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| Sunday | Nov 14 | <i>21st Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 4 / Holy Apostle Philip</i> |
| | | 9:00 am Church School |
| | | 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour |
| Wednesday | Nov 17 | <i>St Gregory the Wonderworker</i> |
| | | 6:30 pm Prefestal Vespers Confession |
| Saturday | Nov 20 | <i>Eve of the Entrance</i> |
| | | 4:00 pm Cindric Memorial Reception |
| | | 5:30 pm Great Vespers / Litya Confession |
| Sunday | Nov 21 | <i>22nd Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 5/ Entrance of the Theotokos</i> |
| | | Readings: Heb 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-8 |
| | | 9:00 am Divine Liturgy Coffee Annual Meeting |

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Nov 7

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| Attendance | 125 |
| Operating | \$5,719.00 |
| OCA Assessments | 188.00 |
| Maintenance | 260.00 |
| Icons | 90.00 |
| Uganda | 260.00 |
| Charities | 210.00 |
| Zoe | 65.00 |
| WiFi | 14.00 |

SPECIAL WELCOME

We welcome William Walker who received Holy Illumination yesterday. May God plant him firmly in his vineyard and bless and keep him for many years.

COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, Nov 18 at 6:30 pm.

CINDRIC MEMORIAL

Saturday, Nov 20 at 4:00 pm. A reception will follow in the hall.

YOUTH GROUP

Please sign up in the foyer for our first meeting on Saturday, Nov 27 at 3:00 pm. Open to all ages and parents are welcomed to participate and assist the younger ones.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Nov 21 following a short Coffee Hour. Liturgy is at 9:00 am.

EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Tuesday, Nov 16 at 6:30 pm in the Church.

ST NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

In light of the Bishop's visit for our celebration, the Dinner will be a catered event. Please sign up in the foyer so we can properly plan for the Dinner. Our customary Children's Program will highlight the day.

PRAYER CORNER + + + + +

Perry (Capitan), Julian, John Clements, Sarah Crivella, Joella (LuAnn D's dghtr), Dr Mike Soroka, the Furman family, Tim Price, Francis James (Anna D's frnd), Kim H (Maryann S's friend), Paris Santone (Debbie C's nephew), Bob Joss, Subdeacon Leonard, Kristin & Cameron Robinson, Evelyn (Maureen M's mom), Dave Renda (Jim's bro), Bill Butterfield (Jen's husband), suffering Christians in the Middle East.

Anniversaries: Dennis & Gloria Hocevar (11/15).

Birthdays: LuAnn Dzura (11/16), Eric Clouse (11/17), Joe Dimattia (11/18), Denise Fross, Ken Walker (11/19), Gloria Hocevar, Jason Kirouac (11/20).

New Borns: Wyatt (Brian & Katya), Seraphina (Bobby & Juliana).

Expecting: Brad & Katie (Clements frnds), Ryan & Jessica, Peter & Katie.

Newly Illumined: William (John) Walker

Newly Departed: Michelle Blocksom (Fr Zdinak's csn 11/13), Joan Maty (Fr A's frnd 11/4), Joanne Michshaw (Paula T's sister, 11/6), John Choma (Darlene H's uncle, 10/19), Christina Cindric (10/14).

NEW MEMBERS



We warmly welcome the Woodruff Family. Adam and Leah are originally from Saint Innocent in Olmsted Falls. They have been married for a little over a year and recently moved to Madison Township. Adam works at Ineos Pigments (Ashtabula) as a Process Engineer and Leah works at STERIS Endoscopy (Mentor) as a Development Engineer. They both enjoy being active and

have a hobby of homebrewing beer. They look forward to becoming more involved in the parish.

Heaven and Earth Choir Retreat

When: Saturday, November 20, 2021

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

755 S. Cleveland Ave • Mogadore, Ohio 44260

Who: All who sing!

Lunch will be provided

All are welcomed to stay for Vespers

Call Elena @ 330.280.0555 to register

The Beatitudes Part IV — Meekness

by Fr Thomas Hopko

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth” (Mt 5.5). Meekness is an essential possession of the spiritual person. Jesus Himself was meek

All things have been delivered to me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son, and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light (Mt 11.27–30).

The apostles of Christ taught meekness. Saint Paul mentions it in all his writings and Saint James insists upon it.

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This wisdom is not such as it comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits . . . (Jas 3.13–17).

To be meek means to be gentle and kind, to be empty of all selfishness and earthly ambition. It means, in a word, never to return evil for evil, but always in everything to overcome evil by good (cf. Rom 12.14–21).

Meekness means to distrust and reject every thought and action of external coercion and violence, which in any case can never produce fruitful, genuine and lasting results.

Meekness is to have the firm and calm conviction that the good is more powerful than evil, and that the good ultimately is always victorious.

To refer once more to Saint John Climacus:

Meekness is an unchangeable state of mind which remains the same in honor and dishonor. Meekness is the rock overlooking the sea of irritability which breaks all the waves that dash against it, remaining itself unmoved. Meekness is the buttress of patience, the mother of love and the foundation of wisdom, for it is said, “The Lord will teach the meek His way” (Ps 24.9). It prepares the forgiveness of sins; it is boldness in prayer, an abode of the Holy Spirit. “But to whom shall I look,” says the Lord, “to him who is meek and quiet and trembles at my word” (Is 66.2). In meek hearts the Lord finds rest, but a turbulent soul is the seat of the devil (The Ladder of Divine Ascent, Step 24).