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FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 1—SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

The Holy Fathers who were slain at the Monastery of St. Sabbas: Ven. John, Sergius, Patrick and others; Monk-martyr Euphrosynus of Sinozersk; Martyr Photina the Samaritan Woman, her sons, Martyrs Victor and Joses, and two others; Virgin-martyrs Alexandra, Claudia, Euphrasia, Matrona, Juliana, Euphemia and Theodosia of Amisus; St. Nicetas the Confessor, Archbishop of Apollonias in Bithynia; Righteous Abel the First Martyr in the history of mankind; St. Martin of Braga in Iberia; St. Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne; Martyr Michael the Sabbaite at Jerusalem

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

Gospel: John 1:43-51

THE PARISH AT WORSHIP & STUDY—SECOND WEEK OF GREAT LENT

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| TODAY | 5:00 p.m. | <i>Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers</i> at St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church in Brooklyn, NY |
| Wed, Mar 23 | 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Confessions Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts |
| Thurs, Mar 24 | 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Confessions Panikhida for Archpriest John Udics (40 th day) Great Compline & Litiya followed by Confessions |
| Fri, Mar 25 | 9:00 a.m. | THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR MOST-HOLY LADY THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY |
| Vespertal Liturgy | | Epistle: Heb 2:11-18 Gospel: Luke 1:24-38 (<i>Confessions before Liturgy will begin at 8 a.m. Do not arrive later than 8:30 a.m.</i>) |
| 6:00 p.m. | | Confessions |
| 7:00 p.m. | | Compline followed by a Lenten Faith Enrichment Series with Fr. David |
| Sat, Mar 26 | | SECOND SATURDAY OF GREAT LENT |
| 9:00 a.m. | | Leavetaking of the Annunciation; The Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel |
| Divine Liturgy | | Epistle: Heb 3:12-16 Gospel: Mark 1:35-44 (<i>Confessions before Liturgy will begin at 8 a.m. Do not arrive later than 8:30 a.m.</i>) |
| 5:00 p.m. | | Confessions |
| 6:30 p.m. | | <u>Panikhida:</u> Pauline Dziemian (1 yr) offered by the family Walter Swenticky (Annual) and Mary Sudnikovich (Annual) offered by Helen Cameron and Walter "Blackie" Sudnikovich |
| 7:00 p.m. | | Vespers followed by Confessions (<i>Responses will be sung by the St. Tikhon's Seminary Mission Choir from South Canaan, PA</i>) |

Sun, Mar 27
9:00 a.m.
Divine Liturgy

SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 2—ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

Epistles: Heb 1:10-2:3
Gospels: Mark 2:1-12
Heb 7:26-8:2 (Saint)
John 10:9-16 (Saint)

(Responses during Liturgy will be sung by the St. Tikhon's Seminary Mission Choir. The Installation of the 2016 Parish Council will take place after the service.)

4:00 p.m. **Lenten Mission Vespers** at Mother of God, Joy of All Who Sorrow Mission in Princeton

THE PARISH AT WORK & FELLOWSHIP

There will be **NO Church School** today; classes will resume **next Sunday, March 27**.

Father David's **Lenten Faith Enrichment Series** will continue **this Friday, March 25**. We will gather in the church following the 7 p.m. evening service. The series is **FREE** and open to everyone; **NO** pre-registration is required. In fact, the only prerequisite is that you come with a desire to learn more about the Holy Orthodox Church. Attend every week or when you can.

This Sat-Sun, Mar 26-27, our parish will be visited by the **St. Tikhon's Seminary Mission Choir** from South Canaan, PA. This men's choral group will sing a mini-concert during our *Annual Easter Bazaar*, as well as the responses at both Vespers on Saturday evening and the Liturgy on Sunday morning. They will also be available to speak with you during Coffee Hour as you peruse their traveling bookstore. Let us show these young talented seminarians our hospitality and generosity. (**NOTES:** *Overnight lodging is needed for this group. If you can host one or more members, see or contact Father David.*)

Installation of the 2016 Parish Council will take place **next Sunday, March 27**, after the Liturgy.

The **Altar Society** will meet in the church hall on **Sunday, April 3**, during Coffee Hour.

Our **Annual Lenten Youth Sunday** will be held this year on the **Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, April 10**. The young people will take an active part in helping direct and carry out many parts of the Liturgy. Make every effort to attend and show them your support.

The first meeting of the **2016 Parish Council** that was to be held tomorrow has been **RESCHEDULED** for **Monday, April 18**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall; all members are asked to be present.

The **Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA) National Basketball Tournament** will be hosted by **our parish** on **Friday-Sunday, May 20-22**. More info to follow.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RECORD Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **129**.

ON DUTY NEXT WEEK Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Saint Anne's Guild**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Kovalenko**. (**NOTE:** *The Men's Club and Team Kruger will be responsible for the Coffee Hour and cleaning the church, respectively, during the month of April.*)

WELCOME YOUR EMINENCES We are pleased to have **Metropolitan JOSEPH** of the *Antiochian Archdiocese* and our own **Archbishop MICHAEL**, along with many clergy from throughout NY and NJ, worship and socialize with us on this Sunday of Orthodoxy. What a profound joy it is to be a part of this historic occasion for our community as Orthodox Christians from different ethnicities gather together to witness for the "*peace of the whole world, the welfare of God's holy churches and for the union of all.*" We sincerely hope that everyone has a memorable and blessed visit with us.

READERS NEEDED Anyone interested in answering God's call to assist in the Liturgy by reading the Hours or Epistle is asked to contact our Choir Director, Basil Kozak, at (917) 697-8058.

EXTRA COPIES of the *2015 Annual Report* are still available at the Candle Desk.

INCARNATION BROADCAST NETWORK (INBN) is an evangelistic and outreach ministry of *Holy Assumption Church* in Canton, OH that offers chants, Orthodox news, Scripture readings and lives of the Saints. Log on to www.inbn.net and check it out!

MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS On certain Saturdays during Lent, the commemoration of the dead is prescribed. Within the Church, we all depend on each other, belong to each other and are united by the love of Christ, even with those who have preceded us in death. Remembering departed relatives and others among the faithful who have fallen asleep in the Lord is an act of love that we should never neglect. This year's Lenten Memorial (Soul) Saturdays will be **April 2 & 9**. The Liturgy on this day will be preceded by *Matins for the Departed* on Friday evening. A form to list the names of those you want mentioned was included in the Feb 14 bulletin; there are also extra copies available at the Candle Desk. Once completed, you can either drop it off in church or send it to the rectory; even better, attend these services yourself to experience the beauty and true meaning of these days.

PASTORAL MINISTRY To make arrangements for funerals, baptisms, marriages or counseling, call Father David at the rectory. Also, please feel free to contact him, either by phone or E-mail, if you have any questions, problems or concerns about the parish and/or your faith. All matters will be addressed as quickly as possible and kept in the strictest confidence.

FOCA SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY All Junior and Senior FOCA members who are entering as freshmen or enrolled undergraduate students in a two-year, four-year or certificate-granting institution or seminary may apply. Forms can be downloaded at www.orthodoxfellowship.org. For due consideration, the application must be postmarked no later than **Saturday, April 30**.

FOOD CARD PROGRAM Did you know that by participating in this fundraiser, you are not only putting food on the table, you are helping put extra money in the parish treasury? If you are not already involved, you are encouraged to do so. Don't delay—do it today! **Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make Cents Not To!**

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE Keeping the church clean is a necessary task that is assigned to our parishioners each month. Listed below are the groups for April, May & June:

| <u>APRIL</u> | <u>MAY</u> | <u>JUNE</u> |
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| MYRA BROWN | IRENE BORYSEWICZ | CHRISTINA & NINA BERK |
| MARK & CLAUDIA KRUGER | TANYA DAVIS | ROMAN & EWA JAWORUK |
| ARTHUR & DOLLY ZENKERT | TAMARA SICA | ROBERT & JOAN PISUK |
| NATALIE ZENKERT | JOHN & SUSAN WITKOWSKI | |

All the cleaning instructions are posted on the bulletin board in the Candle Desk. Supplies and equipment are provided. If you have any concerns and/or conflicts, see Jay Pelleriti or Starosta. Thank you for your help with this important ministry in our community.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to all the **Church School Children**, especially **Gabriella Rubis, Anika Rusche** and **Arianna Marie Steffaro**, who went to Holy Confession and Communion this weekend. We pray that they will always participate in these Divine Mysteries as they grow in the Faith. We also pray for their **parents** and **Church School instructors** that the Lord may grant them continued grace, wisdom and courage to be good examples of Orthodox Christian living. Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

BIRTHDAY WISHES go out this week to **Dorothy Messeka** and **Dylan Arango**. May God continue to bestow His blessings on both of them for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

HANDLING THE HOLY BREAD After taking Communion or at the end of Liturgy, it's traditional to eat a piece of *antidoron*—the bread that was left over after the Eucharist was prepared. While *antidoron* is NOT the Body of Christ, it is blessed bread and should be treated as such. This means that it should be eaten carefully so that crumbs do not fall on the floor. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

THANKS to **Joseph Derewesky** for his recent donation to the church in memory of **Gloria Basara**; we are most appreciative of the gift.

PRAYER LIST Pray for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week:

Departed

Douglas Grekin Sherry Long
Michael Proscia Mark Bendy Jr.
Thomas Lowery Charlotte Black
Dorothy Vernak Joan Van Dorn
Olga Dutka

Servicemen

Priest Sean Levine
Elizabeth Brent

Sick

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| Aunika Browne | Jessica Hu | Beth Williscroft |
| Darlene Posluszny | Beth Giordano | Nancy Filak |
| Gus Tsirkas | Mary Carol Burchill | Michael Dargento |
| Dylan Magee | Miriam Eby | Sandra Webster |
| Kaitlyn Fox | Ruth Curtis | Mary Dean |
| Maria Freccia | Mary Louise Viquez | Ellen Dargento |
| Natalie Matz | Sgt. Peter Roselli | Olga Miller |
| Dorothy Sopchak | Josefa Calero | Allen Mioduszewski |
| Simon Kozlov Jr. | Pauline Pullo | Sophie Hyland |
| Ginny Wilmer | Walentyna Posluszny | Kathleen Keimer |
| William Begley | John Cameron | Tamara Diaczenko |
| Peter Coniglio | Pearl Blower | Elaine Ashton |
| Dawn Zirch | Gloria Soto | Michael Pelleriti |
| Jane D'Amore | Bernadine Trubilla | Gina Krusius |
| Martha Drobnak | William Taylor | Richard Leming |
| Michaela Fox | Sergei Andreyev | Gregory Sitze |
| Harriet Miele | Grace Diriwachter | Anthony Abate |
| Dean Prestino | Nana Tikhashvili | Kenneth Crowley |
| Gaynelle Crowley | Kendall McNamara | Robert Ingram |
| Timothy Brown | Pamela Inman | James D'Amore Jr. |
| Aspasia Alfaro | Donna Helfrey | Jonathan Clayton |
| Beth Van Orden | Archpriest Joseph Kreshik | Aidan Brown |
| Rina D'Amico | Pauline Finnochio | Victor Rugala Jr. |
| Devon Pietrini | Chester Andrzejewski | Robert Fedak |
| Michael Marsteller | Archpriest Paul Lazor | Elaine Fedak |
| Margaret Stuart | Matushka Juliana Schmemann | Krista Wiley |
| Karen Yuschak | Brit Davis | Joyce Major |
| John Uhrin | Crystal Aldana | Vera Bilas |
| Sharon Fedak | Raymond Bevere | Delilah Arango |
| Ann Puchala | Patricia Knett | Richard Jones |
| Oleg Burlak | Leonard C. Wilson Sr. | Jamie Arango |
| Nancy Fabricius | | |

Please contact Father David or Starosta to add/remove someone from the list.

WARM THE CHILDREN (WTC) YEAR-END REPORT 2015 was a good year for this charitable organization. Orthodox sponsored orphanages, homes and missions in Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Greece and Romania gratefully received packages that contained needed clothing, bedding, health & hygiene aids, school supplies and other miscellaneous items (cocoa, raisins and bendable drinking straws) from parishes and parishioners throughout the United States. Generous cash donations were also given to help defray costly shipping expenses. It is the hope of those involved in this heartwarming ministry that 2016 will surpass the success of last year. If you'd like to contribute something, contact WTC organizer Diane Peppes by telephone (201-704-8524), E-mail (dpeppes@hotmail.com) or post (c/o Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, 818 Valley Rd., Clifton, NJ 07013). Cash offerings will also be accepted. During this holy season of increased almsgiving and charity, help the caring power of this fine group to improve the lives of those little ones who need our support and love now and throughout the year.

HAVE YOU MOVED? Let Fr. David know your new contact information.

SCHEMICK-TOLLS SCHOLARSHIP Applications are available from Carol Deerson and must be submitted no later than **Monday, May 2**; supplemental materials (letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc.) are due by **Sun, May 29**. To be duly considered for this scholarship, an applicant and his/her family must be church members in good standing for at least two years prior to May 2; they must also be regular participants in the sacramental life of the parish and demonstrate stewardship and financial support. The student must be enrolled as a full-time, undergraduate in a two-year, four-year or certificate granting institution and have high school and/or college grade point averages of 2.25 or better. If you have any questions, concerns or need more info, contact Carol at (732) 254-4979. May the Lord bless you in your academic endeavors.

SPECIAL THANKS to **Myra Dostanich** for preparing the *koliva* (boiled wheat sweetened with honey, fruit and nuts) and bread that was blessed and consumed on Friday evening following the Compline & Litiya service. Myra's dedication to keeping this pious custom alive is admirable and worthy of all God's blessings.

CONFESSION & COMMUNION OF SHUT-INS Anyone knowing of recent shut-ins who should be visited to be confessed and communed during Lent is asked to contact Father David. Lenten sacramental participation is required for **ALL** parishioners.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT There will be **NO CONFESSIONS** heard on **Sunday mornings**, unless prearranged with Fr. David. As you can see in the bulletin under *The Parish at Worship & Study*, there are plenty of opportunities to avail yourself of this sacrament: before every Presanctified Liturgy, before Divine Liturgy on Saturday mornings and before and after Vespers on Saturday evenings. Thank you for your understanding with this spiritual matter.

CHURCH WEBSITE Our parish website address is www.saintpeterandopaul.org. Check it out!

HELP WANTED While it may seem hard for some to believe—given the weather of late—summer really is “just around the corner,” and the organizers of **St. Andrew's Camp** in Jewell, NY are getting an early start in putting out calls for counselors and staff members for its 2016 season. *St. Andrew's* is the oldest camp within the *Orthodox Church in America (OCA)* and its many themed programs seek to bring campers closer to Jesus Christ and their faith; develop important life skills in young people; provide an experience of nature and God's creation; and much more! For additional info on how you can share your talents and skills at the camp this summer, E-mail Shelby Duchow at shelby.duchow@gmail.com. Please remember the words of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (15:58): “*Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*”

THE DEADLINE for next Sunday's bulletin is **Thursday evening**. Announcements can be sent to Fr. David at the rectory or to Starosta James Kornafel by E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net), phone (732-462-3388) or fax (732-845-3515).

ANNUAL EASTER BAZAAR - MARCH 26, 2016

This year's 2016 Easter Bazaar Committee (Pete Illenye, Greg Messeka, Sandy Saurman, Pete & Debbie Silowka) is now putting the “finishing touches” on this parish fundraiser. It will be held in our hall **this Sat, March 26**, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Lenten and Paschal specialty cuisine/pastries will be offered, as well as ethnic sales and church tours. Also, the **St. Tikhon's Seminary Mission Choir** will perform a mini-concert.

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS! If you are interested in getting involved and never have before, that's OK; we have all kinds of jobs for you to do. Get in touch with a co-chairman.

The deadline for **Easter Babkas** is **TODAY**. The following varieties are still available for you to buy: poppy, prune, raspberry, apricot, chocolate, cheese, cinnamon crumb and raisin for \$10.50 apiece and apricot cheese, raspberry cheese and chocolate cheese for \$11.00 each. To place a last-minute order, E-mail (dshaluha@comcast.net) or call (732-238-0735) **Debbie Jones**. Early pickup of the breads is set for **Wed, March 23**, between 2 and 7 p.m., in the parish hall.

Homemade Baked Goods for the **Russian Tea Room** are requested. Cakes, cookies, pies or any other favorite dessert you would like to share are welcome. Any “sweet treats” can be dropped off in the parish hall **this Friday, March 25**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or on **Saturday, March 26**, before 10 a.m.

The success of this event is crucial to our continued financial stability; so set aside some time to help your church on this day.