



Sts. Simon & Jude Eastern Orthodox Church

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December 29th, 2019

(Old Calendar Date: December 16th, 2019)

28th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 3)

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vespers

Sunday: 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Confession: After Saturday Service or before Sunday Liturgy

Pastoral Counseling: By appointment

For all pastoral needs and services, please call (402) 327-1850

Please first follow the Sunday Troparion and Kontakion (according to the Tone of the week as noted above) from your pew book. Then the saint(s) of the day:

Troparion — Tone 2

Through faith You justified the Forefathers, / betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles. / These saints exult in glory, / for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit: / She who bore You without seed. / By their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us.

Kontakion — Tone 6

You did not worship the graven image, / O thrice-blessed ones, / but armed with the immaterial essence of God, / you were glorified in a trial by fire. / From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying: / Hasten, O compassionate One. / Speedily come to our aid, / for You are merciful and able to do as you will.

Word Of The Week

Every church uses specific terms that are unique to its tradition. Each week, we have picked a word or two that you may have already heard, but never knew what it means exactly. We hope you will enjoy this section of our Bulletin.

Compline. (Gr. Apodeipnon; Sl. Velikoye PovecheAye). A worship Service performed after dusk. It is often combined with Vespers to form an all-night vigil. There is the Great Compline and its abridgement, known as Small Compline.

Sunday Of The Holy Forefathers

The Sunday that falls between December 11-17 (Old Calendar) is known as the *Sunday of the Holy Forefathers*. These are the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and under the Law (Old Testament), especially the patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, *In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed* (Gen. 12:3, 22:18).

Visit

His Grace, bishop Marius (Sidau) will be visiting Lincoln over the Nativity Feast (Orthodox Christmas). He will be in Lincoln from the 4th to the 8th of January 2020.

Please Mark Your Calendar

Nativity Services are planned for January 6, 2020 (Christmas Eve) at **6 PM Christmas Vigil**; and for January 7, 2020 (Christmas Day) **11 AM Divine Liturgy**. Please mark your Calendar and invite others to come.

New Icons

There is a number of new Icons honoring our church. Among those that of **St. Seraphim (of Sarov), Sts. Cosmas & Damian (the wonderworkers), St. George, among others. Please take a moment to visit and venerate these saints.**