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March 8, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 6—ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

St. Theophylactus, Bishop of Nicomedia; Ven. Lazarus and Athanasius of Murom; Apostle Hermas of the Seventy; Hieromartyr Theodoretus of Antioch; Ven. Dometius; The *Kursk-Root* Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos; St. Felix of Burgundy, Bishop of Dunwich and Enlightener of East Anglia; Martyrs Quintilian and Capatolinus in Nicomedia

Epistles: Hebrews 1:10-2:3
Hebrews 7:26-8:2 (Saint)

Gospels: Mark 2:1-12
John 10:9-16 (Saint)

WORSHIP & STUDY—THIRD WEEK OF GREAT LENT

TODAY	4:00 p.m.	Lenten Mission Vespers with His Grace, Bishop MICHAEL, at St. Gregory Palamas Church in Glen Gardner	
Wed, Mar 11	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Confessions Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	
Fri, Mar 13	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Confessions Matins for the Departed followed by Faith Enrichment Series in the church hall	
Sat, Mar 14	9:00 a.m.	THIRD SATURDAY OF GREAT LENT—Memorial Saturday	
Divine Liturgy		Ven. Benedict of Nursia Epistles: Heb 10:32-38 1 Thess 4:13-17 (Departed) (Confessions before the Liturgy will begin at 8 a.m. Do not arrive later than 8:30 a.m.)	Gospels: Mark 2:14-17 John 5:24-30 (Departed)
5:00 p.m.		Confessions	
6:30 p.m.		Panihida for Dorothy Swenticky (40 th day) offered by Diane Dreyer	
7:00 p.m.		Vespers with Procession of the Cross followed by Confessions	
Sun, Mar 15	9:00 a.m.	THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 7—VENERATION OF THE CROSS	
Divine Liturgy		Martyrs Agapius, Publius, Timolaus, Romulus, two named Dionysius and two named Alexander Epistle: Heb 4:14-5:6	Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1
4:00 p.m.		Lenten Mission Vespers at Church of the Holy Cross in Medford	

WITHIN THE PARISH

Church School Classes will meet **TODAY** following the Liturgy Dismissal.

Our **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held **TODAY**, immediately following Coffee Hour, to reflect upon and discuss past, present and future aspects of life in this community. For those who did not get one, a copy of the *2014 Annual Report* is still available at the Candle Desk. Remember that the business of the church is **YOUR** business; that's why we strongly encourage you **ALL** to attend. If, however, you can't be present, we ask that you pray for our parish that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire our life together in Christ.

Father David will be offering a **Faith Enrichment Series** on the basics of the Christian Faith **this Friday, March 13**, following the Matins for the Departed. Anyone interested is invited to the hall for some light refreshments, where Father will offer a reflection on the Creed and its application in our lives. Give serious thought and prayer to taking advantage of this great "refresher" course.

Next Sunday, March 15, there will be a **Special Collection** during Divine Liturgy to support the young family of **+Fr. Matthew Baker** in the wake of his tragic death last Sunday. (*See **Memory Eternal** in the bulletin.*) Please be generous and hearty thanks for your consideration of this urgent request.

The **Altar Society** will meet on **Monday, March 16**, at 6 p.m., in the church hall.

The **Men's Club** will meet in the church hall on **Thursday, March 19**, at 7 p.m.

The **Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, March 22**, will be our **Annual Lenten Youth Sunday**, where our young people will take over many responsibilities of the Liturgy, including reading of the Hours and Epistle; working the Candle Desk; ringing the bells; collecting the offering; and holding the Communion cloth. One of our young adults will also deliver what is sure to be a very powerful, insightful and meaningful sermon on Christian life. Please mark your calendars and make an effort to attend.

BITS & PIECES

FOR YOUR INFO Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **119**.

SUNDAY SERVICE TEAMS The Epistle will be read next week by **Seminarian Wes Pulley**. The Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Saint Anne's Guild**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Machyowsky**.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER Remember the following brothers and sisters in your daily prayers, as well as the 21 Christians murdered in Libya, the Coptic Church and the Egyptian nation:

Departed

Anna Elagin	Stephanie Simons
Dolores Hode	Mariami Naruslishvili
Zinna Kusnirik	James Koy
Katherine Tarczewski	Priest Matthew Baker

Servicemen

Ivan Shidlovsky
Priest Sean Levine
Elizabeth Brent

Sick

Aunika Browne	Darren Flynn	Beth Williscroft
Thomas Verdon	Beth Giordano	Nancy Filak
Patricia Lowry	Mary Carol Burchill	Michael Dargento
Edward Walton	Matushka Dorothy Sulich	Sandra Webster
Kaitlyn Fox	Ruth Curtis	Amelia Rugala
Iwan Jakimtschuk	Mary Louise Viquez	Ellen Dargento
Natalie Matz	Kathleen Kushwara	Olga Miller
Dorothy Sopchak	Josefa Calero	Allen Mioduszewski
Gloria Basara	Theodore Christie	Sophie Hyland
Ginny Wilmer	Walentyna Posluszny	Kathleen Keimer
Karen Tarallo	John Cameron	Tamara Diaczenko
Edward Romanofsky	Pearl Blower	Elaine Ashton
Dawn Zirch	Gloria Soto	Michael Pelleriti
Joseph Basara Jr.	Jack Rhoades	Gina Krusius
Martha Drobnak	Donna Kara	Wendy Packard
Sergio Dubowski	Sergei Andreyev	Gregory Sitze
Bruce Longo	Vladimir Batenko	Charles Csenica
Dean Prestino	Pauline Dziemian	Kenneth Crowley
Gaynelle Crowley	Kendall McNamara	Gabrielle Huba
Myrna Woznica	Pamela Inman	James D'Amore Jr.
Aspasia Alfaro	Dorothy Vernak	Jonathan Clayton
Beth Van Orden	Victor Rugala Jr.	Aidan Brown
Rina D'Amico	Simon Koslov Jr.	Mari Favire
Deborah Krusius	Jane D'Amore	John Kotkovich
Joseph Posluszny		

If you wish to have someone added to this list, get in touch with Father David or Starosta.

MEMORY ETERNAL Throughout this past week, many of you have heard about the tragic death of **Priest Matthew Baker**, Rector of *Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church* in Norwich, CT. Last Sunday, following the Triumph of Orthodoxy Vespers in his parish, Father Matthew and his children were traveling home in the snow and ice storm when he lost control of his van as it crossed into the median and rolled several times before stopping on the other side of the highway. Father was thrown from the vehicle and died, but, miraculously, his six kids, ages 2 to 11, suffered only minor injuries. His widow, **Presvytera Katherine**, was not with them. In his short time as a priest, Fr. Matthew made a name for himself in the Orthodox community and gained a reputation as a kind and intellectual servant of God committed to all the spiritual needs of his parish; he was also a very dedicated family man. Father had an attachment to *SS. Peter & Paul* as one of the seminarians we supported for the *St. Nicholas Giving Tree Project* several years ago. Please pray for Fr. Matthew's blessed repose, as well as for his beloved wife, his beautiful children and his entire family. May our Lord comfort them at this most difficult of times—Vechmaya Pamyat!

CEMETERY ORDER Parishioners are asked to remove all winter grave blankets from their plots by **Tuesday, March 31**, so that the landscaper can begin his spring clean up.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go out this week to **Subdeacon Joshua Chup, Fiona Garretson** and **Dorothy Edwards**. May the Lord continue to bless them with joyful hearts and good health for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

FOOD BANK NEEDS LIST The *South River Food Bank* is in need of the following items: **cereal, jelly, ketchup, cans of Chef Boyardee Beef Ravioli or Meatballs & Pasta, canned fruit, tuna, chicken and/or chili, boxes of spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and scalloped and/or mashed potatoes.** (*Gift cards are also welcomed.*) If you can help by donating any of these, it would be appreciated. Leave your contribution on the table in the church hall vestibule; Joan Pisuk will make sure they are delivered to the Food Bank. Many thanks for your assistance.

THANKS to the following *Holy Rollers* who gathered last Saturday to make prosphora (Holy Bread): **Myra Brown, Marge Butch, Gregory & JoAnn Chup, Diane Dreyer, Craig & Elaine Mazzei, Janice Meade, Jay Pelleriti, Robert & Joan Pisuk, Mark Trubilla** and **Linda Wood**. May God bless them all for providing such an act of generosity and kindness.

LENTEN SOUL SATURDAYS The second of this year's three Lenten Memorial (Soul) Saturdays will be **this Saturday, March 14**. The Liturgy on Saturday morning will be preceded by *Matins for the Departed* on Friday evening, at which time the names of deceased parish and family members will be read. Enclosed in the Jan 25 bulletin was the form for you to list those you want mentioned. (*There are extra copies available at the Candle Desk.*) Once completed, you can either drop it off in church or send it to the rectory. Everyone is encouraged to attend these services and offer prayers, not only as a sign of love and respect, but to ask those who have passed away to intercede before the Lord to protect us and our loved ones on earth until such time that we, too, can enjoy the fruits of blessed immortality.

BRING A FRIEND along with you to church. Encourage your relatives to attend services faithfully. It is our Christian duty to help others find Jesus. The Apostle Andrew brought his brother Peter to the Lord...let us follow his example!

SHHHH! Please silence all cell phones and pagers when entering the church. Thanks.

BULLETIN DEADLINE If you have any announcements for next week's bulletin, contact Fr. David at the rectory or get in touch with our Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net). The deadline is **Thursday evening**.

ANNUAL EASTER BAZAAR—MARCH 28, 2015

Our **Annual Easter Bazaar** is scheduled for **Sat, March 28**; its purpose is two-fold: to bring the parish together to raise funds to sustain its fiscal needs and to open our arms, hearts and doors as we share our cherished Lenten and Paschal traditions with the surrounding communities. Delicious specialty foods and pastries will be offered, as well as ethnic sales, church tours and gift baskets.

Need a sweet treat for Pascha, other than chocolate and jellybeans? How about a delicious babka? Orders are now being taken by **Carol Deerson** (732-254-4979) through **Sun, March 22**. Varieties include apricot, cheese, chocolate, cinnamon crumb, poppy, prune and raspberry for \$10.25 each and apricot cheese, chocolate cheese and raspberry cheese for \$10.75. Pickup will be in the hall on **Thursday, March 26**, after 3 p.m.

For this fundraiser to be successful, the entire parish will be relied on heavily to prepare, work and participate in all activities. The fellowship and resulting friendships will be wonderful extra benefits of laboring for a good cause. So, please set aside some time to help your church during this major event. (*Additional details will be provided in the coming weeks.*)

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!