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Bulletin for March 17-30, 2019



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

SUN	3/17/2019	FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Procession with Icons at the Conclusion of Liturgy <i>Panachida: +John & +Mary Spondike +Andrew & +Agnes Karas +Vasil & +Melania Hercha</i>
MON	3/18/2019	
	6:00 PM	Board Meeting
TUES	3/19/2019	
	8:30 AM	Parastas (Chapel) <i>+Pani Magdaline Blaschak, by Fr. Tom and Family</i>
WED	3/20/2019	
	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts <i>Lenten Pot-Luck Meal</i>
FRI	3/22/2019	
	6:00 PM	Paraklis to the Mother of God
SAT	3/23/2019	SOUL SATURDAY
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Chapel) <i>Panachida with Reading of Names of Departed (Hramoty)</i>
SUN	3/24/2019	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – ST. GREGORY PALAMAS
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +John Belous +Paul, +Ruth & +Paul Denny Pavlick</i>
MON	3/25/2019	ANNUNCIATION TO THE MOTHER OF GOD (HOLYDAY)
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
TUES	3/26/2019	
	8:30 AM	Parastas (Chapel) <i>+Rebecca Kapusta, by the Family</i>

WED	3/27/2019	
	6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts <i>Lenten Pot-Luck Meal</i>
FRI	3/29/2019	
	6:00 PM	Moleben to the Passion of Christ
SAT	3/30/2019	SOUL SATURDAY
	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy (Chapel) <i>Panachida with Reading of Names of Departed (Hramoty)</i>
SUN	3/31/2019	THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – VENERATION OF THE CROSS
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Panachida: +JoAnn & +Eric Burprich +Joseph & +Katherine Pavlick</i>
	4:00 PM	Lenten Mission Vespers at St. Nicholas in Warren

ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **Confessions** are heard beginning at 5:25 PM before most evening Lenten services; before Divine Liturgy on Sunday mornings, starting at 8:25 AM; and by appointment. *All Orthodox Christians are expected to approach this sacrament during Lent!*

¶ **“Willow Watch” has begun!** Please keep an eye out for pussy willows, especially with warmer weather. Please cut them as soon as they are ready and bring them to the church. We do have ONE request: do *not* put them in plastic bags. Please use paper bags.

¶ **Diocesan ACRY Retreat Central Region** will be on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at St. Nicholas Church, Homestead, PA from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. The Adult Retreat Master, Metropolitan Gregory, will speak on the topic “Focusing on the Ladder of Divine Ascent and Our Spiritual Journey One Step at a Time” and Fr. David Urban, the youth presenter, will lead an interactive discussion on the topic “Windows to Heaven - Icon of Divine Ascent & The Feasts Of The Church.” Registration is required and must be made by March 31, 2019.

¶ **Reminder About the Eucharistic Fast:** Those receiving Communion at an evening Liturgy are to fast for a minimum of 3 hours prior to the service. (*Ideally, we should not eat after lunch.*) Fasting from midnight is still observed before receiving Communion at any morning Liturgy. (*Also, remember that only services called "Liturgy" have the distribution of Holy Communion. Other services – Canon, Moleben, Parastas, Paraklis – do not have Communion.*)

¶ We are accepting donations of candy for the **Easter Egg Hunt** on Easter Sunday, April 28th. They must be *individually wrapped* and *small* enough to fit inside the plastic eggs. Donations may be brought to the church hall.



Lenten Pot-Luck Dinners

- ⇒ **March 20**
- ⇒ **March 27**
- ⇒ **April 10**
- ⇒ **April 17**



Following the Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy on the above days, we will have a pot-luck/covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall.

Bring a Lenten dish, baked good, or a beverage to share with those assembled. This is a great opportunity to gather mid-week and cheer one another on as we go through our Lenten journey together.

Make every effort to participate!

Stewardship

By Dan Hromyak

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" Luke 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop our gifts and return with increase.

Our Parish Lenten Mission

Saturday, April 13th

Confessions at 2:30 PM

Vespers at 4:00 PM

Lenten Fish Dinner to Follow

Special Presentation During Dinner by **Fr. John Chakos**

"Losing Ourselves in Christ's Mission"

(Fr. John is one of the main Orthodox missionary priests serving in Guatemala)

February 2019 Winners



- 3rd 774 Sunday
- 5th 549 Sophie Blonar, Hartsville, OH
- 7th 738 Michelle McMahon, Transfer, PA
- 9th 686 Bob Hynes, Canfield, OH
- 10th 649 Sunday
- 11th 419 Christine Frejik, Winston, GA
- 13th 291 Denise Dzura, Beaver, PA
- 15th 453 Melinda Ristvey, Hermitage
- 17th 049 Sunday
- 18th 368 Billie Lutz, Hermitage
- 19th 613 Renee Maceyko, Hermitage
- 20th 603 Karl Palmer, Rockaway, NJ
- 21st 959 Elizabeth Doyle, Delaware, OH
- 24th 723 Sunday
- 25th 166 Janice Bobanick, Mercer
- 26th 315 Linda Wellington, Canfield
- 27th 944 John Cataloni, Hermitage
- 28th 559 MaryAnn Tofani, Transfer

Sacramental and Membership Information

Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please phone the rectory (724-346-4457) when a family member is admitted to the hospital, or to request a home visit.

Marriages are solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. Circumstances may require a dispensation from the diocesan bishop. Consult the pastor at least six months in advance and before any plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the church, or on Fridays.

Baptisms are usually scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays. Consult the pastor. Two godparents (godfather and godmother) are required, at least one of whom must be a practicing Orthodox Christian in good standing, and the other a practicing, baptized Christian.

Church Funerals are, under ordinary circumstances, provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and material obligations to the parish; otherwise, the funeral service is conducted at the funeral home. The Church does not permit cremation.

Parishioners in "good standing" are those Orthodox Christians who, as members of Saint John's Orthodox Church, strive to live according to the teachings of the Orthodox Church; participate in the life of the parish through regular church attendance, regular reception of Holy Communion and periodic Holy Confession (and receive these sacraments no less than once a year); and financially support the parish (especially through an annual "pledge").

Prospective members and returning members are asked to fill out an application form, copies of which are available in the church office.

April 2019 Pirohi Schedule

Wednesday, April 3
1:00 PM
Potato Prep

Thursday, April 4
6:00 PM
Filling Prep

Friday, April 5
8:00 AM
Pirohi Making and Sale

April 2019 Pirohi Order Form

Order Deadline: March 31, 2019

724-981-0571

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ Potato-Cheese Pirohi @ \$8.00/dozen

_____ Butter Only

_____ Butter and Onions

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Pick-Up on Friday, April 5, 2019
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM
(Doors Open at Noon)

Happy Birthday

March 17th Father David
March 18th Marge Holmes
March 21st Karen Hynes
March 23rd Jessica Nameth
March 24th Michael Saluga
March 25th Mary Hynes
March 26th Grace Cataloni
March 28th Stephanie Shumkaroff
March 29th Megan Holmes
March 29th Dr. Helen Kee

Candelabrum Sponsor

Sunday March 24

In Loving Memory of our Aunt

Margaret Kavulla

Sponsored by: Cyndy, Steve,
Michael, David & Elise

Eternal Lamp Sponsor

Sunday, March 17th

In Honor of

Aunt Marge Holmes Birthday

Sponsored by: Debbie & Greg Cross

Sunday, March 24th

In Loving Memory of

Father, Joseph Pavlick,

Uncle Andrew Pavlick &

Uncle & God Father Paul Pavlick

For their Birthdays

Sponsored by: Debbie & Greg Cross

Spring Flowers



Spring images

Bulletin Sponsor

Sunday, March 17th

In honor of Mother /
Grandmother

Marge Holmes

Birthday, March 18th

Sponsored by: Lisa,
Mike, Lauren, Alex &
Megan Holmes, Sue,
Rich & Richie Preston



MEN TO HOLD

CANDLES

Sunday, March 24th

Kevin Yasnowsky

Gary Yonchak

Bob Amos

Bob Andras

Jason Baker

Sunday, March 31st

Robert Banas

Dennis Burprich

John Cataloni

Jerry Chupak

Daniel Corridori

Coffee Hour

Sunday, March 17th

In honor of

Mary Barbara

Hardy's

90th Birthday

Special Birthday

wishes to

Father David

Mastroberte

March, 17th