Sunday 2022:

<https://www.oca.org/.../his.../sanctity-of-life-sunday-2022>

Posted by Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, East Meadows, NY on their Facebook page.

“And God said, ‘Let Us make man according to Our image and likeness...’”[Genesis 1:26]

Every human being is a living ikon of Jesus Christ. “On Thee have I been made fast from the womb; from my mothers’ womb Thou art my protector” [Psalm 70(71):5], King David exclaims. And in another Psalm, he offers this God-sent revelation: “My bone is not hid from Thee, which Thou madest in secret... My being, while it was still unformed, Thine eyes did see, and in Thy book shall all men be written; day by day they are formed, when as yet there be none of them” [Psalm 138(139):14-15]