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Sunday	Nov 11	<i>24th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 7 / Martyrs Menas, Victor, Vincent & Stephanida</i>		
		9:00 am	Divine Liturgy / Nicoletti Baptism / Reception / Annual Meeting	
Saturday	Nov 17	<i>St Gregory the Wonderworker</i>		
		5:30 pm	Great Vespers	Confession
Sunday	Nov 18	<i>25th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 8 / Martyrs Platon & Roman</i>		
		Readings:	Eph 4:1-6	Luke 12:16-21
		9:00 am	Church School	
		10:00 am	Divine Liturgy	Coffee Hour Turkey Project

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Nov 4

Attendance: (Adults 140, Children 32)	172
Operating	\$6,169.00
OCA Assessments	506.00
Uganda Children	14.00
Charities	86.00
Icons	63.00

EVENING ADULT CLASS

The Class will meet this week on the 13th at 7:00 pm to continue our study of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, Nov 15 at 7:00 pm.

TURKEY DINNER PROJECT

The Dinner Bags are due next Sunday. Please sign-up in the foyer if you wish to participate.

INTERACTIVE YOUTH RETREAT

Please consider having your 6-12th Grader participate in a Diocesan wide Youth Retreat with Bishop Paul. On Friday, Nov 16. Our location is St Michael's and the event begins at 8:00 pm. Let Fr Andrew know ASAP so we can arrange for transportation. Pizza will be served at the retreat.

NO CONFESSION

The 4:00 pm Confession on Nov 17 is cancelled but will take place after Vespers.

ST JAMES SOUP KITCHEN

Saturday Nov 24 beginning at 10:00 am.

SAINT NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

Our observance of St Nicholas Day will be Sunday, Dec 9 with our customary Potluck and Childrens Pro-

gram. We will have the Vigil of the feast on Saturday Dec 8 at 5:30 pm. See Paula Tintor if you can help.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +
 Eleanor Alexander (Tom's mom), Perry (Capitan), Sbdcn Leonard, Kathy (Denise F's sis), John (Adam's nephew), Ted Geletka, (Fr's frnd), Julian, John Clements, Sarah Crivella, Darlene (Mary V's csn), Nancy, (Ruth B's frnd), Joella (Lu D's daughter), Scott Strunk (Gloria H's frnd), Bradley (Tina C's son), suffering Christians in Ukraine and the Middle East.

Anniversaries: David & Michelle Schroeder (11/12), Dennis & Gloria Hocevar (11/15).

Birthdays: Nicoleta Lechintan (11/11), Tom Alexander, Natalie Antinoff (11/12), Luanne Dzura (11/16), Marie Joslin, Eric Clouse (11/17).

Newborns: Emmett (Tom & Laura).

Expecting: Bobby & Juliana, David & Maria, Daniel & Danielle, Colin & Tamuna.

Departed: Larry Weber (11/9, Maureen M's uncle), Fr Dennis Pavecevic (10/7, Fr A's friend), Sue Semancik (10/12, Lu D's friend), James Blake (10/10, Ruth Bede's dad).

Newly United: Joe and Ashley.

Newly Illumined: Silvia, Nicoletti, Theodora Oberhausen.

Our Seminarian: Deacon Brian Crivella & Family.

Our Missionaries: Peter & Sharon.

Martyr Menas of Egypt

The Holy Great Martyr Menas of Egypt, an Egyptian by birth, was a military officer and served in the Kotyaeion region of Phrygia under the centurion Firmilian during the reign of the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (305-311). When the emperors began the fiercest persecution against Christians in history, the saint refused to serve these persecutors. He removed his soldier's belt (a sign of military rank) and withdrew to a mountain, where he lived an ascetic life of fasting and prayer.

Once he happened to arrive in the city during a pagan festival. At the climax of the games the saint's accusing voice rang out, preaching faith in Christ, the Savior of the world. At his trial before the prefect Pyrrhus, the saint bravely confessed his faith, saying that he had come to denounce the impious. The prefect was angered, and had Menas arrested.

Pyrrhus offered to restore the saint's former rank if he would offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. When he refused, he was put to cruel tortures, then he was beheaded. This occurred in the year 304. Christians gathered up the martyr's relics by night and hid them until the end of the persecution. Later, they were brought to Egypt and placed in a church dedicated to Saint Menas southwest of Alexandria.

The saint received grace from God to work miracles, and to help those in need. Saint Menas is noted for healing various illnesses, delivering people from possession by demons, and as a protector, especially during times of war. We also ask his help in finding lost objects.

Martyr Victor at Damascus

The Holy Martyr Victor at Damascus was a soldier during the reign of the emperor Marcus Aurelius the Philosopher (161-180). When the emperor began a persecution against Christians, Victor refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods. Such obligatory sacrifices were a test of a soldier's loyalty to the gods, the emperor and the state. The saint was given over to torture, but he came through all the torments unharmed. By the power of prayer he was victorious over a sorcerer, who from that point gave up sorcery and became a Christian.

Through Saint Victor's prayers, blind soldiers suddenly received their sight. Witnessing the miracle worked by the Lord through Saint Victor, Stephanida, the young Christian wife of one of the torturers, openly glorified Christ, for which she was condemned to a cruel death. She was tied to two palm trees bent to the ground, which when released, sprung back and tore her apart. She was fifteen years old.

The torturer ordered that the holy Martyr Victor be beheaded. Hearing the commander's order, Saint Vincent told his executioners that they would all die in twelve days, and that the commander would be captured by the enemy in twenty-four days. As he foretold, so it came to pass.

The martyrs suffered in the second century at Damascus, where their venerable relics were buried