

JANUARY 5, 2020



Remembering our Ancestors

The Sunday before Christmas is known to the Orthodox as the Sunday of the Holy Genealogy. On this day the Church commemorates the ancestors of Christ from Adam to Joseph the Betrothed. Christ's full humanity meant not just that he possessed a human nature but that he had blood relatives, and that he came from a long family line. One of the shortcomings of modern culture is the tendency to leave the past behind and focus on the now. This has resulted in people feeling rootless and incomplete.

In Orthodoxy, we remember our ancestors because they are part of us. To remember our family and our family roots is to affirm our humanity; likewise, to overlook our family connections is to diminish our humanity. To remember is an act of love and faithfulness. We all came from somewhere. Our family heritage is a source of blessing and sometimes a source of pain. As Christians, we have both a biological and a spiritual family lineage. Salvation in Christ extends to both family lines. St. Paul writes in

Ephesians 3:14-15: "For this reason, I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the **whole family** in heaven and on earth is named...."

The Scripture Readings Epistle - Hebrews 11:9-10; 17:23; 32:40 Gospel - Matthew 1:1-25

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Jan. 6th Badnji Dan



Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Cutting of The Yule Log (Picnic Grounds) 4:00 p.m.

Children's Program 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Vespers 10:00 p.m.

Jan. 7th Bozic – Nativity of Christ

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 8th - 2nd Day of Christmas

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 9th - St. Stephen, Archdeacon Protomartyr

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Jan 12th- Divine Liturgy, Sunday of the God-Bearing Fathers

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Jan. 14th – The Circumcision of Our Lord, St. Basil,

Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 18th - Holy Cross Day - Blessing of Water

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Jan. 19th- Epiphany - Blessing of Water

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Drive For Children in Kosovo, Serbia-With the blessings of His Grace the Right Reverend Irinej, Bishop of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America, the Department of Christian Education is organizing a collection of winter clothes and monetary donations for the children of Kosovo and Metohija. Winter clothes are intended for children ranging from babies to 18 year-olds, which includes kid and adult sizes. Items should be new, or if second-hand, in very good condition. Monetary donations should be mailed to the Department of Christian Education at 65 Overlook Cir, New Rochelle, NY 10804. Please indicate that the donation is for the "Let's warm their hearts" endeavor. For more info please take a flyer or visit: <https://easterndiocese.org/> The Drive ends on January 12th 2020.

ST. ELIJAH CORNERSTONE MEN'S CLUB: Holiday BBQ Pigs. All orders must be picked up the **TOMORROW January 6th between 9am and 12:30 pm at the Picnic Grounds**

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE- The Communication Committee invites all St. Elijah members and visitors to access and manage their contact information, church involvement and so much more in our NEW and secure online member directory. Please scan the QR with your mobile device to learn how to sign up or visit our church website <https://StElijahAliquippa.com>



TOMORROW- PROCESSION to the CEMETERY- Please begin lining up your cars in front of the church starting at 3:15 pm so that we may leave for the Cemetery to arrive at 4:00 pm. If you are not going to the cemetery, please park in the parking lot. Thank You!

CHOIR ANNUAL BOWLING BALL will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 please pick-up a flyer and send it in ASAP space is limited to 20 Teams!