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March 13, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 5—SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

The Translation of the Relics of St. Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople; Martyr Sabinus of Egypt; Martyrs Africanus, Publius and Terence of Carthage; Martyr Alexander of Macedonia; Martyr Christina of Persia; Ven. Aninas of the Euphrates

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

Gospel: John 1:43-51

♦ SERVICE & STUDY SCHEDULE ♦ (SECOND WEEK OF GREAT LENT)

TODAY	5:00 p.m.	Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers with His Grace, Bishop ALEXIS, at <i>Holy Resurrection Church</i> in Wayne	
Wed, Mar 16	6:00 p.m.	Confessions	
	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	
Fri, Mar 18	6:00 p.m.	Confessions	
	7:00 p.m.	Matins for the Departed followed by Confessions	
Sat, Mar 19	SECOND SATURDAY OF GREAT LENT—Memorial Saturday		
9:00 a.m.	Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria		
Divine Liturgy	Epistles: Heb 3:12-16	Gospels: Mark 1:35-44	
	1 Thess 4:13-17 (Departed)	John 5:24-30 (Departed)	
	<i>(Confessions before Liturgy will begin at 8:30 a.m. Please do not arrive later than 8:45 a.m.)</i>		
6:00 p.m.	Confessions		
7:00 p.m.	Vespers followed by Confessions		
Sun, Mar 20	SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 6—ST. GREGORY PALAMAS		
9:00 a.m.	Epistles: Heb 1:10-2:3	Gospels: Mark 2:1-12	
Divine Liturgy	Heb 7:26-8:2 (Saint)	John 10:9-16 (Saint)	

♦ LIFE OF THE PARISH ♦

The Men's Club will meet on **Thursday, March 17**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall. All members are asked to attend.

A **Lenten & Paschal Food Sale** is now in progress. Potato cheese pierogie are available for \$8 a dozen and can be ordered by contacting Carol Deerson via phone (732-254-4979) or E-mail (jcdeerson@verizon.net); the deadline is **Sunday, March 27**. Easter babka orders are being taken by Judith Znaiden (732-828-0076 / jznaiden@optonline.net) through **Sunday, April 3**. This year's variety includes cheese, chocolate, cinnamon crumb, prune, poppy, raspberry, apricot and raisin for \$12 each and raspberry cheese, chocolate cheese and apricot cheese for \$13.50 apiece. *(An order form is included in today's bulletin.)* Pierogie and babka orders can be picked up in the parish hall on **Friday, April 8**, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. This is a real yummy fundraiser—won't you please participate?

The Altar Society will meet in the church hall on **Monday, March 21**, at 6:30 p.m.

A **Lenten Retreat** of the **Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF)** will be hosted by **our parish** on **Sat, April 9**. All young adults, ages 18-25, are invited to attend a day of lectures, discussion and fellowship. Please save the date—more info will be forthcoming.

❖ NEWS YOU CAN USE ❖

FOR THE RECORD Attendance at the Liturgy last Sunday was **75**.

PLEASE CONTACT FATHER DAVID when someone is ill or hospitalized and in need of his visit.

TIMES FOR CONFESSIONS Unless prearranged with Father David, confessions **WILL NOT** be heard on Sunday mornings. There are many opportunities to avail yourself of this sacrament during Great Lent: before every Presanctified Liturgy, after the Lenten service on Friday evenings, before Divine Liturgy on Saturday mornings and before and after Great Vespers on Saturday evenings. Please check for times under the *Service & Study Schedule* in the bulletin.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please pray for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week, as well as for the deceased, suffering, wounded, grieving or displaced people affected by the current hostilities in Ukraine:

Departed

Terese Wisniewski
Patricia Earp

Servicemen

Priest Sean Levine
Todd Adams
Mark Lopez
Nathaniel Simpson

Sick

Kaitlyn Fox	Beth Giordano	Kelsey Fischer
Jay Pelleriti	Victor A. Rugala Jr.	Michael Dargento
Barbara Trojan	Donna Truglio	Ellen Dargento
Marisa Stryker	Wil Bowser	Mario Troyani
John Bihuniak	Edward Boshko	Gertrude Samuel
Debbie Williams	Veronica Genito	Kathleen Keimer
Beth Van Orden	Richard Bumgardner	Jonathan Dzoba
Jamie Arango	Marianne Ford	Aidan Brown
Karyn Migut	Andrea Londensky	Gregory Staples
Virginia Staples	Christine Marie Parker	Lynn Clair
Riley Dolan	John Makarewicz	Joyce Major
Alan Diaz	Doris Gorman	Alan Zenkert
Michelle Telesca	Buddy Watson	Stefania Lazor
Bronwyn Smith	Carol Luongo	Suellen Shimski
Daria Bishara	Joshua Torosyan	Robin Sueling
David Sommers	Theodore Gentili	Karen Meade
Robert DiPaolo	Margaret DeVito	Alexey Nerush
Peter Pero	Nikolai Schijan	Janice Sadlon
Thomas Pituk	Ann Jenkins-Frison	Jay Sommers
Concetta Canon	Joseph Turick	Lynn Bush
Jacques Roscel	Joseph McIlhinney	Sandra Saurman
Julianna Bihuniak	Laurissa Solar	Stanley Rakowski
Leon Brasowski	Maryann DeFrancesco	Gloria Celkupa
Olga Kornafel	Lexi Porambo	Teri Szelli
Robert Lombardo	Theodore Brown	Janet Lombardo
Ronald Hendricks	Jennifer Rice	Carly Byrne
Wesley Worley	Evelyn Faye Rice	Bruce Longo
David Longo		

Contact Father David or Starosta if you would like to add or remove a name from this list, remembering the words of St. James in his Epistle (5:16): *"Pray for one another, that you may be healed."*

BIRTHDAY WISHES go out this week to **Dot Edwards, Nina Worobey** and **Nicholas Kovalenko**. Belated greetings are also extended to **Matushka Mary Shafran** from *St. Vladimir Church* in Trenton who celebrated earlier this month. May they continue to have long life and countless blessings for many years.

IF YOU ARE BLESSED WITH SINGING TALENT, we'd like for you to think about joining the Choir. Get in touch with Basil Kozak (917-697-8058) if you are interested.

THANK YOU to Mirjana Dostanich for preparing the *koliva* (boiled wheat sweetened with honey and fruit) that was blessed and consumed on Friday evening following the Vespers service for the *Commemoration of Saint Theodore the Recruit*. May the Lord bless and keep her for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

SHARE IN A JOURNEY OF FAITH Since its establishment in 1994, the **Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)** has reached out to 30+ countries worldwide with mission programs, long- and short-term mission teams and other resources. This year, there are eight opportunities to participate in a *Mission Team*, including Ghana (teaching and youth work), Indonesia (teaching), Alaska (youth work) and Albania (youth work and teaching). For more information or to sign-up, see the poster on the church bulletin board or visit www.ocmc.org.

CONGRATULATIONS to Diane Dreyer on the birth of her grand-niece, **Evelyn Faye Rice**, on Fri, March 11. Although premature, mother and daughter are doing fine. May Christ shower this little one and her family with His heavenly blessings and keep them always in His loving care. Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

MASK MANDATE LIFTED The mask mandate issued by His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL, was lifted this past Monday. Parishioners and guests are no longer required to wear a mask inside the church and hall at any time, regardless of vaccination status; however, anyone is welcome to continue this practice, if he/she is more comfortable doing so.

FOOD CARDS continue to be sold in the hall during Coffee Hour; participating supermarkets are *Shop Rite*, *Stop & Shop* and *Acme*. Make every effort to purchase them before you go grocery shopping. Keep in mind that each card sold brings money into our parish at **no additional expense to you!** **Food Cards – Because It Doesn't Make Cents Not To!**

E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED We are looking to become more connected as a parish by sending out important announcements, updates, death/sickness notices and other pertinent information via E-mail. If you have not already provided your E-mail address, we invite you to do so; just send a blank E-mail to Fr. David at dfmg@aol.com with “E-mail List” as the subject. Thank you.

BRINGING HEALTH SERVICES TO SYRIAN REFUGEES As the war in Syria rages on—now in its sixth year—more and more people are being left homeless, wounded and even worse. Health services are scarce. **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)** has been providing refugees with hearing and vision aid, as well as hygiene kits to help families disinfect their homes and reduce the spread of COVID-19. Thanks be to God that making diagnosis and treatment accessible to camp residents are improving their lives in basic, but vital ways. Unfortunately, much more financial assistance is needed to meet the ever-growing shortage of medical resources. Prayerfully consider sending a donation by visiting www.iocc.org. Offerings may also be made directly to IOCC by mail (110 West Road –Suite 360, Baltimore. MD 21204) or phone (1-877-803-4622). During this most holy time of prayer, fasting, repentance and almsgiving, whatever you can give to continue quality health care delivery to our Syrian brothers and sisters in Christ would be appreciated, for as Saint John Chrysostom said: “*Although fasting is more difficult than this, nothing is so strong and powerful to extinguish the fire of our sins as almsgiving. It is greater than all other virtues. It places its lovers by the side of the King Himself, and justly. For the effect of fasting is confined to those who fast and no other is saved thereby. But almsgiving extends to all, embracing the members of Christ, and actions that extend their efforts to many are far greater than those which are confined to one.*”

MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS The Orthodox Church has had a long-established practice of praying for the departed. Since Apostolic times, the Holy Fathers have constantly taught us that our prayers are a continuation of the bond of love that we form in our human relationships with family and friends—a bond that even death cannot sever. Throughout the liturgical year, several days are designated when we are called upon to offer prayers for our loved ones. Every Saturday is dedicated to those who have fallen asleep in God, for it was on the Sabbath that Christ lay in the tomb “*resting from all His works and trampling down death by death.*” There are also special days of universal commemoration commonly known as *Memorial Saturdays*. The first of this year's two Lenten Soul Saturdays will be **this Sat, March 19**. The Divine 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 at these services was included in the February 6 bulletin; if you did not get one, there are still extra copies available at the Candle Desk. Once completed, you can either drop it off in church or send it to the rectory. Knowing that our loved ones are in heaven with God should motivate us to pray for them, so please come to these services.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS Feast of the Holy Annunciation (**Mar 25**)...Palm Sunday (**Apr 17**)...Good Friday (**Apr 22**)...Great & Holy Pascha (**Apr 24**)...Paschal Visitation of Archbishop MICHAEL (**Apr 25**)...Paschal Cemetery Visitation (**May 1**)...Mother's Day (**May 8**)...Midfeast of Pentecost (**May 18**)...Memorial Day (**May 30**)...Ascension Day (**Jun 2**)...Holy Pentecost (**Jun 12**)...Father's Day (**Jun 19**).

BULLETIN DEADLINE All notices must be submitted to either Fr. David or Starosta James P. Kornafel by no later than **Thursday evening** in order to be in next Sunday's bulletin. You can reach Father at the rectory or get in touch with Jim by phone (732-462-3388), E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net) or fax (732-845-3515).

Babka Orders Now Being Taken

Sponsored by Ss. Peter and Paul, RO Church, South River, NJ

Deadline for Orders: Sunday, April 3, 2022

Call Judy at 732-828-0076 or e-mail jznaiden@optonline.net

(circle flavor)	Quantity		
Cheese	_____	\$12.00	Total _____
Chocolate	_____	\$12.00	Total _____
Cinnamon Crumb	_____	\$12.00	Total _____
Prune	_____	\$12.00	Total _____
Poppy Seed	_____	\$12.00	Total _____
Raspberry	_____	\$12.00	Total _____
Apricot	_____	\$12.00	Total _____
Raisin	_____	\$12.00	Total _____
Raspberry/Cheese	_____	\$13.50	Total _____
Apricot/Cheese	_____	\$13.50	Total _____
Chocolate/Cheese	_____	\$13.50	Total _____
		Grand Total	_____

PICK UP ORDERS ON Friday, April 8th - BETWEEN 10am & 1pm

If possible, please bring your own bag(s) when picking up your order.

Make checks payable to: Ss Peter & Paul RO Church

(Prepayment would be appreciated.)

NAME: _____ Phone Number _____