

# SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sat. Dec. 7	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec.8	9 am	Divine Liturgy
Sat. Dec. 14	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec.15	9 am	Divine Liturgy
Wed. Dec. 18	6 pm	Great Vespers St. Nicholas
Thurs Dec. 19	9 am	Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas
Sat. Dec. 21	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Dec.22	9 am	Divine Liturgy

\*If you attend a morning service other than Sunday, please remember **not** to park in front of Al's Meat Market. The Elks/American Legion parking area is right through the outdoor hall.



TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR, S

# **GIVING TREE PROJECT**



# PRAY FOR PEACE. PRAY FOR EACH OTHER. DO GOOD WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME.

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SUN. DEC. 8, 2024 HIEROMARTYR CLEMENT OF ROME TONE 7 LEAVETAKING OF THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS





#### Prokeimenon in Tone 7 (Ps 29)

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace!

Offer the Lord, O you sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord! And in the 3rd Tone (Luke 1:47)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

# EPISTLE: EPH. 2:14-22 (§221); HEB.9:1-7 (§320)

**ID RETHREN**, for Christ himself has brought us peace by making Jews and Gentiles one people. With his own body he broke down  $\mathcal{C}$  the wall that separated them and kept them enemies. He abolished the Jewish Law with its commandments and rules, in order to create out of the two races one new people in union with himself, in this way making peace. By his death on the cross Christ destroyed their enmity; by means of the cross he united both races into one body and brought them back to God. So Christ came and preached the Good News of peace to all - to you Gentiles, who were far away from God, and to the Jews, who were near to him. It is through Christ that all of us, Jews and Gentiles, are able to come in the one Spirit into the presence of the Father. So then, you Gentiles are not foreigners or strangers any longer; you are now citizens together with God's people and members of the family of God. You, too, are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, the cornerstone being Christ Jesus himself. He is the one who holds the whole building together and makes it grow into a sacred temple dedicated to the Lord. In union with him you too are being built together with all the others into a place where God lives through his Spirit.

BRETHREN, the first covenant had rules for worship and a place made for worship as well. A tent was put up, the outer one, which was called the Holy Place. In it were the lampstand and the table with the bread offered to God. Behind the second curtain was the tent called the Most Holy Place. In it were the gold altar for the burning of incense and the Covenant Box all covered with gold and containing the gold jar with the manna in it, Aaron's stick that had sprouted leaves, and the two stone tablets with the commandments written on them. Above the Box were the winged creatures representing God's presence, with their wings spread over the place where sins were forgiven. But now is not the time to explain everything in detail. This is how those things have been arranged. The priests go into the outer tent every day to perform their duties, but only the high priest goes into the inner tent, and he does so only once a year. He takes with him blood which he offers to God on behalf of himself and for the sins which the people have committed without knowing they were sinning.+

#### Alleluia in Tone 7 (Ps 92)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High!

To declare Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night!

#### And in the 8th Tone (Ps. 44:9)

Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear.

### GOSPEL : LUKE 13:10-17 (§71); 10:38-42, 11:27-28 (§54)

T THAT TIME, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on L the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

T THAT TIME, Jesus entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that nursed you!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"+