

### **Remember in Your Prayers**

- The newly-reposed Steven Halstead
- The newly reposed Daniel Schilke, son of Don Schilke
- The newly-reposed Vera Belyaev, grandmother of Alexei Belyaev
- The Wang Family

### **Namedays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries**

This week, Pip celebrated his Name Day, and Garrett Miller and Subdeacon Mark celebrated their birthdays! – *May God grant them many years!*

### **Parish Building Fund**

Currently raised: \$46,000

Total amount necessary to raise to receive matching grant: \$75,000

**Still need to raise before December 31<sup>st</sup>: \$29,000**

We are in the final stretch of 2 months to achieve \$75K of donations. Time to dig deep!

### **St. Euphrosynos Ministry - Agape Meal Schedule**

**Nov 19th** – Brandon Davie's Team

**Nov 26th** – Slava Bagat's Team

### **Altar Server Schedule**

*This week* – Vespers: Luke, Thomas, Soren; Divine Liturgy: Max, Miles, Daniel

*Next week* – Vespers: James, Evan; Divine Liturgy: Stavros, Logan, Toby

### **+ Weekly Services at St. Katherine Orthodox Church +**

Wednesday 6:15 pm – *Akathist/Paraklesis*

Saturday – 5:00pm – *Great Vespers*

Sunday – 9:10 am – *Hours*; 9:30 am – *Divine Liturgy*

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## **Saint Katherine of Alexandria Orthodox Church**

**Weekly Bulletin - Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost;** Prophet Obadiah, Martyr Barlaams

**Epistle:** Ephesians 2:14-22 **Gospel:** Luke 12:16-21

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### **Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 7**

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.

To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.

For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,  
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,  
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//  
granting the world great mercy.

### **Troparion for Prophet Obadiah - Tone 2**

We celebrate the memory  
of Thy Prophet Obadiah, O Lord;  
through him we beseech Thee:  
“Save our souls!”

### **Kontakion of the Resurrection - Tone 7**

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,  
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.  
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:  
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//  
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

### **Kontakion to Saint Katherine - Tone 2**

Let all of us who love to honor the martyrs, form a great choir in praise of the most wise Katherine, for she preached Christ and trampled the serpent, despising the knowledge of the orators!

***Welcome to all our guests!***

We are glad you are able to be with us this day. Guests are invited to join us for coffee and a lunch meal after the Divine Liturgy.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Epistle – Ephesians 2:14-22**

*<sup>14</sup> For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; <sup>15</sup> Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; <sup>16</sup> And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: <sup>17</sup> And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. <sup>19</sup> Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; <sup>20</sup> And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; <sup>21</sup> In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: <sup>22</sup> In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

**Gospel – Luke 12:16-21**

*<sup>16</sup> And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: <sup>17</sup> And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? <sup>18</sup> And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. <sup>20</sup> But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? <sup>21</sup> So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.*

**Commentary on the Gospel**

“The best prayer is: “Lord! Thou knowest all things. Do with me as Thou wilt!”

+ St. Theophan the Recluse +

“That rich man whose ground brought forth plentifully (Luke 12:16-21), and that other one who was clothed in purple and fine linen (Luke 16:19-31), were justly condemned, not for wrongdoing anyone, but for not sharing what was theirs. Treasures are common to all, as they come from the common storehouses of God’s creation. Anyone who appropriates what is common as his own is greedy,

though not perhaps to the same extent as someone who openly takes possession of other people’s belongings. The first, as an evil servant, will, alas, undergo the terrible punishment of being cut off. The second will be submitted to things even more dreadful and terrifying. Neither will ever be able to escape these penalties, unless they receive the poor with hospitality, the one making good use of the things entrusted to him by God, the other distributing what he has accumulated by evil means.”

+ St. Gregory Palamas, *The Homilies*, p. 98

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A few other sayings of Jesus which are in the spirit of the Holiday Season:

“No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” *The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.*” (Luke 16:13-14)

“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.” (Luke 6:32-36)

“When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.” (Luke 14:12-14)

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**+PARISH LIFE+**

**Weekly Services Coming Up**

**Nov. 20: Vespers for Entrance of the Theotokos – 6:30pm**

**Nov. 21: Liturgy for Entrance of the Theotokos – 9:30am**

**Nov. 23: Akathist of Thanksgiving – 9:30am**

**Nov. 24: Vigil for St Katherine – 6:30pm**

**Nov. 25: Feast of St Katherine – 9:30am Festal Liturgy**

**Dec. 13: St. Lucy’s Day & Akathist to St. Herman – parish fellowship & holiday craft night – 5:00pm**