

Parish Services & Activities November 18 - 26

◆ Saturday, November 18 f/w/o

- 10am Tour/Volunteer Lexington Rescue Mission
- 6:30pm Cathedral Vigil*
- 7:30pm Moleben for Peace (the church will remain open throughout the night for private prayer for Christians suffering the effects of war, chaos, and persecution)
- 7:30pm Confessions

◆ Sunday, November 19 f/w/o

- 9:30am Divine Liturgy*
- 11:10am Children's SS
- 11:30am Fellowship Hour Team B (Kamau)
- 12pm Bread Ministry (Hannah, Eduard)
- 12pm St. Elizabeth Sisterhood Reading Group

◆ Monday, November 20 *Forefeast Entrance*

- 6:30pm Festal Vigil
- 8:20 Confessions

◆ Tuesday, November 21 *Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos* f/w/o

- 7am Festal Liturgy

◆ Wednesday, November 22

- 6:30pm Compline w/Thanksgiving Akathist
- 7:30pm Confessions
- No Christian Ed Class
- No Adult Sunday School

◆ Thursday, November 23 *St. Alexander Nevsky / Thanksgiving Holiday* w/o

- 8am Thanksgiving Day Liturgy

◆ Friday, November 24 *Greatmartyr Catherine* _

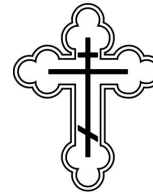
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- 6:30pm Cathedral Vigil*
- 7:30pm Confessions

◆ Sunday, November 26 f/w/o

- 9:30am Divine Liturgy*
- NO Children's SS
- 11:30am Fellowship Hour Team C (Siskar)
- 12pm Bread Ministry (Bradshaw/Skees)
- 5-7pm Youth Group

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Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

November 19, 2023 / 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Readings for Today: **Epistle:** Ephesians 2:14-22. **Gospel:** Luke 12:16-21

A BIG THANK YOU to an anonymous donor who has provided (*for many years & this year*) the annual St. Tikhon's Monastery OCA Calendars for our parish. We ask that each household only take one 2024 calendar (see box in back of nave).

His Beatitude Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada

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Welcome on this 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Visitors should feel free to participate at their comfort level. Greeters and Doorkeepers are happy to assist you. **As a reminder to all**, Holy Communion is only given to Orthodox Christians who have kept fast, made recent confession, and are at peace with their neighbor.

We will sing Many Years this Sunday for newly-engaged couple Maxwell Williams and Katelin Pegg. May the Lord prepare them for Holy Matrimony!

The Feast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos (f/w/o) is Tuesday, November 21. Festal Vigil will be on Monday evening at 6:30pm followed by confessions, and Festal Liturgy will be at 7am on Tuesday. This is a great feast of our church and if at all possible you should try to plan on attending at least one of the services.

On Wednesday (instead of the usual Vespers service), Father will lead a **Compline w/ Thanksgiving Akathist** at 6:30pm. All usual activities are canceled for this week.

Thanksgiving Liturgy will be served on Thursday, November 23 at 8am. There is no service on Friday. Greatmartyr Catherine will be commemorated during the Sunday Liturgy on the 26th.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday there are no Parish Life Activities this Week

St. Nicholas Gift Tags will be available this weekend. These are obtained from the local Salvation Army Office Angel Tree Program for children in Jessamine County. Beth Walther is the coordinator of this ministry should you have any questions. The *unwrapped gifts* must be returned by St. Nicholas Day, December 6.

A Season of Giving and Call for Alms over the 40 Days Until Christmas

During the Nativity Fast, our parish community customarily steps out of our comfort zone to help others. Our alms fund is the major funding source for our efforts to help. Our alms fund is covering 40 Thanksgiving Baskets that are being distributed to our neighbors. Matushka Tamara and Grace Sowers worked together to procure groceries (\$1000 worth--which will come from alms) and are mobilizing volunteers even this weekend to help finish distribution to needy families. Other efforts, like our usual Angel Tree Christmas Gift Project, will be announced in the coming weeks. Know that our parish tries to (judiciously and prudently) step up and help people in need during this season. Your help to our alms fund is greatly appreciated--and makes our material help possible!

St. Elizabeth Sisterhood News

- ◆ **Nativity Reading Discussion** on *Behold a Great Light: A Daily Devotional for the Nativity Fast through Theophany*—November 19, December 3 & 17—in the conference room.
- ◆ **Volunteer at Lexington Rescue Mission** on Friday, Dec. 22, 2023 from 3:00-6:00 pm. If interested see Mary Bradshaw or email her at mary.bradshaw81@gmail.com.
- ◆ **The Sisterhood will be making wreaths** for the main doors to the church, December 2nd between 10AM to 1PM. If you have any materials such as evergreen branches and/or holly branches to spare, it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to bring a Lenten snack to share, it would certainly be welcomed. We will also be having our traditional mimosas. Please see Oma or Deb if you have any questions.
- ◆ **Baby Baskets** have been placed in the conference room for expectant mothers Hannah Kozar, Amanda Eichelberger, and Frankie Henry. Please share your love for them with small pampering gifts for the expectant mothers and/or welcome gifts for the soon-to-be newborns.
- ◆ **Sisterhood of St. Elizabeth Christmas Tea** on December 9 from 11am-2pm at the home of Deb Bishop. Please plan to join us for a time of food, fellowship and fun! Details TBA.

Thank You for Supporting the Collection for Metropolitan Tikhon's OCA Stewards two weekends ago. Five Hundred (\$500) was collected for the work of His Beatitude's initiatives and we are passing that gift along!

Date	Bread Ministry (12-12:30pm)	Counting	Doorkeeper	Fellowship Hour	Greeter	Prospora
11/19	Hannah Kamau, Eduard Svystun	Ashlee Harover, Teresa Powell	Jeremiah Naughton	Team B (Kamau)	Tommy Evans	Mary Bradshaw
11/26	Bradshaw / Skees	Daniel Kozar, Logan Sowers	Hannah Kamau	Team C (Siskar)	Ronald McKinley	Use Reserve
12/3	Audrey Wagener, Ashlee Hanover	Mary Cook, Michael Harover	Michael Naughton	Team D (Bradshaw)	Rebecca Wilson	Steve Bishop
12/10	Mat Tamara, Ian, Rebecca Wilson	Grace Sowers, Teresa Name	Linda Frangedakis	Team A (Lourie)	Tommy Evans	Mary Bradshaw

Tuesday, December 5 from 9am to 1pm
Volunteers Needed to assist in decorating the church for Nativity. Linda Frangedakis and Marijime Reeves are the coordinators for this activity, but many hands are needed to ready the church for the Nativity Feast.