Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sun. Jan. 19, 2020 9:00am 31st Sunday of Pentecost: Sanctity of Life Sunday

TODAY'S READINGS: I Tim. 1:15-17 Luke 18:35-43

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Today:		• Coffee Hour • Church School
Mon. Jan. 20	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Tue. Jan. 21	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Wed. Jan. 22	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Thu. Jan. 23	5:00pm	OCF Daily Vespers, Yale, Lovett Room of Battell Chapel
Fri. Jan. 24	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Sat. Jan. 25	4:30pm	Panikhida: one year, Archpriest John Mason, Mark Prestash, 1 yr.
	5:00pm	Great Vespers, Confessions
Sun. Jan. 26	9:00am	32nd Sunday of Pentecost: Synaxis of Holy New Martrys and Confessors of Russia
		I Tim. 1:15-17 Matt. 15:21-28
		Rom. 8:28-39 Luke 21:8-19

Welcome to all our visitors today!

Please Pray for: Fr. Steven Hosking, hospitalized last Saturday; Sonya **Hitt** In Rehabilitative Care.

Memory Eternal: Fr. Patrick Kinder (Fr. Steven's classmate, and member of Kerygma band from 80's-90's. Mat. Elizabeth Bacon (Archpriest John's wife). May their memory be eternal.

January Stewardship Tray: Is set aside for the Fellowship of Orthodox Churches in CT (FORCC), supporting Orthodoxy throughout the state of CT. Please be generous!

"January 19, 2020, will be observed as "**Sanctity of Life Sunday**" in parishes of the Orthodox Church in America. The day serves as a prelude to the annual March for Life marking the 48th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the United States, in the US Capital on Friday, January 24. As in past years, Orthodox Christians from across the country will gather to proclaim the sanctity of God's precious gift of life and to remember the millions of victims abortion has claimed over the past four decades." (From OCA website). This is one example of our church "walking the walk" with respect to upholding the sanctity of life.

Annual Parish Meeting, First Official Notice: The 2020 annual parish meeting will be on Sunday, February 2nd following the Divine Liturgy and coffee hour. We will be receiving reports, approving a budget for the year, electing parish council officers and members, and discussing old and new business for the good of our parish. (*Please see insert with by-law amendments to be considered.*) As indicated in our parish by-laws, voting members of the parish are those who have participated in the holy sacraments of Confession and Communion in our parish at least once during 2019, and who have indicated as least a minimum of support for the parish by fulfilling the basic commitment for 2019. This first official notice is printed in today's bulletin, posted on our website and announced aloud in church. As required by our by-laws, it will be repeated a second and third time in the same places.

House Blessing This Year: The sign-up sheet for the blessing of homes is at the candle desk.

- If your home was blessed last year and you would like it to be blessed this year-you do not need to sign anything. Just check the schedule to know when Fr. Steven will be in your area.
- If your home was not blessed last year and you would like it to be blessed this year-write your name address and phone number on the sheet and check the schedule as above.
- If your home was blessed last year but you prefer not to have it blessed this year-sign your name in the space provided on the sheet.

Feast of Three Holy Hierarchs: Jan. 29-30: All during January we remember these hierarchs independently, then celebrate all together on this feast. As our sister parish is named after this feast, we will plan to join them for Vespers, 6:30pm on Wednesday, January 29th, and Liturgy at 9:00am on the 30th.

Synaxis of the Holy Newmartyrs and Confessors of Russia

From OCA Website: "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. … It is estimated that the number of martyrs remembered during these years far exceeds the number of martyrs in the first three centuries of persecution in the early church. … 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." Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, pray unto God for us!

Сегодня- Литургиа- 31-я Неделя по Пятидесятницая; Святость жизни воскресенье
[Первое Послание к Тимофею 1:15-17 и от Луки 18:35-43]
Субб. 4:30чд Панихида
5:00чд Великая Вечерня и Исповедь
Воск. 9:00чу Литургиа 32-я Неделя по Пятидесятницая; Синаксис Святых Новомучеников и Исповедников Российских
[Первое Послание к Тимофею 1:15-17 и от Матфея 15:21-28]
[Послание к Римлянам 8:28-39 и от Луки 21:8-19]