# Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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# December 10, 2017

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2.** Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus, of Alexandria (ca. 313). St. Joasaph, Bishop of Belgorod (1754). Martyr Gemellus of Paphlagonia (ca. 361). Ven. Thomas of Bithynia (10th c.). Bl. Jovan (John), King of Serbia (1503) and his parents, Stephen (1446) and Angelina Brancovich.

**Epistles: Ephesians 6:10–17:** The whole armor of God.

Gospels: Luke 17:12-19: Ten lepers are cleansed.

MEMORY ETERNAL: Ann Dahulich, Mother of Archbishop MICHAEL, reposed in the Lord this past Wednesday. Services will be held at St. Michael's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church in Binghamton: on Monday, December 11, there will be a viewing from 4 PM to 7 PM, followed by a Parastas (panikhida) at 7. On Tuesday, December 12 there will be a Liturgy at 10 AM, followed by the burial.

ADVENT RETREAT: An Advent Retreat will be held on Saturday, December 16, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM at Sts Peter & Paul Church in Syracuse. A Moleben to St Tikhon of Moscow will be served in commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his enthronement as Patriarch. Archbishop MICHAEL will then give a talk on "The Fullness of the Church." All are invited to attend. If you plan to attend, please leave a message at (315) 468-0442 so that they know how many to expect for meal planning purposes.

Coffee Hour: This week: Potluck

Next week: Olympia & Family

NATIVITY FAST ALMSGIVING: In addition to prayer, fasting, and confession, the Nativity Fast is also a time for increased giving to those in need. We'll be collecting items to assemble emergency relief kits for IOCC, which enable them to respond to disasters around the world. (They distributed many of these kits in the wake of the recent hurricanes, and need to replenish their supplies so that they can be ready for the next disaster.) A list is available in the back to sign up with what you'll be bringing.

Parish Education: Our Nativity Fast education series has finished covering the Divine Liturgy, but join us this coming Saturday as well for an introduction to the liturgical cycles of the Church year. Have you wondered about the tones, or the different commemorations through the year, or the daily readings, and what it all has to do with living a Christian life? Come and learn! If you missed an earlier session, videos are available on YouTube.

# PRAYER SCROLL

LIVING:
Apr Timothy H
Apr Herman S
Apr Sergius K
Apr Thomas E
Apr John R
Apr Patrick C
Pr James & Family
Pr Seraphim
Pr Adam S & Angle
Mother Raphaela
Mother Christophora
Mat Joanna B
Mat Katya
Mat Mary G
Mat Rebekah
Pani Amy
Joshua
Brittany
Gretchen
Marianne
Terrence
Helen
Judy
Mary & Susan

John & Carmine

Nathan Leah Helen Lindseu Elizabeth Maru Joe A Daniel Andrew & family Carol Elizabeth David Shirley Christina Jim & Kim Rachel Constantine & Maria Gaetan Christine Samuel Lisa Lyudmila Nickolay Anetta Zacharu Helena

Natasha, Lena, Vera, Sergei Caleb Danielle Larry, Mark, Katie Ann Dorothy Ronald Sheryl & Lacey Alexander, Angela, Anton Peter Gregory & Ann Raymond Vincent Photini Robert Dianna Elizabeth lohn Felicia Tom Vladimir Lou Seraphim & Anna

lvan Elizabeth Anastasia Galina Michael Nikolas lennu Gina Paula St Barbara's Monastery & those threatened by wildfires Children: Anthony, Mia, Isabel, Bear, Victoria, Iva Bell, Panagiotis, Ada, Grace, Elias, Jack, Everett, Thomas Seminarians: Dcn Ivan, Rdr Robert

Micah, Danielle, &

Gregory & Ashley

Family

Petruta

REPOSED: Apr John U Priest Matthew Priest John Apr Alexander Priest William Pdn Gregory Dn Mark Rdr Gregory Daniel Ada Lillian loseph Marie Joseph Laura Martha Stanley Taissia Steluţa Theophan Lunda Florence James lames R Vasilu

Mordecai

Alexandr

Eleanor Harold Alfred Edward Michael Mat Iulianna Mario Robert James Wilhelmina Barbara Sr Theophano Walter Martha Olga Hilarion Priscilla Newly Reposed: Apr Stephen M Pdn Keith Apr Michael Khouria Lynne Ann

Ron

John

By the Numbers: Last Collection: \$2092. MTD: \$2092.

### SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

With Daily Readings

Sunday, December 10: 9:10 Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour ● Eph 6:10-17; Luke 17:12-19

Monday, December 11: No services • 2 Tim 2:20–26; Mark 8:11–21

Tuesday, December 12: 6 PM Vespers (Repose of St Herman) • 2 Tim 3:16-4:4; Mark 8:22-26

Wednesday, December 13: 9 AM Divine Liturgy (Repose of St Herman) • 2 Tim 4:9–22; Gal 5:22–6:2; Mark 8:30–34; Luke 6:17–23

Thursday, December 14: 8:30 AM Morning Prayer ● Titus 1:5–2:1; Mark 9:10–16

Friday, December 15: 8:30 AM Morning Prayer • 2 Tim 1:15-2:10; Mark 9:33-41

Saturday, December 16: 4:30 PM Class: "Cycles of the Church Year"

6 рм Great Vespers • Eph 1:16–23; Luke 14:1–11

Sunday, December 17: 9:10 AM Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour • Col 3:4–11; Luke 14:16–24

Confessions are heard before and after Vespers, after Morning Prayers Tuesday-Thursday, or by appointment.

# WEEKLY HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

#### Troparion, Tone 2 (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal, You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead. And when from the depths You raised the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out://
"O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

### **Troparion** (Martyrs)

Having <u>slain</u> the <u>fi</u>ery <u>ragings</u> and fierce movements of the passions through their ascetic labors,

the Martyrs of <u>Christ</u>, Menas, Her<u>mog</u>enes, and Eugraphus, received <u>grace</u> to dispel the afflictions of the infirm and to work wonders both while a<u>live</u> and after death.

It is a <u>truly</u> great <u>won</u>der that naked bones pour forth <u>healing.</u>//

Glory to our only God and Creator!

Kontakion, Tone 2 (Resurrection)

<u>Hell</u> became afraid, O almighty <u>Sav</u>ior, seeing the miracle of Your Resur<u>rec</u>tion from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You,//

and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

## Kontakion, Tone 4 (Martyrs)

The Lord snatched you from the temporal  $\underline{ar}$ my, making you a fellow inheritor of the eternal, O  $\underline{Me}$ nas; together with Hermogenes and Eugraphus with whom you  $\underline{suf}$ fered,

you are granted an incorruptible crown.

#### Prokeimenon, Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death.

#### Alleluia, Tone 2

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call!

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# SAINTS OF THE DAY

Saints Menas, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus suffered for Christ in the reign of the Emperor Maximian. Menas was a soldier who, when sent to quell a riot in Alexandria, began publicly preaching Christ there. The Emperor sent his official Hermogenes to silence Menas and exterminate the Christians of Alexandria along with him, but Hermogenes himself was converted by Menas' miracles and endurance of persecution. Eventually the Emperor himself came to Alexandria, personally killed Menas' scribe Eugraphus, and ordered that Menas and Hermogenes be beheaded. Saint Menas is especially beloved by the Christians of Egypt.

The Venerable Angelina was the daughter of Gjergj Skanderbeg, prince of Albania, and wife of the Serbian King Stefan. They nobly endured the invasion of the Ottoman Turks and their subsequent exile, and raised their sons Maxim and Jovan in Christian virtue, so that they also are remembered for their holiness. After King Stefan's death, Angelina became a nun. For her shining example of holiness in wealth and in affliction, in family life and as a monastic, Saint Angelina is much beloved, especially in Serbia.

#### Prayer for Church Growth

Again, we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that Thou wouldst renew us and this parish by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with love and longing for Thee. Grant that we would seek not our own will, but to do Thy will in all things and to be willing to lay down our lives out of love for Thee and for our neighbor. Draw thirsty souls to this place and remove their spiritual blindness, granting them through Thy grace to see the beauty of Thy Holy Glory in this place. Fill this community with new life, spiritual vigor, and an insatiable desire to live godly and holy lives. Forgive us all of our sins as we fall down before Thee. Bring us all to a greater repentance and to an amendment of our lives as we look to Thee, the only merciful and loving Lord, Who calls all to salvation. We beg Thee, our merciful Lord, hear us, grant all of these petitions and all of our requests unto salvation: we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.