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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

January 28, 2024

34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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New Martyrs and Confessors of
Russia

Ven. Ephraim the Syrian

NEW MARTYRS AND CONFESSORS OF RUSSIA

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth.

Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history. It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity.

The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only “crime” was their unshakable faith in God. In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints).

Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Larissa, Cristina, Jerry, Basil, Michelle, Yuri, Davide, Pina, Kelsey and her unborn

CATECHUMEN: Calvin

MISSIONARIES: The McDonald family

DEPARTED: Archpriest Moses, Archpriest Ivan, Nicholas

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING & PARISH COUNCIL: Join us today immediately after Divine Liturgy for Annual Parish Meeting. We will be holding elections for some of the Parish Council positions and internal auditors.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: A big football game is coming up on February 11, 2024, and once again on that weekend our parish will "tackle" hunger to help people in need both near and far. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and diapers (sizes 5 and 6) for the Grace Pantry in Alexandria. We also will collect donations for IOCC, including for their ongoing emergency relief efforts in the Holy Land and Ukraine. Our goals for this event are to collect 500+ diapers in size 5, 500+ diapers in size 6, and \$500 in donations for IOCC. Please bring your donations on or before Sunday, February 11. Lory Easton is willing to purchase diapers at Costco for any who would like to contribute that way (PayPal to LBEBiz2010@gmail.com), and a Souper Bowl of Caring Amazon Wish List also is available (via email).

HOME BLESSINGS: If you would like to have your house blessed, please let Fr. Alessandro know. Home blessings will be scheduled through the end of February. To prepare for Father's visit, on your dining room table or at your icon corner, lay out a white cloth if you have it, and set on it a candle that can be carried around the house and your prayer list.

OYM DC RETREAT: Orthodox Youth & Young Adult Ministries (OYM) is hosting a pan-Orthodox retreat for youth and adults on Saturday, Feb 10, at Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Silver Spring, MD. The full-day retreat will have two tracks, one for youth (grades 6-12, high school and middle school) and one for adults including young professionals, parents, and youth workers. The

theme is "3E-Treat" with the goal to help participants encounter Christ, embody His Church, and engage the world in His Name. The retreat is without cost but pre-registration is required. For more information and to register: theoym.org/washingtondc

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

January 28, Sun

8:45 AM	Church School
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
11:00 AM	Parish Annual Meeting

January 21, Sun

8:45 AM	Church School
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

February 1, Thu

6:00 PM	Great Vespers
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February 2, Fri

9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
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February 3, Sat

5:00 PM	Great Vespers
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February 4, Sun

8:45 AM	Church School
9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

Jan 28

Feb 4

Coffee Hour:

Hughes

Margheritino

Reader:

Barr

Hughes

Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after Vespers or by appointment