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**17 November 26th Sunday After Pentecost**

Sat 16 Nov	3:15pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	+Paul & Barbara Kochu by Janice Konowal
Sun 17 Nov	9:00am	+William Glatz by Wife Mary Glatz and Family
Thr 21 Nov	9:00am	Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos + Andrew & Frances Mikula by Ron Mikula
Fri 22 Nov	9:00am	Parishioners of St. John's
Sat 23 Nov	3:15pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	+John & Madeline Olock by Mel & Pat Olock
Sun 24 Nov	9:00am	+Norman Hallowell by Wife Mary Beth and Family

**7 Branch Candles** are given for Health and God's Blessings for Earl Stong by his Family.

**Parish Income** 10 November Offertory \$1,467; Loose \$580 Candles \$22; Fuel \$180; Holy Days \$92; Thanksgiving \$20; Maint.Fund \$52; Bishop's Appeal \$150; A/C Fund \$800. Total \$3,406  
Month to date: \$6,678

**Divine Liturgy This Weekend**

Red Book: ; Opening Hymn Give Me Your Body O Christ p. 150

Green Book Tone 1 p.125

Green Book: Beneath your Compassion p. 454 #B

**Please remember in your prayers:** parishioners, family and friends recovering from illness and surgery:

**Arcadia at Limerick:** Nancy Erdek; **Frederick Living:** Sarah Roshoa, and also: Fr. Nicholas de Prospero, Audrey Gluszyk, Anna Marie Hunter, Keith Hunter, Michael Kriczky, Barbara Lenhart, Mark Lewis, Cletus McLaughlin, Daniel Mc Laughlin, Pat McLaughlin, David Mondik, Dillon Richard, Maksym Stetsenko, Earl Stong

**Our Parish Cemetery** is both a privilege and a challenge. We are fortunate that we can go and visit our loved ones buried there, bring them flowers and pray for their souls. Our challenge is keeping up with the never ending maintenance of the grounds. Witness that the fence has been breached for the third time, this year. The perpetual care of the cemetery is our responsibility and we ought to shoulder it by our donations to the Cemetery Collection which this year was under \$1,000 toward an annual, ordinary expense of about \$25,000. Please donate if you can.

**The Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos** or the Presentation of the BVM in the Temple will be celebrated this coming Thursday 21 Nov., at 9am. This Feast Day shows us an exemplar of how our Lady prepared for the birth of her Son and how we in turn are to prepare ourselves during Advent for the coming Feast of Christmas. Being in the Temple for us means being in church but also being in the temple of our own body and experiencing our true identity as a dwelling place for God through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. This awareness is the fruit of a good prayer life.

**The Holy Season of Advent** began on Thursday 14 with the commemoration of St. Philip the Apostle which is why it is called "Philipovka" and also called the "Pre Christmas Fast." Fasting is an integral part of our Faith. We fast because Christ taught us to fast by His example. Fasting for Advent must be connected to prayer and giving alms for those in need. Advent is the spiritual preparation for the Feast of Christmas, the day when God came down to earth to save us.

**Fasting during Advent** The explosion of Social Media is an indication of how profoundly we hunger for connection. We crave connection because God put in us a desire for wholeness which comes from union or connection with Him. Wholeness is the fruit of our balancing the relationship between our soul and our body. Fasting paradoxically strengthens our soul. When our soul is weak, we are out of balance and do not perceive the truth of our being which God created in His image and likeness. Then we are disconnected with true self and therefore we seek to find that missing connection in places where it cannot be found.

**Our Annual St. Nicholas Celebration** and Cookie Walk will be held on the second Sunday of December. The celebration includes a covered dish luncheon, a children's play and the Maintenance Fund Drawing. Please hold the date and plan to attend. We are asking for donations of home made cookies for the Cookie Walk which benefits the School of Religion.

**Sign Up for the St. Nicholas Covered Dish Luncheon** We need you to sign up for the luncheon and indicate which covered dish you will bring and the number of adults and children in your party.

**Holy Ghost Church** in Philadelphia invites you to a Pasta Luncheon and Raffle Fundraiser On Sunday 17 Nov., at 1:00pm. Check the bulletin board for details . .

**The Fall Bishop's Appeal began in October.** We ask each of our families to pledge a donation to this annual appeal to help our Eparchy be an instrument of the spreading of the Gospel of Christ through charitable works made possible through your donations made in His Name. The list of those who benefit from your donations is long and a worthy one. Remember our Lord said "as often as you did it for the least of my brethren, you did it for me." Our donations are a win / win. They show our gratitude to God for His Blessings and are a helping hand to those who need one.

**St. John's Capital Campaign** will begin with each parish family receiving a letter asking for a pledge to help raise funds to pay for the new air conditioning system which cost roughly \$96,000. We used our reserve money to pay for the system and now we need to replace the reserve so that we can be ready for any future contingency. With current inflation, everyone has less money so that any pledge you make will be an even greater sacrifice and therefore the Lord will bless your sacrifice even more abundantly.