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Sunday 19 November 24th Sunday After Pentecost

Sat 18 Nov	3:15pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	+Jean Ann Petro by Mary Kay Silvestri, Barbara Bobak and Martha Heresko
Sun 19 Nov	8:00am	+Andrew & Bertha Mikula by Ron Mikula
	10:30am	Parishioners of St. John's
Tue 21 Nov	9:00am	Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos HGB Megan Stong by Grand Mom
Thr 23 Nov	9:00am	Thanksgiving Day 60th Wedding Anniversary HGB M/M Richard & Anna Marie Hunter
Fri 24 Nov	9:00am	+John Bogda by Friends
Sat 25 Nov	3:15pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	+Robert Monaghan by Wife Mary Ann Monaghan
Sun 26 Nov	8:00am	Parishioners of St. John's
	10:30am	+Helen Lewis by John & Phylles Skurla

7 Branch Candles are given for Health and God's Blessings for Irene Kopcho by her Family..

Parish Income Sun 12 Nov Offertory \$1026; Loose \$31; Candles \$41; Fuel \$50; Holy Days \$88
Total \$1,236 Month to date: \$3,054

Divine Liturgy this Weekend

Changeable Parts: Large Green Book: Tone 7 p. 156

Opening Hymn: Red Book: When the Angel came and Announced to Her p.162

Closing Hymn: Red Book: We Thank You God Most High p. 156

The Bishop's Appeal 2017 (Formerly known as The Diocesan Development Appeal) is an annual initiative to ask your support for the works of charity listed in the Bishop's Appeal Flyer which each family will receive via regular mail. We ask each of our families to make a pledge of \$50. Our assigned parish goal is \$13,800 A gift of \$5 a month for 10 months is suggested, using the envelope designated "Diocesan Development Appeal" for that purpose.

The Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos (Presentation of the BVM) will be celebrated this coming Tuesday 21 Nov., at 9:00am. This is the first Holy Day of the Christmas Fast. We need to be prepared for Christmas in imitation of our Lady, as she prepared for the birth of Jesus, by prayer and study of the Holy Scriptures.

Thanksgiving Day will be observed this coming Thursday 23 Nov., with Services at 9:00am. We should strive mightily to make each day one of Thanksgiving to God for blessing us and our nation with so many graces and gifts.

GCU Lodge 69 pf St. John's Quarterly Meeting will be held this coming Saturday 25 Nov., at 5:15pm in the church hall. Everyone is invited to attend and learn more about the benefits of membership in the GCU.

The Holy Season of Advent or Filipovka (pre Christmas Fast) begins this coming Tuesday the feast of St. Philip the apostle. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the tried and true methods of opening ourselves to the graces of this Holy Season. Everyone should also make a good confession during this Season. The more time and effort that is made the greater the rewards. .

The Annual Fall Chinese Auction was again a fine success thanks to the generosity and efforts of many. May the Lord bless and reward all those who gave their time, talents, and gifts. The funds raised go toward the maintenance needs of our parish. The income was \$3,424 not including any matching funds we may receive from the GCU.

The Christmas Bake Sale will begin this coming Friday after Thanksgiving (24 Nov.) and continue through Tues., 28 Nov. Dough preparation will be on Friday and Saturday 24-25 Nov., beginning at 8:00am. Baking will be done on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday 26-27-28 beginning at 7:00am. Deadline for order pick ups is Wednesday 29 Nov. We ask for volunteers for each day but especially on Sunday the 26th when we need to do more batches of rolls than on the other days. Please try to plan ahead and make some time to help with the baking.

E-Mail Parish List We are asking each parishioner who has an e-mail address to **print** it next to your name on the list provided in the vestibule. Being able to use your e-mail address will facilitate communications from your parish to you.

Adult Education Classes will be held next Sunday 11/19.

The classes will concentrate on "the basics" of our faith starting with an in-depth discussion concerning each part of the Creed. After News Year's classes will be held approximately every two weeks. All adults are encouraged to attend and deepen their Faith. Classes are held in the school at 9:15am on Sunday mornings.

Prayer for Vocations "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send laborers into his harvest." One way we can all be involved in vocation ministry is through prayer. We are making a special effort of Prayer for Vocations for all of the Byzantine Catholic Churches in the USA. Everyone in the parish is invited to host the Vocation Icon for a week of fervent prayer for Vocations which will be said in our homes. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Deacon Ed Quinn.

Please remember in your prayers: parishioners, family and friends recovering from illness and surgery: Nursing Homes: **Chestnut Knoll:** Carol Horosky; **Keystone Villa:** Michael Dwinchick; **The Gardens of Pottstown** (formerly Coventry Manor): Margaret Kanuck, **Manatawny Manor:** Ann Hydutsky, Dot Leck, Mary Ann Peterson; **Amity Place:** Helen Barr; **S. East Veterans Hosp.** Stanley Grayouskie; and also the following: Daniel, Silvia & Daniel Jr., Acosta, Robert Baumer, Betty Bartko, Frank Dagostino, Louise Dwinchick, Margaret Foley, Richard Groth, Irene Kopcho, Michael Kriczky, Jim Lenhart, Veronica Leck, Joanne Marcheskie, Renee McLaughlin, Rachael Newby, Martha Mochan, Christopher Piel, Steven Schmidts, Magdeline Shanta, Shirley Slabodin, Sophie Slabodin, Theresa Weiss.