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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 19, 2023

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Prophet Obadiah

Martyr Barlaam of Cæsarea in
Cappadocia

PROPHET OBADIAH

The holy Prophet Obadiah [or Abdia] is the fourth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, and he lived during the ninth century B.C. He was from the village of Betharam, near Sichem, and he served as steward of the impious Israelite King Ahab. In those days the whole of Israel had turned away from the true God and had begun to offer sacrifice to Baal, but Obadiah faithfully served the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in secret.

When Ahab's wife, the impious and dissolute Jezebel, hunted down all the prophets of the Lord (because of her quarrel with the Prophet Elias), Obadiah gave them shelter and food (3/1 Kgs 18:3 ff). Ahab's successor King Okhoziah [Ahaziah] sent three detachments of soldiers to arrest the holy Prophet Elias (July 20). One of these detachments was headed by the holy Prophet Obadiah. Through the prayer of the Prophet Elias, two of the detachments were consumed by heavenly fire, but Obadiah and his detachment were spared by the Lord (4/2 Kgs 1).

From that moment Obadiah resigned from military service and became a follower of the Prophet Elias. Afterward, he himself received the gift of prophecy. The God-inspired work of the Prophet Obadiah is the fourth of the Books of the Twelve Minor Prophets in the Bible, and contains predictions about the future salvation of the Gentiles (Vs. 15) and that the Savior would come forth from Sion (Vs. 17). The holy Prophet Obadiah, whose name means servant (or worshipper) of the Lord, was buried in Samaria.

In iconography, the Prophet Obadiah is depicted as a grey-haired old man with a rounded beard. His scroll reads: "In that day, saith the Lord, I shall destroy the wise men out of Idumea."(Obadiah 8).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Analisa, Jody, Basil, Michelle, Yuri, Kelsey and her unborn

DEPARTED: Phillip

CATECHUMEN: Calvin

MISSIONARIES: The McDonald family

BIRTHDAYS: Analisa Callender. Abi & Mazie Rusinko

NAMEDAYS: Kathryn Easton, Alexander Woodill

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION: All Orthodox Christians should approach the mystery of Confession regularly, especially before great feasts like the Nativity of the Lord for which we are currently preparing. Fr. Alessandro is available after Vespers or Small Compline. If you would like him to hear your confession at other times during the week, please email him in advance to schedule a time.

DIACONAL ORDINATION: By the grace of God, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon will ordain our parishioner Subdeacon Alexander Woodill to the Holy Diaconate on Saturday, December 9, at 9:30a, at St. Nicholas Cathedral. This is a most joyous parish event--please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

ST. NICHOLAS CARE KITS: On Sunday, Dec 17, during coffee hour, we will assemble St. Nicholas Care Kits -- gallon Ziploc bags containing a Christmas card with \$5 in cash, warm socks and gloves, some soft foods, and additional small items. We all will be able to take these bags to distribute to people who are in need. Our goal this year is to assemble 75 Care Kits containing more than 20 items each. Please sign up to bring items for the kits using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B45AFAA22A1FD0-46100294-stnicholas#/>.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: Ken Liu from OYM will lead a mini-retreat on the topic of career and calling. To register, visit tinyurl.com/career-and-calling-2023

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FORM: A gentle reminder to kindly fill out your financial commitment form for 2024 at your earliest convenience but no later than Sunday, December 3. If you have any questions on this, please contact Fr. Alessandro.

NO JOURNEY TO FULLNESS OR CHURCH SCHOOL: Please note that there will be no Journey to Fullness on Thursday, Nov 23 or Church School on Sunday, Nov 26. Everything will resume as normal the following week.

PARISH WALL CALENDARS: We have received our parish wall calendars. Please feel free to take a copy per household.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

November 19, Sun

8:45 AM

Church School

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

November 20, Mon

6:00 PM

Great Vespers

November 21, Tue

9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

November 25, Sat

5:00 PM

Great Vespers

November 26, Sun

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

Nov 19

Nov 26

Coffee Hour:

Mikhalevsky

Margheritino

Reader:

Class

Hughes

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