

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Confessions:

Saturday 4 – 4:30 PM

Sunday 9:30 – 10:00 AM

or by appointment

Glory Forever!

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16 February 2014: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Holy Martyrs, the Presbyter Pamphilius, Porphyrius and their Companions.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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| Sat. | Feb. | 15 | 5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil +John Brehun requested by Mary Lezo |
| Sun. | Feb. | 16 | 10:30 AM: Sunday of the Prodigal Son: pro populo |
| Sat. | Feb. | 22 | 9:30 AM: First All Souls' Saturday 5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil +Elizabeth Rozinsky requested by Mary Rozinsky & Family |
| Sun. | Feb. | 23 | 10:30 AM: Sunday of Meat Fare: pro populo |

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| | Acolytes | Readers | Ushers | |
| Sat. | Feb. 15 | M. Mihalko | J. Kontir | J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko |
| Sun. | Feb. 16 | E. & R. Hess | A. Syphan | J. Overdorff, J. Knouse |
| Sat. | Feb. 22 AM | Any Present | L. Knouse | ----- |
| Sat. | Feb. 22 PM | M. Mihalko | B. Chirdon | R. Garber, J. Kontir |
| Sun. | Feb. 23 | E. & R. Hess | F. Chappell | B. Knouse, R. Garber |
| 02/09/14 Collection: | Adult \$805; | Student \$12; | Holy Day \$20; | |
| | Candles \$48; | Maintenance \$250; | Total: \$1135.00 | |
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The Body is Meant for the Lord: CHRYSOSTOM: Paul is not attacking the nature of the body but the unbridled license of the mind, which abuses the body. The body was not made for the purpose of fornication, nor was it created for gluttony. It was meant to have Christ as its head, so that it might follow Him. We should be overcome with shame and horror-struck if we defile ourselves with such great evils, once we have been accounted worthy of the great honor of being members of Him Who sits on high. HOMILIES ON THE EPISTLES OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 17.1

Each day the Savior speaks to us and instructs us with His own voice. Let us listen to what the Scriptures teach us about the Prodigal who became repentant: in faith let us imitate his praiseworthy conversion. In the humility of our hearts, let us say to our God Who sees all our secrets: O Father of mercy, we have sinned against You; we are no longer worthy to be called Your children. But because of Your great love for mankind, receive me, repentant, and make me as one of Your hired servants. *Ikos from Sunday Matins*

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle, 1 Corinthians 8:8 – 9:2 *Love Reigns over Knowledge*

Gospel, Matthew 25: 31 – 46 *Sunday of the Last Judgment*

When I think of Your fearful judgment and the day of Your justice, O Lord of goodness, I tremble with fear; for my conscience accuses me. When You shall be seated upon the throne to bring the entire world before You in trial, no one will be able to deny sins; for truth shall triumph and no one will dare dispute. The fires of Hades will crackle and sinners grind their teeth. But You, O Lord, have mercy on me and spare me, O righteous Judge.

Ikos from Sunday Matins



The First "All Souls' Saturday" is this coming Saturday. The Divine Liturgy, followed by a Panachida w/ Kollyva, will be served at **9:30 AM**.

IT IS NEVER TOO SOON TO FORGIVE: in preparation for the GREAT FAST - **FORGIVENESS VESPERS w/ Meager Meal** will be served on **Sunday afternoon, 2 March, at 4:00 pm**, followed by our first Lenten meal of bread and soup. This service brings the period of pre-Lenten preparation to an end and at the same time, at the singing of the Great Prokeimenon, transitions us into the Great Fast. Vespers concludes with the Rite of Mutual Forgiveness and is the first service of Great Lent. **ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE NO NEED OF FORGIVENESS MAY BE ABSENT FROM THE LITURGY!** Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so that we know how much food to prepare.

CLEAN MONDAY – March 3 – is the first full day of the Great Fast and refers to the leaving behind of sinful attitudes at the previous evening's Forgiveness Vespers and the abstaining from non-fasting foods. The theme of Clean Monday is set by the Old Testament reading appointed for the Sixth Hour on this day (Isaiah 1:1-20), which says in part:

Wash yourselves and ye shall be clean; put away the wicked ways from your souls before Mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well. Seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, consider the fatherless, and plead for the widow. Come then, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, I will make them white as snow; and though they be red like crimson, I will make them white as wool.



FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST, 9 March: originally, the prophets **Moses, Aaron,** and **Samuel** were commemorated on this Sunday. The Alleluia verses appointed for the Liturgy reflect this older usage. «*Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel was among those who called upon His Name. They called upon the Lord and He answered them.*»

THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY, 9 March marks the celebration of the victory of the **iconodules** (*servers of icons*) over the **iconoclasts** (*destroyers of icons*) by the decision of the **Seventh Ecumenical Council**. As Byzantine Catholics we commemorate the restoration of icons for use in our divine services and in our private devotional life at home – the domestic church. It is a devout custom in many of our Churches to bless new icons and to have a procession. All **parishioners regardless of age** are encouraged (1) to bring to the Divine Liturgy any icons that they may have recently acquired in order to have them blessed; (2) to bring an icon of their **patron saint** or of the **Pokrov** to carry in procession around the church. All children especially are encouraged to take part in this beautiful and pious custom.

~ Announcements ~

- **Sincere Thanks to... *Jane Matsko, Allyson Dinsmore, & Marge Hulyk*** for providing baked goods for this week's bingo. ***Bob & James Knouse, Rick Povlik, & Ron Garber*** in their relentless efforts to keep the parking lots and walk ways clear of ice and snow during this exceptionally harsh winter season.
- ***Father would like to meet briefly with ALL Lectors – veteran and neophytes – after the Divine Liturgy next Saturday and Sunday February 22nd and 23rd.***