

**NOV. 20 ANNOUNCEMENTS: HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE!**

OUR 'GIVE FROM THE HEART' PROJECT FOR THE NEXT 2 SUNDAYS IS THE COLLECTION OF:

SOCKS ( younger children- more color the better, older youths–crew socks either white or black),

BIBS, and HAT & GLOVE SETS FOR SALVATION ARMY;

MEN'S HYGIENE ITEMS & READY TO EAT FOODS WITH PULL TOPS (a list of items being requested is posted In the lobby & on tables in coffee room) FOR DISTRIBUTION BY ST. PETER PAUL ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL. (we will be collecting clean slightly used clothing beginning Dec. 18 for distribution after the holidays)

DECEMBER 10 – OUR BAKE SALE: If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of ingredients needed for our bake sale (Sat., December 10), please give to Karen.

CHRISTMAS CARD "WALL"- If you would like to send a Christmas card to all the members of our church family, please "hang" above table next to candle stand. (tape is avail at the candle stand)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – if you would like to purchase flowers for the alter area, donations are being taken at the candle stand beginning today

**NOV. 20 DONATIONS:**

**For Health of (FHO): MIKE – MARY ROLEY;**

**FHO: FAMILY – PETE & JANN PETROFF;**

**FHO: MARY TODOROFF & FAMILY- ANGIE PANZOFF;**

**FHO: FAMILY- ALEKSYNAS FAMILY;**

**FOR THANKSGIVING – KRIS & JOAN BRANOFF**

**In Memory of (IMO): JORDAN TANASOFF-SOPHIE TRAIKOFF;**

**IMO: FATHER TIMPKO – TIMPKO FAMILY, KAREN & DAVID REHN, PETE & JANN PETROFF, MARY ROLEY**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

NOV. DEC. 3 – Saturday- 10-till done – Decorating church for the holidays –PLEASE come to assist & leave when you must

7 – Wednesday - All day preparation for Church Bake Sale (baking bread, nut rolls, cakes)

8 – Thursday - All day preparation for Church Bake Sale (baking triangles and pita)

10– Church Bake Sale – 10-2

11 – Last day to 'GIVE FROM OUR HEARTS'

-Parish Council mtg following Divine Liturgy

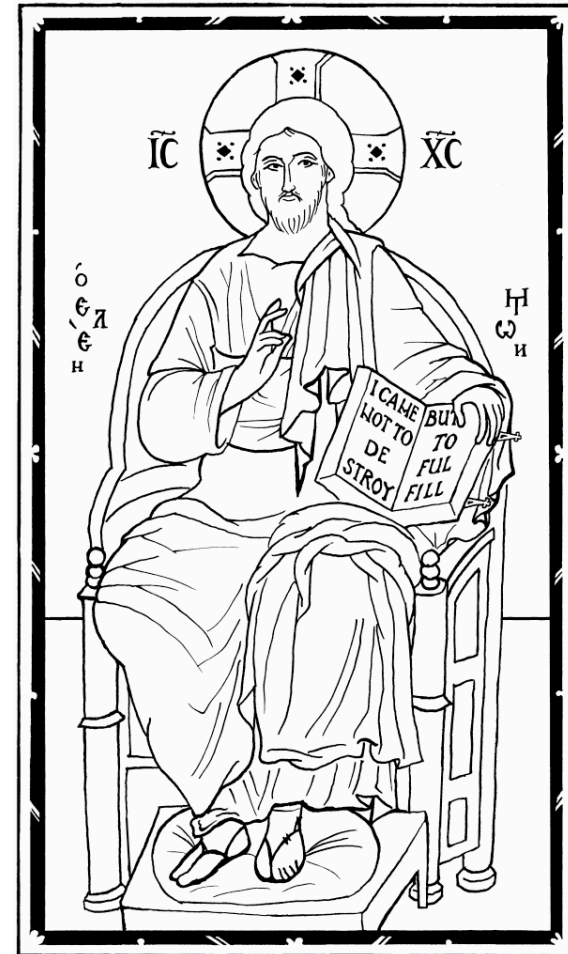
18 – Christmas Pancake Breakfast following Divine Liturgy

25 – Christmas Sunday

# SAINT PAUL ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

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**Sunday, November 27 - Tone 6**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**



**TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE DIVINE LITURGY OF  
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Epistle – Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters...God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God -- not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

### Gospel – Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, He called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As He said this, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by Him.

### Final Words

*Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann, the late Dean of Saint Vladimir's Seminary, celebrated the Divine Liturgy for the last time on Thanksgiving Day 1983. Two weeks later, on December 13, he fell asleep in the Lord. As is well known, Father Alexander had devoted his entire life to teaching, writing and preaching about the Eucharist—*

*the Greek word eucharist means thanksgiving. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Father Alexander took from his pocket a short written sermon, in the form of a prayer, which he proceeded to read. This was uncharacteristic of Father Alexander, since he never wrote his liturgical homilies, but delivered them extemporaneously. These were his words, which proved to be the last ever spoken by him from the ambo in Church.*

### Thank You, O Lord!

Everyone capable of thanksgiving is capable of salvation and eternal joy.

Thank You, O Lord, for having accepted this Eucharist, which we offered to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and which filled our hearts with the joy, peace and righteousness of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for having revealed Yourself unto us and given us the foretaste of Your Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having united us to one another in serving You and Your Holy Church.

Thank You, O Lord, for having helped us to overcome all difficulties, tensions, passions, temptations and restored peace, mutual love and joy in sharing the communion of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You, O Lord, for the sufferings You bestowed upon us, for they are purifying us from selfishness and reminding us of the "one thing needed;" Your eternal Kingdom.

Thank You, O Lord, for having given us this country where we are free to worship You.

Thank You, O Lord, for this school, where the name of God is proclaimed.

Thank You, O Lord, for our families: husbands, wives and, especially, children who teach us how to celebrate Your holy Name in joy, movement and holy noise.

Thank You, O Lord, for everyone and everything.

Great are You, O Lord, and marvelous are Your deeds, and no word is sufficient to celebrate Your miracles.

Lord, it is good to be here! Amen!