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Sunday, December 13, 2009

***Sunday of the Forefathers (Ancestors) of Christ
& Herman of Alaska, Enlightener of the Aleuts***

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN 2nd Mode

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy Hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the Powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of Life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE FOREFATHERS IN 2nd Mode

Thou hast justified by faith the ancient Forefathers, and through them Thou hast gone before and betrothed unto Thyself the Church of the Gentiles. Let the saints, therefore, take pride in glory; for from their seed sprouted forth a noble fruit, and she it was who gave birth to Thee without seed. Wherefore, by their pleadings, O Christ God, save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. HERMAN IN 4th Mode

Blessed ascetic of the northern wilds and gracious intercessor for the whole world, teacher of the Orthodox Faith, good instructor of piety, adornment of Alaska and joy of all America, holy Father Herman, pray to Christ God that He save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. PETER (IN CHAINS)

Thou hast come to us without leaving Rome, thou who doest preside over the Apostles by the power of the venerable chains that thou didst bear. While honoring them in faith, we beseech thee that by thine intercessions, God may grant us great mercy.

THE EPISTLE - For the Holy Forefathers

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (3:4-11)

Brethren, when Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

THE GOSPEL - For the Holy Forefathers

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (14:16-24)

The Lord spoke this parable: “A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for all is now ready.’ But, one by one, they all began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.’ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.’ And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

***** *Announcements for the Week of December 13th* *****

- **The Nativity fast continues.** We allow for fish, wine, and oil, except for Wednesdays and Fridays (which are always lenten), up through December 19th; lenten thereafter.
- **TODAY!! Parish Council** will meet following Orthodox school.
- **Morning liturgy** is Thursday (Dec. 17) to honor the Prophet Daniel & the Three Youths. Weekday services have resumed. Consult the monthly calendar for times.
- **COH** – has need of grocery and gas cards for Christmas for needy families. People can give any amount of money they wish & Dr. Randi will happily purchase the cards.

- Catechism class has resumed

Schedule of Divine Services--	
<i>Ordinary Schedule:</i>	<i>Special Schedule:</i>
<u>Daily Matins</u> at 6:00 AM, Wednesday and Friday <u>Saturday Matins</u> at 7:00 AM	<u>Daily Matins</u> at 6:00 AM, Monday -- Friday, except Thursday <u>Saturday Matins</u> at 7:00 AM
<u>Vespers</u> at 5:00 PM, Tuesday & Friday. [Every evening at certain times]	
For the Lord's Day (Sunday) Great Vespers at 5:00 PM, Saturday (preceded by the 9 th Hour, at 4:45 PM) Sunday Matins at 8:00 AM, Sunday Divine Liturgy immediately follows Matins; thus, at about 9:15 AM. <i>Special Services are scheduled; see Announcements</i>	