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Week of November 19, 2023

Sunday, November 19

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Prophet Avdias (Obadiah, 9th c. B.C.). Martyr Barlaam of Caesarea. Tone 7.

9:00am Matins

10:00 The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-mouth

11:45 Sunday school

12:00pm Fellowship

This Sunday's Hymns & Readings

Tone 7. Troparion of the resurrection

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 4. Troparion of St. Barlaam

Armed with youthful fervor, you endured martyrdom in old age and glorified Christ. You offered Him your right hand as a whole burnt offering and your holy soul as a blameless sacrifice. Intercede that all that be granted forgiveness, Great-martyr Barlaam.

Tone 7. Kontakion of the resurrection

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Tone 3. Kontakion of St. Barlaam

Though weak with old age you vanquished the Evil One in your mighty contest, O Barlaam. You endured the rack like one without a body, and steadfastly endured the burning of your hand. Therefore, God the Word has crowned you with a crown of glory.

Tone 7. Prokeimenon

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace.

Offer to the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!

Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22

Tone 7. Alliluias

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High.

To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night.

Gospel: Luke 12:16-21

Communion Hymn

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

Alliluia, Alliluia, Alliluia!

This week's schedule

Monday, November 20. Ven. Gregory the Decapolite (816).

1:00-3:00pm Fr. Silviu office hours cancelled

6:00-8:00pm: Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the feast

Tuesday, November 21. **The Entry of the All-holy Birthgiver-of-God into the Temple.**

Wednesday, November 22. Apostles of the Seventy Philemon and Archippus, Martyr Apphia, wife of Philemon and Equal-to-the-Apostles, and Onesimus, disciple of St. Paul (1st c.).

3:00-5:00pm Fr. Silviu office hours cancelled

6:00-7:00pm: Ninth Hour and Daily Vespers

Thursday, November 23. Repose of Rt. Blv. Great Prince Alexander Nevsky, in schema Aleksy (1263).

Friday, November 24. Great Martyr Catherine of Alexandria (305-313)..

Saturday, November 25. Ieromartyr Clement, Pope of Rome (101). Saint Clement of Ochrid, Equal of the Apostles, Bishop of Greater Macedonia, and his companions Nahum, Savva, Gorazd and Angelar (916).

5:00-5:50pm Adult education class with Fr. Kyril

6:00-7:00pm Ninth Hour and Great Vespers

7:00-7:30pm Choir practice

Announcements

Divine Liturgy this Monday November 20 at 6:00pm for the feast

This Tuesday, November 21, is the great feast of the Presentation of the Birth-giver of God and, as usual, we will celebrate a great feast with a vesperal Divine Liturgy on its eve, in this case on Monday, November 20, at 6:00pm.

Our archbishop's visit

Between November 21-26 we will have our Archbishop Alexander visiting our parish. Vladyka Alexander will give the sermon on Nov 26.

Baptism on November 26 at 9:00 am

On November 26 at 9:00 am, instead of Matins, we will have the baptism of Matthew Zarandona. Please join us in the celebration!

Help with our international festival on December 8-9!

Our international festival is taking place again, on Saturday, December 9, between 10:00am-4:00pm. Announcements and calls for help will go out often, in different ways—email, parish website, Whatsapp, Facebook, etc. Please help as much as you can, in whichever way you can.

Holy Unction on December 20!

The service of Holy Unction will be done again on Wednesday December 20 at 6:00, instead of Vespers. The last time it was served in March, during Lent, and it won't be served again until Lent.

Quote of the Week

A brother came to see Abba Macarius the Egyptian, and said to him, 'Abba, give me a word, that I may be saved.' So the old man said, 'Go to the cemetery and revile the dead.' The brother went there, reviled them and threw stones at them; then he returned and told the old man about it. The latter said to him, 'Didn't they say anything to you?' He replied, 'No.' The old man said, 'Go back tomorrow and praise them.' So the brother went away and praised them, calling them, Apostles, saints and righteous men.' He returned to the old man and said to him, 'I have complimented them.' And the old man said to him, 'Did they not answer you?' The brother said no. The old man said to him, 'You know how you insulted them and they did not reply, and how you praised them and they did not speak; so you too if you wish to be saved must do the same and become a dead man. Like the dead, take no account of either the scorn of men or their praises, and you can be saved.'

(from *The Sayings of the Desert Fathers (The Gerondikon)*. The Alphabetical Collection. Translated, with a foreword by Benedicta Ward)