

(There were no Sponsors for today's bulletin)

Readings:

- Ephesians 5:9-19
- Luke 18:18-27 *

BRETHREN, the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

At that time a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

* (The reading for the 11th Sunday of Luke is always read 2 Sundays before the Nativity, and that Sunday's reading from Luke is read on the 11th Sunday of Luke. This year, weeks 13 and 11 are switched.)

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:00 PM

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM **Divine Liturgy** – 10:00 AM
(**Private Confession** – Half hour before any service. Please don't delay the service.)

(**General Confession** – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)

(**Pannikhidas** – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School – 9:30 AM

No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.

Coffee hour - after Liturgy

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- **We would like welcome Fr Matthew Searforce and his wife Barbara.** Fr Matthew will be serving as the new Temporary Rector of our parish.
- To make a donation to the **Hurricane Sandy Diocesan Relief Fund**, please make checks payable to "Diocese of New York and New Jersey" with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo. **Mail to:** Hurricane Sandy Diocesan Relief Fund, c/o Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 285 French Hill Rd, Wayne NJ 07470-3976
- **Upcoming December events:** On Sunday **December 9th** we will be **decorating our Christmas tree** after the Liturgy. All children are invited to help with the decoration. This event will be held downstairs in our community room.
- **Our annual St Nicholas Day Celebration will be held on Sunday December 16th.** There will be a short Sunday School presentation followed by a pizza party and a visit from St Nicholas. If you would like your child to receive a gift from St Nicholas, please bring that gift, wrapped and with their name on it, in on that day. Again, all children are invited to participate.
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand. Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- The **Diocesan Assembly** will be held at the Holy Assumption Church, Clifton, New Jersey on Tuesday, December 11, 2012.
- **Dues and assessments for the year 2012 are still being collected, Total Parish Membership Fee is now \$200.** Partial payments are gladly accepted.

Prophet Habakkuk:

Today, the Church remembers the Holy Prophet Habakkuk. Prophet Habakkuk, the eighth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Simeon, and he prophesied around 650 B.C.

The Prophet Habakkuk foresaw the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the Babylonian Captivity and the later return of the captives to their native land. During the war with the Babylonians the prophet withdrew to Arabia, where the following miracle occurred. When he was bringing dinner to the reapers, he met an angel of the Lord, and instantly by the strength of his spirit he was transported to Babylon, where at the time the Prophet Daniel was languishing in prison. The food intended for the reapers assuaged the hunger of the exhausted Prophet Daniel (Dan. 14:33-37).

After the end of the war with the Babylonians, the Prophet Habakkuk returned to his homeland and died at a great old age. His relics were found at the time of Emperor Theodosius the Younger (408-450), together with the relics of the Prophet Micah (August 14).

The Fourth Ode of the Psalter ("O Lord, I have heard thy report, and was afraid...") is based on Habakkuk 3:2-19.

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**Very Reverend Doctor Matthew Searfoorce,
Temporary Rector**



Prophet Habakkuk

**Glory to Jesus
Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

*Divinely eloquent Habakkuk, you announced to the world the coming forth of
God from the south, from the Virgin.*

*Standing on the divine watch, you received a report from the radiant angel:
"You proclaimed the Resurrection of Christ to the world!"*

Therefore in gladness we cry out to you:

"Rejoice, splendid adornment of the prophets!"

Kontakion-

Today the Church remembers:

Prophet Habakkuk (Abbacum, Avakkum—6th c. B.C.)

- Ven. Afanásii (Athanasius) "the Resurrected One", Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—ca. 1176)
- Ven. Afanásii, Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—13th c.)
- Martyr Myrope of Chios (ca. 251)
- Ss. John, Heraclemon, Andrew, and Theophilus, of Egypt (4th c.)
- St. Jesse, Bishop of Tsilkansk in Georgia (6th c.)
- St. Stephen-Urosh, King of Serbia (1367)

December 2, 2012

Nativity Fast

Tone 1 of the Octoechos

26th Sunday After Pentecost
11th (13th) Sunday of Luke

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