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24 NOVEMBER 2024 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-
The Holy and Great-Martyress Catherine of Alexandria

Tone 5 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Troparion *(Feast)*

Today is the prelude of the good will of God,
of the preaching of the salvation of mankind.
The Virgin appears in the Temple of God,
in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all.
Let us rejoice and sing to her:
“Rejoice, O Fulfillment//
of the Creator’s dispensation!”

Tone 5 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.
You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,//
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

Tone 4 Kontakion *(Feast)*

The most pure Temple of the Savior;
the precious Chamber and Virgin;
the sacred Treasure of the glory of God,
is presented today in the house of the Lord.
She brings with her the grace of the Spirit,
therefore, the angels of God praise her://
“Truly this woman is the abode of Heaven!”

Tone 5 Prokeimenon *(Resurrection)*

You, O Lord, shall protect us / and preserve us from this generation forever.
(Ps. 11:7)

V. Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly! (Ps. 11:1a)

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(Song of the Birth-Giver of God)*

My soul magnifies the Lord, / and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
(Lk. 1:46-47)

Epistle

(215) Galatians 6:11-18

Tone 5

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation. (Ps. 88:1-2)

V. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens. (Ps. 88:3)

Tone 8

V Harken, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear! (Ps. 44:9a)

Gospel

(71) Luke 13:10-17

Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:

Tone 4

The angels beheld the entrance of the Pure One and were amazed.//
How has the Virgin entered into the Holy of Holies?

Since she is a living Ark of God
let no profane hand touch the Birth-Giver of God.
But let the lips of believers unceasingly sing to her,
praising her in joy with the angel's song://
"Truly, you are more exalted than all, O pure Virgin!"

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)
I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. (Ps. 115:4)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Announcements

PRAY FOR UKRAINE! The Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy in the Lehigh Valley sponsors weekly Moleben services for the peace and well-being of Ukraine. The next Moleben service will be this **Tuesday, 19 November, at 6:30 PM at Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church 315 4th Street West Easton, PA 18018. We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!**

CHRISTMAS FAST: A Reminder that the CHRISTMAS FAST has begun, during which we prepare for the Feast of the NATIVITY OF OUR LORD. We remind all our parishioners to use this time to apply themselves to more profound **prayer and fasting and especially to approach the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Communion.** Please check the schedule in the weekly bulletin for the opportunities for Confession.

SAVE THE DATE: 07 December—Holiday Bazaar sponsored by the Sisterhood and Brotherhood. We are looking for volunteers to work the Bazaar, make baked goods for sale, make special soups, and sponsor \$100 gift baskets (partner with a friend if you cannot sponsor the entire \$100). For more information and to volunteer, please see Robin Bodnar or Hayden Arp. This bazaar is greatly needed for our parish fundraising efforts. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help.

COFFEE SOCIAL: Today's coffee hour is hosted by THE CHOIR.

Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church: Fr. John Fencik, Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucul, Fr. Vasyl Dovgan, Fr. Mark Koczak, Tania Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, Gloria Dunski, Marie Hinkley, Mary Kennedy, John Milinchik, Daniel Melnichek, Michael Onushko, Nancy Onusko, Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, Dori Bochnak, Katheryn Solan, Mary Carol Bannon, Elsie Moroz, the Child of God Karina Strashinsky and the Child of God Johnny Walson.

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Schedule for this Week

SUNDAY - 24 November - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- The Holy and Great-Martyress Catherine of Alexandria
Galatians 6:11-18 Luke 13:10-17

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

Monday, 25 November - Our Holy Father Clement, Pope of Rome
Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 Luke 5:24-34

Tuesday, 26 November - The Venerable Alipius the Stylite/Dedication of the Church of St. George in Kyiv
1 Thessalonians 1:6-10 Luke 19:45-48

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE - [Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church 3rd Street West Easton.](#)
(Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy)

Wednesday, 27 November - The Holy and Great-Martyr James the Persian
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Luke 20:1-8

Thursday, 28 November - The Holy Martyr Stephen the New of Mt. St. Auxentius (THANKSGIVING DAY)
1 Thessalonians 2:9-18 Luke 20:9-18

9 AM - Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Thanksgiving Foods

Friday, 29 November - The Holy Martyr Paramon and those with him
1 Thessalonians 2:14-20 Luke 20:19-26

Saturday, 30 November - The Holy Glorious Apostle Andrew the First-Called (Minor Holy Day)
1 Corinthians 4:9-16 John 1:35-51

SUNDAY - 01 December - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- The Holy Prophet Nahum
Ephesians 2:4-10 Luke 18:35-43

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

THANKSGIVING DAY

<https://frted.wordpress.com/2008/11/27/thanksgiving-day-2008/> (Edited for our bulletin)

Thanksgiving is a good day for us to reflect on our relationship with God. We can look at two past Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamations to get some sense of how American leaders understood God and why they saw it as important to give thanks to the Creator of the Universe. First you can read the entire [Thanksgiving Proclamation of George Washington, 3 October 1789](#) and even see [his actual handwritten letter](#) of the proclamation. The following is only part of it:

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor— and

whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness. ... and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions— ... To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

In other parts of the proclamation Washington acknowledges the favor God has shown to the people of the United States by the outcome of the Revolutionary War. Thanksgiving is offered because people understand God's favor is given freely by God not because we have earned or merited that favor. Washington acknowledges this by asking God to forgive us our sins. This part of a Thanksgiving proclamation may seem strange to modern American ears – why mention our sins when we are giving thanks to God? It has to do with the strong sense of unmerited grace. God favors and blesses America “while we are still sinners” not because we are righteous. This is the nature of God's grace, and why we should be thankful. If we had earned God's blessings, we wouldn't need to be thankful as the blessings would be our just payment for work rendered.



Washington had to acknowledge a war as being part of the nation's recent experience. Washington brings to mind the sins of the nation in his Thanksgiving Proclamation. He understood that God shedding His grace on America was not because of America's righteousness, but because God is favorably disposed to set things right. It is the sense of one's sinfulness that makes the experience of God's blessings so pronounced and which leads to a joyful expression of thanksgiving: We don't deserve to live in a blessed land, we are sinners, and yet God has blessed us with abundance. It is an experience of grace not a story of hard earned payment.

Unfortunately in modern times, we Americans have forgotten about our sins, and see little need to repent and even at times make it to be unpatriotic to refer to our sins or to acknowledge that we Americans individually and as a nation are sinners in need of God's mercies. It is however in recognizing our sinfulness and the undeserved favor we have received from God that leads to our Thanksgiving. We thank God out of our humbleness not in our arrogance. In arrogance we might think we deserve God's favor because we are so righteous. In humility we understand ourselves as sinners, and yet and in spite of our sins, God has showered favor on us. Thanks be to God. Thanksgiving certainly is much in line with the spirit of the Nativity Fast and asking God's forgiveness. Repentance gives us a greater sense of thanksgiving as we realize how undeserved God's grace really is, and how special it is to experience the blessings of God despite our sins.