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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.

November 5, 2023

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 5

Synaxis of the Holy Unmercenary
Saints

Martyrs Galaction and his wife
Repose of St. Jonah, Archbishop of
Novgorod

Saint Jonah, Archbishop of Novgorod

Saint Jonah, Archbishop of Novgorod, in the world named John, was left orphaned early in life and was adopted by a certain pious widow living in Novgorod. She raised the child and sent him to school. Blessed Michael of Klops Monastery (January 11), who chanced to meet John on the street, foretold that he would become Archbishop of Novgorod.

John received tonsure at the Otnya wilderness-monastery, 50 versts from the city, and he became igumen of this monastery. It was from here that the people of Novgorod chose him as their archbishop in 1458, after the death of Saint Euthymius (March 11). Saint Jonah enjoyed great influence at Moscow, and during his time as hierarch, the Moscow princes did not infringe upon the independence of Novgorod.

Saint Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow (1449-1461), was a friend of the Novgorod Archbishop Saint Jonah, and wanted him to become his successor. In 1463, Archbishop Jonah built the first church dedicated to Saint Sergius of Radonezh in the Novgorod region. Concerning himself over reviving traditions of the old days in the Novgorod Church, he summoned to Novgorod the renowned compiler of Saints' Lives, Pachomius the Logothete, who wrote both the services and history of the best known Novgorod Saints, based on local sources. And to this time period belongs also the founding of the Solovki monastery. Saint Jonah rendered much help and assistance in the organizing of the monastery.

To Saint Zosimas he gave a special land-grant (in conjunction with the secular authorities of Novgorod), by which the whole of Solovki Island was granted to the new monastery. The saint, after his many toils, and sensing the approach of his end, wrote a spiritual testament to bury his body at the Otnya monastery.

On November 5, 1470, after he received the Holy Mysteries, the saint fell asleep in the Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Alexis, Jody, Michelle, Yuri, Kelsey and her unborn

CATECHUMEN: Calvin

MISSIONARIES: The McDonald family

NAMEDAYS: Michelle Weaver, Robert Easton

ANNIVERSARIES: Bob & Lory Easton, Anirudh & Julia Bomadevar

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRIES OF THE OCA: His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has designated today, November 5 as Stewards of the OCA Sunday. Across the Orthodox Church in America, parishes are encouraged to take a special collection to benefit the departments and offices of the OCA.

JOURNEY TO FULLNESS: Fr. Alessandro leads the discussion on the introductory course to the Orthodox Church called *Journey to Fullness* at 7:00p every Thursday via Zoom.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: Fr. Alessandro and the Parish Council have designated Sunday, November 12 as our Stewardship Sunday. Please, join us after Liturgy for coffee hour when Fr Alessandro will give a presentation on our vision for growth, budget, support for charity, and our collective financial commitment through pledges.

BEGINNING OF THE NATIVITY FAST: Wed, November 15 marks the beginning of the Nativity fast. This is a time of preparation for the great feast of the Nativity in the flesh of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. At the same time, this is also a time of spiritual renewal which is possible through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. May the Lord strengthen all of us in this blessed season! In the coming weeks, every Tuesday we will celebrate the short (20 minutes) and beautiful Small Compline at 6:00 pm. During this time of preparation and fasting, all Orthodox Christians should go to Confession at least once.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

November 5, Sun

8:45 AM

Church School

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

November 11, Sat

5:00 PM

Great Vespers

November 12, Sun

8:45 AM

Church School

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM

Stewardship presentation

November 14, Tue

7:00 PM

Parish Council

November 15, Wed

6:00 PM

Small Compline

November 16, Thu

7:00 PM

Journey to Fullness

November 18, Sat

5:00 PM

Great Vespers

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

Nov 5

Nov 12

Coffee Hour:

Class

Childs

Reader:

Woodill

Childs

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