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February 12, 2012

Liturgy is at 10 AM. Today is the Sunday of the last Judgment, Meatfare Sunday. Tone is Three. The Epistle is 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2. Gospel is Matthew 25:31-46. Apostles Archippus and Philemon.

Schedule of services and events for the week:

Monday, February 20, 10 AM – Parish Council Meeting

Monday, February 20, 7 PM – Spirituality Class

Tuesday, February 21, 8:30 AM – Hours

Tuesday, February 21, 9 AM – Perogic Session

Thursday, February 23, 8:30 AM – Hours

Sunday, February 26, 9AM – Church School

Sunday, February 26, 10 AM – Liturgy

Epistle and Gospel Reading for the Week:

Monday, 3 John 1:1-15; Luke 19+:29-40, 22:7-39 – Leo of Catania

Tuesday, Jude 1:1-10; Luke 22:39-42, 45-23:1 – Timothy of Symbola

Wednesday, Joel 2:12-26; Joel 3:12-21 – Martyr Maurice

Thursday, Jude 1:11-25; Luke 23:2-34, 44-56 – Polycarp of Smyrna

Friday, Zechariah 8:7-17; Zechariah 8:19-23 – 1st & 2nd discovery of the head of John the Baptist

Saturday, Romans 14:19-23, 16:25-27; Matthew 6:1-13 – St. Tarasius

Sunday, Romans 13:11-14:4; Matthew 6:14-21 – Saint Porphyrius of Gaza

This Lent we will be having Presanctified Liturgies on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. Following Liturgy we will have a light Lenten covered dish meal. During the meal we will be watching a DVD on the Jesus Prayer followed by a discussion. Please feel free to bring a Lenten dish, and bring an inquisitive mind to learn more about our Orthodox Faith.

There will be Sunday Lenten Vespers Services at our sister deanery parishes at 4 PM on the following dates:

- ✓ Sunday, March 4 – Sunday of Orthodoxy, St. John's Church, 384 Mill Hill Avenue, Bridgeport, CT
- ✓ Sunday, March 11 – 2nd Sunday of Lent, St. John's Church, 1240 Broadbridge Ave, Stratford, CT
- ✓ Sunday, March 25 – 4th Sunday of Lent, St. John's Church, 600 Silver Lane, Stratford, CT

Monday, March 5, the Spirituality Class will be going in to the City to participate in the *Socrates in the City* debate. On Monday evening, March 5th at 7 PM, renowned Christian apologist Dinesh D'Souza and self-proclaimed agnostic Bart D. Ehrman will face off in a public debate at The New York Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street (at Central Park West). If you are interested in attending please see Fr. Luke ASAP.



The Deanery is planning on a pilgrimage to our sister parish in Taylor, Pennsylvania St. George's that has two weeping icons of the Virgin Mary and child. We will be leaving the morning of Saturday, March 10. We will be car pooling. If you are interested in attending and/or able to drive please let Fr. Luke know.

Our parish Lenten spiritual reading is *Who is God? Who am I? Who are you?* by Dee Pennock. The books have been ordered and hopefully we will be able to distribute them next Sunday.

House Blessings



Fr. Luke is scheduling house blessings. Do not be afraid to call Father to schedule a time. Please keep your calendar open and flexible. Please have the following prepared:

- 1) Have a table or family icon corner set up with a white cloth, candle and a bowl for Holy Water.
- 2) Turn off televisions, radios, and stereos
- 3) Take the telephone off the receiver
- 4) Gather the family together
- 5) Do bring any items you want blessed and names of people for Father to remember at liturgy

PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR THE BLESSING:

1) Your home does NOT have to be spotless, but should be free of clutter on the floor, like toys, which may cause Father to trip or fall.



- 2) A table should be prepared where an icon, a candle, a small bowl, holy water and a list of first names of everyone you want Father to pray for during the service for their health. If you do not have Holy Water, please let Father know and he will bring a bottle of for you to keep.
- 3) If you have any small items, like crosses or icons, that you want blessed, place them on the table and let Father know.
- 4) Turn off all radios and TVs. Take the phone off the hook during the short blessing service. Cell phones should be turned off. Just remember to place the phone back on the hook and turn on your cell phone at the end of the service.
- 5) Close all doors to rooms you do not want Father to enter -- open all doors and turn the lights on in the home, otherwise.
- 6) A family member should lead Father around the home during the blessing. Children may do this, girls or boys.
- 7) If you have a pet, they may also receive a blessing, but please keep them under control to prevent them from jumping on Father or getting under his feet.
- 8) I look forward to sharing this special blessing with you and your family. Many Years!!



Our parish is planning a new fundraiser: an International Food Festival. It is tentatively scheduled for July 21st. This one day event would feature many different ethnic foods, activities for children, and music. This is a huge undertaking but it could bring in a large amount of money in one day. However, in order to succeed, we would need everyone to commit to being involved in one way or another. If you are interested in preparing a specific ethnic food to sell or helping in some other way (set up, clean up, cashier, children's activities, publicity and advertising, etc.) please sign up on the sheet in the hall so we can get an idea of how many people are behind this project. Thank you.



We will be having a Perogie making session this Tuesday the 21st at 9:00 a.m. in the church hall. We sold 65 dozen perogies to new customers this week and need to replenish our supply and also start preparing for our Easter sale on March 31st. No experience needed!

*The **Women's Knitting Group** is open to all whether you know how to knit or not. This group will give an opportunity for the members to bond together in a Christian atmosphere. If you are interested in coming together to learn how to knit and grow closer to your fellow parishioners please contact Suad Behrend at 203.304.1034 or Amy Arifin 914.434.1027. The Knitting Group meets the last Sunday of every month at Suad's house.*



DOROTHY DAY SOUP KITCHEN: We will be serving our next meal at Dorothy Day on Friday March 2nd. Serving time is from 1-5:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested in helping prep and/or serve can come for any or all of that time. If you have questions please contact Susan Sulich (ssulich@yahoo.com/203-746-6008).

CAMP NAZRETH 2012 - Please note the following week for our New England Deanery at Camp:
We are

Week 1 -- July 15-21, 2012 – New England, New York, New Jersey, Florida and Canada Deaneries

- ❖ **The Fee for Camp has remained the same: \$270/diocesan camper and \$320/non-diocesan camper.** Please also note that as last year the **Camp will not be sending out hardcopies of the registration and application materials**, unless specifically requested. Again, all application materials are available on the Camp Website (see the Registration Forms page). The forms may be printed off by you or your campers. The Camp is just about ready to launch their online registration system. This is another step closer to the goal of being “greener” at Camp. If, however, you need the Camp to send you hardcopies of the application materials, please call or email Fr. Stephen Lopusky at 724-662-4840 or campnazareth@acrod.org.
- ❖ **Staff applications are due March 15th, 2012.**
- ❖ **If any parishioners are interested in being on the Camp’s Medical Staff (MD, RN or LPN required), please contact Fr. Stephen Lopusky at the Camp.** Please know that the Nurse or Doctor on staff each week will receive a campership for one of their children or for someone whom they designate.
- ❖ Remember also the following dates:
 - ❖ 1. Staff Applications are due March 15.
 - ❖ 2. Clergy and Volunteer Applications are due June 1.
 - ❖ 3. Camper Applications are due July 1.



The Viridian Electric Power is starting to give back some real monetary benefits to our parish. We have received so far this year over \$400 in rebates from those of you who have signed up for Viridian. The more people we have the more money comes back to the church EVERY month. For each household that signs up, there is about \$2.00 that is giving to the parish. Presently we are receiving about \$46.00 per month. If you have not signed up already, forms are downstairs. Or you may go online to sign up by using our website www.viridian.com/holytrinity (make sure you click **everyday green** for the low rate). If you call 866-663-2508, our Associate ID Number is: 5695

Fr. Luke has joined the Lions Club which is a nationally known service organization that supports several projects. One of the many things Lions are known for is helping those with poor eye sight or low vision. There are several of our parishioners who take advantage of the low vision programs that are sponsored by the Danbury Lions Club. Down stairs there is a collection box for used eye glasses, hearing aids and cell phones.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Pilgrimage to Weeping Icons in Pennsylvania – Saturday, March 10*
- Easter Craft and Bake Sale – Saturday, March 31 10 AM to 3 PM*
- PASCHA – Sunday, April 15*

Because you asked, the parish council is having someone in back to provide change for those wishing to purchase candles. We will need help manning the candle table throughout the year. If you would like to help make change with a friendly face, please see one of the parish council members.

As a reminder these are the suggested donations for the candles:

- 4 hour votive candles..... \$0.50 each.*
- 15 hour votives..... \$1.00 each*
- Tapers white and/or beeswax... \$1.00 each*
- 7 day vigil candles\$5.00 each*



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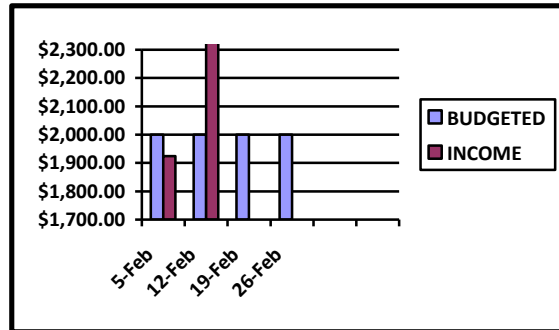
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH IS DESIGNATED FOR MORTGAGE REPAYMENT. IF EVERY PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTES \$50 EVERY MONTH (\$600/YEAR) TO THE MORTGAGE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET OUR MONTHLY MORTGAGE PAYMENTS.

The Parish Council urges parishioners to do your best to help the parish financially. All of parish ministries are funded through your generosity and is essential in the success of the parish. At the semi-annual meeting, it was agreed on for parishioners to use \$50.00 per week as a guideline for giving. If all adult members did so, we would be able to meet our monthly obligations. Of course, some are able to give more some less. In all cases, we thank you for your support for it is essential to the life of your parish. As part of the Parish Council's efforts to keep the parish informed, the monthly general financial income and expenses will be posted.

Total Receipts including collection from Sunday, February 12 was: \$2654.00

Building Fund Checks: \$150.00	Weekly general collection checks: \$705.00
Weekly general collection Cash: \$145.50	Rental: \$1275.00
Building Fund Cash: \$118.00	Candles: \$44.00
Dues: \$157.50	Soda Machine: \$9.00
Fuel: \$50.00	

Figure 1 - Sunday Collections



As a reminder, the **first collection** after the sermon is for the **building fund**. The **second collection** taken after communion is the **general collection**. Please note that the Parish Council asks that parishioners use separate checks for different funds. As a reminder from our semi-annual meeting, we need to average \$2000.00 a week to cover expenses. If we have each adult give \$50.00 a week or \$200 a month we would be able to meet our responsibilities.

Cleaning Schedule

The parish council has hired a cleaning service for \$50.00 a cleaning to come in twice a month to clean the church and the church hall. If you are unable to clean the church during the time assigned for you, you are encouraged to make a donation to the church to help pay for the cleaning service.

Items needed for general church cleaning

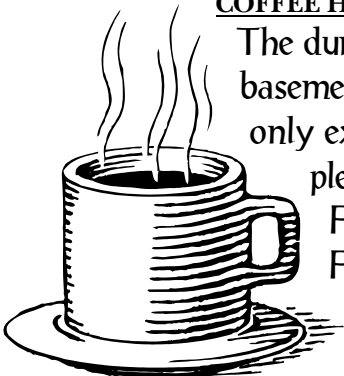
- 1) Glass Cleaner 2) Clorox Spot Remover with Bleach 3) Murphy's Oil Soap for the wood floors and pews.



COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

The dumpster is located at the far end of the parking lot. PLEASE sweep the floors in the basement after coffee hour. Please remember that those who volunteer for coffee hour are only expected to get something simple such as bagels. With everything increasing in prices, please do not feel that you have to feed the entire parish.

- February 19 – Theodorides
- February 26 - Stasia



READERS SCHEDULE

2/12	Harry Fong
2/19	Susan Paltauf
2/26	Nicholas Mihaly



Birthdays and Anniversaries

February	
Andrell (AJ) Villa	13
Rob & Andrea Paltauf	14 Anniversary
Sarah Anna Harrison	14
Tatyana Lucas Harrison	14
Kristina Bundra	20
Nicholas Paproski	22

Annual Diocesan Lenten Retreat

The Eastern Region Diocesan Lenten Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 31st at the National Christian Conference Center in Valley Forge, PA from 9:30-5 PM. The Very Rev. John Brancho, professor at Christ the Saviour Seminary, will lead adults in a discussion on the topic of "Overcoming Anger." Fr. Theo Nikolakis, Chief Information Officer for the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America will address teens on the topic, "With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility." Fr. Peter Zarynow will serve as the retreat director for children between 6-11 on the topic, "Making Friends in Christ."

Registration is required and must be made by March 17 by contacting Mrs. Tracey Bilanin. For registration forms, log onto www.acrod.org.

Diocesan Lenten Contest for Kids!

Fr. Michael Chendorain, editor of "Daylight," the youth supplement in "The Church Messenger," is coordinating a special Diocesan Lenten Contest for children between the ages of 7-12. The prize will be a [Olympus TG-310 Digital Camera](#).

Forms with the Lenten Word puzzle will be distributed to all eligible students this morning during Church School. Each word must be clearly and completely circled. When you're done, mail it with your name, address, date of birth and telephone number on a separate piece of paper to: Fr. Michael Chendorain, 66 Beach Street, Rockaway, NJ 07866. Submissions must be postmarked by Wednesday, February 29, 2012 to be considered.

Scripture Reading for Sunday, February 19 - Prayer Before Reading Holy Scripture

O Master Who loves mankind, illuminate our hearts with the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our mind to understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, that we may overcome all carnal desires, entering upon a spiritual life and understanding and acting in all things according to Your holy will. For You are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, O Christ God, and to You we give glory together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

The Reading is from 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

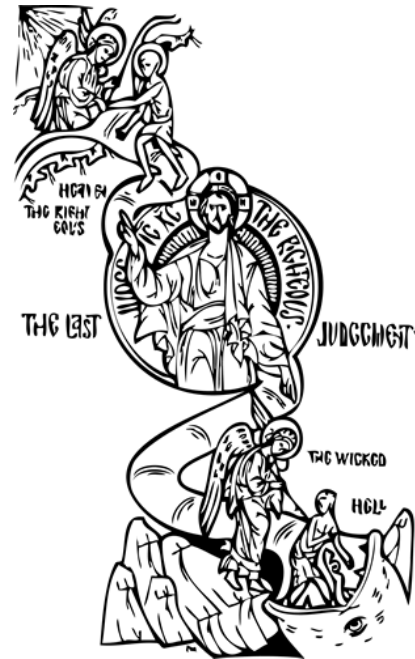
Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.



The Gospel Reading is from Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



PRAYER LIST For the Living

Thomas (Krafick)	Stephanie (Fong)	Matthew (Bracey)	Elaine (Toaso)
Pauline (Meath)	Paul (Stagen)	Eugene (Brown)	Patricia (Zeleniak)
Wylie (Meath)	Valerie (Stagen)	Joe (Derevjanik)	James (Rush)
Sally (Hubiak)	Marianna (Parsamyan)	Mary (Derevjanik)	Jerry (Kachevsky)
Helen (Popp)	Greg (Chilek)	Sophie (Tomasini)	Anthony (Noto)
Judi (Snodgrass)	Paul (Willis)	Richard (Stack)	Serge (Mihaly)
Sophia (Buterakos)	Ethel (Montauredes)	Joelle (Alsdorf)	Doug (Kuziak)
Rebecca (Sahin)	Anne (Popp)	Kathy (Valentine)	Lou (Biondi)
Carol (Wilenchek)	Mary (Kovach)	Irm (Manton)	Tony (Centofanti)
Anna (Salony)	Jennie (Curran)	James (Sapione)	Jeanne (LaPorta)
Andrew (Valentine)	Lynn (Cavallo)	Father Thomas (Blaschak)	Jerry (Arangelovich)
Delia (Stefan)	Dorothy (Brown)	Bill (Kahn)	Louis (Apostol)
Josh (Horner)	Anastasios (Orfanos)	Dorine (DelPo)	Patrick (Meath)
Catherine (Quarberg)	Julia (Zimmerman)	Katherine (Kavallines)	Octi (Bundra)
Marian (Beschle)	Rev. Paul (Dorn)	Bob (Sully)	Thomas (Pellegrino)
Julia (Zimmerman)	Bill (Pellegrino)	Rebecca (McCarthy)	Ann (Rossi)
Judi (Snodgrass)	Barbara (Hollister)	John (Schigel)	Kathy (Koffs)
Samuel (Magri)	Stan	Sonia (Pellegrino)	Steven (Eigenrauch)
Steve (Schell)	Steven (Noto)	Eric (Stefanik)	Pani Helen (Shutack)
Christina (Somoskevich)	Coriolan (Bundra)	Sonya (Spear)	David (Hollister)
Sharon	Barbara (Polasky Wren)	Radu (Timoscsa)	Helen (Kazolas)
Nickolas (Noto)	Carmen (Sanchez)	Debra (Noto)	Donna (Kazolas)
Rose (Hubiak)	Stella (Woodfield)	Tatyana (Nanocchio)	Mike (Walsh)
John (Hubiak)	Barbara (Polasky Wren)	Cyril (Gutzman)	Sheila (Walsh)
Richard (Guilmartin)	Maria (Pauta)	Marika (Gutzman)	Olga (Saranotski)
James (Buterakos)	Jessica (Cochrane)	Trianna (Gutzman)	Charlotte (James)
Fr. Ronald (Hazuda)	Melissa (Kelly)	Elaine (Cookie Bily)	Naomi (Sherry)
Mary	Fr. Lawrence (Barriger)	Tom (Kasper)	Edna (Kasper)
Bob (Popp)	Joshua	Paul	Anastasia (Mihaly)
Grayson	Carolyn (Paulin)	Jeff (Stagon)	Laurel
Richard (Stewart)	June (Paulin)	Sayaka	David (Bennet)
Taylor (Freitas)	Jason	Katie	Rob (Paltauf)
Ann (Salony)	Raymond (Brien)	Daria	Ken (Zaengle)
Lillian	Nicholas (Noto)	Bobby (Bennet)	Barbara
Connie (Somoskovec)	Al (Lenoce)	Wanda	April
Laurie (Hubina)	Tina	Ryan	George (Popp)
Tess (Grimaldi)	Melissa	Linda (Ney)	Ray
Peter (Gard)	Andres (Villa)	Leia	Alex
Terry	John (Somoskovec)	Aidan	Eric (Lewis)

For the Departed

Metropolitan Nicholas	June (Elrod)	Anna (Logressa)	Rose (Procacci)
Marilyn (Berardsley)	Cina (Daskalakis)	Phyllis (Duclos)	Michael (McKenna)
Frank (Finui)	John	Giovanni (Villa)	John (Kasper)
Serge (Kachevsky)	Mary (Pawchyk)	Helen (Rowland)	Karen (Elrod-Williams)
Deacon William (Friedel)	Thomas (Loucas)	Lucinda (Pauta)	Philip (Duffy)
Shirley (Trainor)	Bishop Andrew	Rex (Doug) Sunderland	Victor (Kuziak)
Lubov (Jasiuninski)	Matushka Tatiana (Vlasenko)	Right Reverend Boris Paul (Vlasenko)	



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Beginning of Lent 2012

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Dear Fathers and Faithful:

As we begin the Great Fast of Lent together, it seemed appropriate to write you, and the Consistory does so with the blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios of America who sends his Lenten greetings to all of us.

Firstly, March 13 marks the first anniversary of the repose of His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas. We may remember him in the Requiem on that day, but also importantly we want to sing the Requiem together as a worshipping community on either the Sunday before or after his death anniversary. On either Sunday, the Panachida is to be sung at the end of the Lenten Divine Liturgy. May God rest his soul. Eternal Memory!

We take this opportunity also to provide the fasting regulations for this Penitential Season, as has been the tradition of our bishops since the canonical establishment of the Diocese in 1938. Continuing in that spirit, the following fasting regulations are in effect for all clergy and laity.

- 1) Monday, February 27 (Clean Monday), the first day of Lent, is a day of strict abstinence; likewise Good Friday and Holy Saturday, namely April 13 and 14. On these days, no meat or dairy products may be eaten.
- 2) All Wednesdays and Fridays during this entire Season are days of abstinence from meat.
- 3) Meat and meat products may not be eaten all of Holy Week, April 9 through April 14.
- 4) For the evening Pre-sanctified Liturgy, a minimal three-hour fast from all food and drink must be observed before the reception of Holy Communion. (Normal fasting from midnight is practiced before the liturgies of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great.)
- 5) Where the Vespertine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated on Holy Thursday, the three-hour fast is required.

These are the minimum requirements to be observed during this Season. As our bishops have always reminded us, for those of stronger body and more willing spirit, the penitential practices of a sterner quality which the time-honored traditions and customs of our Holy Orthodox Church have handed down to us are whole-heartedly recommended.

This communiqué is to be made available to the faithful of all Diocesan Parishes. In behalf of the Diocesan Consistory, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Protopresbyter Frank P. Miloro
Chancellor

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