

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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Saturday 4 – 4:30 PM
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23 February 2014: Sunday of Meat Fare
The Holy Martyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Feb.	22	9:30 AM: First All Souls' Saturday 5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil <i>+Elizabeth Rozinsky requested by Mary Rozinsky & Family</i>
Sun.	Feb.	23	10:30 AM: Sunday of Meat Fare: pro populo
Sat.	Mar.	01	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil + <i>William Lipko requested by Brother Steve, Daughter Julie & Grandchildren Logan & Jade</i> 40 th day memorial: Panachida w/ Kollyva
Sun.	Mar.	02	10:30 AM: Sunday of Cheese Fare: pro populo First Year Memorial: Robert Spirko, Sr. Panachida w/ Kollyva 4:00 PM: Forgiveness Vespers

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	Acolytes	Readers	Ushers	
Sat.	Feb. 22 AM	Any Present	L. Knouse	-----
Sat.	Feb. 22 PM	M. Mihalko	B. Chirdon	R. Garber, J. Kontir
Sun.	Feb. 23	-----	F. Chappell	B. Knouse, R. Garber
Sat.	Mar. 01	M. Mihalko	L. Knouse	D. Mihalko, J. Kontir
Sun.	Mar. 02 AM	E. & R. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, R. Garber
Sun.	Mar. 02 PM	All Present	-----	-----

02/16/14 Collection: Adult \$810; Student \$32; Holy Day \$20;
Candles \$60; Maintenance \$30; Eastern Europe \$ 80; **Total: \$1032.00**

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Deuteronomy 15:7 – 11: "If there is among you a poor man, one of your brethren, in any of your towns within your land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him, and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. Take heed lest there be a base thought in your heart, and you say, 'The seventh year, the year of release is near,' and your eye be hostile to [refuse to assist] your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and it be sin in you. You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him; because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command



you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in the land. **Proverbs 19:17:** He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will repay him for his deed cf. «As you did it to the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.».

HE WILL SEPARATE THEM. INCOMPLETE WORK ON MATTHEW: "And He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." So then, people on earth are intermingled, and not only intermingled in that the righteous live side by side with the wicked, but they are also indistinguishable. Between the righteous and the wicked there is no apparent difference. Even as in wintertime you cannot tell the healthy trees apart from the withered trees but in beautiful springtime you can tell the difference, so too each person according to his faith and his works will be exposed. The wicked will not have any leaves or show any fruit, but the righteous will be clothed with the leaves of eternal life and adorned with the fruit of glory. In this way they will be separated by the heavenly shepherd and Lord. The earthly shepherd separates animals by their type of body, whereas Christ separates people by their type of soul. The sheep signify righteous people by reason of their gentleness, because they harm no one, and by reason of their patience, because when they are harmed by others, they bear it without resistance. He refers to sinners as goats, however, because these vices characterize goats: capriciousness toward other animals, pride and belligerence. HOMILY 54.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle, Romans 13:11b – 14:4 Do not Judge your Brother
Gospel, Matthew 6:14-21 Light; and Teaching about Torah



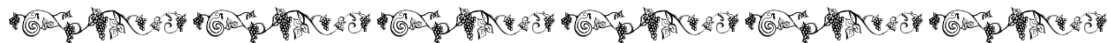
FORGIVENESS VESPERS w/ Meager Meal is next Sunday at 4:00 pm, followed by a meager Lenten meal. Jesus began His public ministry by announcing to all who would listen: «**REPENT**, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand». Christ's first command to His disciples after His resurrection was to give them the authority to **FORGIVE** sins. It is **IMPOSSIBLE** to enter into the bright sadness of the Great Fast without first asking others to **FORGIVE** us and in turn bestowing **FORGIVENESS** on them! Sign up **TODAY!**

CLEAN MONDAY – March 3 the first full day of the Great Fast – 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 Pure 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, the prophets **Moses, Aaron,** and **Samuel** were once commemorated on this Sunday. The Alleluia verses at the Divine 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** (*servants 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 churches and in our private devotional life at home – the domestic church. On this Sunday, it is a devout custom in many of our Churches to bless any new icons and to have a procession. **All parishioners** are encouraged (1) to bring to the Liturgy any icons they may have recently acquired 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...** *Cheryl Rusinko, Marlene Spirko, & Meghan Wasil* for providing baked goods for this week's bingo. *Jim Fullman* for installing blinds in the rectory. *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.