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A Message from the Priest

March 2011

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The longer days and warmer breezes of March bring the promise of Spring, the promise of new life after a cold hard winter. The physical rebirth of nature is a symbol for us as Orthodox Christians of the spiritual rebirth of Great Lent. Lent is a time to devote to dying to ourselves so that we may truly live. No matter the extent we decide to fast or come to services, it is vital for our spiritual lives that we put this time aside to examine the priorities of our life and, if they are out of order, to put them back into order.

The Church gives us so many opportunities to reexamine and redirect our lives. The moving Vespers of Forgiveness with which we begin this holy season makes us look at our relationships with others and calls us to repair the broken ones and improve the ones that are not broken. Great Compline calls us to repentance in the firm hope of God's blessing. We are nourished and strengthened by receiving the presanctified gifts in Holy Communion. The Salutations to the Virgin remind us both of the great story of our salvation and of the Theotokos' powerful intercession and her ability to crush our spiritual enemies who multiply as we try to live our lives in union with God.

Of course, the highlight of the celebrations of March is our Parish's Name Day, the Annunciation, on March 25. We will be celebrating the Great Vespers on March 24, followed by a Lenten reception, and Divine Liturgy on the morning of March 25. Please try to come and worship as a parish family at one or both of these services.

We are also privileged to have His Eminence, Metropolitan Methodios with us as the celebrant of the first Presanctified Liturgy on March 9. This service will be a gathering of all the parishes in District 7 (Newburyport, Ipswich, Haverhill, Lynn, Peabody). The Ladies Aid Society will be hosting a Lenten reception following the service. Please make an effort to come for this special event.

Lent is also a time for an increased reading of Scripture. Be sure to keep up with the reading of the Gospel of Matthew which you receive from the Listserv or from Facebook. It is also a time when we should think more of "the least of our brothers and sisters". Please use the money you save by fasting to do even more "Lazaros shopping" And don't forget to pray for the person who will enjoy the food of your generosity!

Finally, all the work of repentance during Lent will not be quite so profitable if we do not avail ourselves of the best medicine of all, the Holy Mystery of Confession. We tend to shy away from this powerful medicine because we are embarrassed or think that the priest will judge us. This is not true, no more than your doctor judges you when you tell him your symptoms! The priest has no other function in Confession than to be the means of conveying God's forgiving love; like the angels in heaven, he rejoices when a sinner returns. (And, by the way, he has most certainly forgotten what you confessed by the time you leave the church!). If you wish to come to Confession, please call me to set up an appointment.

May God bless us during this holy season. May it be a time of transformation and grace!

Fr. Constantine Newman

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Liturgical Schedule



SUNDAY SERVICES

No Orthros

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Saturday, March 5

2nd Saturday of Souls

Divine Liturgy (*followed by Memorial Service*) 10:00 am

Followed by Memorial Service

Sunday, March 6

Sunday commemorating the Expulsion of Adam from Paradise (Cheese Fare Sunday)

Forgiveness Sunday

Plagal 4th Tone 8th Morning Gospel

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Vespers of Forgiveness

about 12:00 noon

Monday, March 7

Beginning of the Great Fast of Lent

Great Compline and the Canon of St. Andrew I 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 9

Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 pm

*His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios presiding
District 7 celebration*

Friday, March 11

1st Stasis of the Salutations 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 12

3rd Saturday of Souls

Divine Liturgy (*followed by Memorial Service*) 10:00 am

Sunday, March 13

1st Sunday of the Great Fast

Sunday of Orthodoxy

1st Tone 9th Morning Gospel

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-40

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Followed by Procession with Icons

Monday, March 14

Great Compline 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 16

Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm

Friday, March 18

2nd Stasis of the Salutations 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 20

2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

Our Father among the Saints, Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonike

2nd Tone 10th Morning Gospel

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Monday, March 21

Great Compline 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 23

Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 24

Vespers of the Annunciation 6:30 pm

Friday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Theotokos

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Friday, March 25

3rd Stasis of the Salutations 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 27

3rd Sunday of the Great Fast

The Veneration of the Cross

3rd Tone 11th Morning Gospel

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

Followed by Procession and Veneration of the Cross

Monday, March 28

Great Compline 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 30

Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm

Liturgical Schedule



SUNDAY SERVICES

No Orthros

Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Friday, April 1

4th Stasis of the Salutations

6:00 pm

Sunday, April 3

4th Sunday of the Great Fast

Our Holy Father, John, Author of the *Ladder of the Divine Ascent*

Plagal 4th Tone

1st Morning Gospel

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20

Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

Monday, April 4

Great Compline

6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 6

Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 pm

Friday, April 8

Akathist Hymn

6:00 pm

Sunday, April 10

5th Sunday of the Great Fast

Our Holy Mother, Mary of Egypt

Plagal 1st Tone

2nd Morning Gospel

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Monday, April 11

Great Compline

6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 13

Presanctified Liturgy

6:00 pm

Saturday, April 16

Saturday of Lazaros

Divine Liturgy

9:00 am

Sunday, April 17

Palm Sunday

Festal Hymns

Festal Morning Gospel

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: John 12:1-18

Sunday, April 17

Bridegroom Service

7:00 pm

Monday, April 18

Great and Holy Monday

Bridegroom Service

7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 19

Great and Holy Tuesday

Bridegroom Service

7:00 pm

Hymn of Kassiani

Wednesday, April 20

Great and Holy Wednesday

Presanctified Liturgy

9:00 am

Holy Unction

3:30 pm

Washing of the Feet

7:00 pm

Thursday, April 21

Great and Holy Thursday

Vesperal Liturgy

7:00 am

12 Gospels

7:00 pm

Friday, March 25

Great and Holy Friday

Royal Hours

7:30 am

Sunday School Retreat

10-3

Service of the Unnailing

3:00 pm

Service of the Lamentations

7:00 pm

Saturday, April 23

Great and Holy Saturday

Vigil of Pascha

9:00 am

Pannychis

11:15 pm

Sunday, April 24

Great and Holy Sunday of Pascha

Anastasis, Orthros and Liturgy

12:00 am (midnight)

Agape Vespers

11:00 am

Prosforo: An Offering of Faith

Of the many ways of supporting our Church, there are few which stand out as uniquely personal offerings of faith. The offering of Prosforo bread for the Divine Liturgy is one of them. We are thankful to all who have faithfully fulfilled this responsibility and invite more of our faithful to make this a part of their lives as well.

Prosforo Schedule

March 6	Tina Klidas	April 3	Stella Andriotakis
March 13	Andrea Jones	April 10	Anna Chetsas
March 20	Kathy Tsiantas	April 17	Tina Klidas
March 27	Lisa Housianitis	April 24 (Easter)	Andrea Jones

Joanna Tsiantas is responsible for the Prosforo Schedule. If you have any scheduling conflicts or requests, need to have the Prosforo brought to the church early Sunday morning or wish to add your name to the schedule, please contact Joanna at (978) 465-1405.

A Message from the President

Dear Parishioners,

Many things are happening in the Parish which I would like to share with you all.

On March 9 our Bishop Methodios will be joining our Liturgy service at 6 pm. I'm hopeful that many of you will join in this occasion by attending Liturgy and the light reception to follow.

In view of the recent snow storms that have hit our area, the roof leaks in Nicholson Hall and the church itself have become evermore apparent, and I would like to assure everyone that this is being addressed. I have consulted with a contractor who is already working on this problem.

Remember that coffee hour is a time for fellowship. Sponsors are needed to fill in the schedule for hosting this fellowship hour. Please keep it simple and perhaps more parishioners would feel free to sign up as hosts. A cup of coffee and a cookie make for good conversation!

Again, I implore you all to seek me out with any questions or concerns that you may have regarding the ongoing day to day issues of our Parish. I believe that this year will be one of coming together and partnership between the Council, the Clubs, Committees of our church and the parishioners as a whole. Along with this comes open communication – please let me know if anyone is aware of parishioners whom we have lost over the years, that we may seek them out as well and invite them to return to us once again to become members of our parish family.

As the Lenten period begins I wish you all a season of peace and reflection leading up to Pascha.

Yours in Christ,

Joe Spaulding

Parish Council President

Meet the Saints of March

March 2 St— *Nicholas (Planas), priest in Athens (1932)*



St Nicholas was a simple parish priest in Athens, humble, poor, and barely literate. He was born on Naxos in 1851 to moderately prosperous parents; but when his father died, his mother was reduced to near-poverty, and moved the family to Athens. St Nicholas married at the age of seventeen, but his wife died after a short time, leaving him with

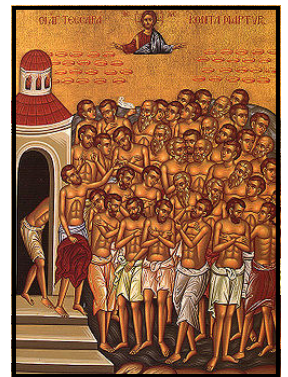
one son. He served the Divine Liturgy daily, never missing a day for fifty years, despite illness, storms, and war. His liturgies unfailingly lasted for several hours, mostly due to the hundreds of commemorations that he included. The faithful would give him sheets of paper containing names to be commemorated; he would carry all the sheets with him in bulging satchels. A few of his spiritual children made it their task to go through the papers secretly and discard the oldest and most worn, so that the commemorations would not increase without limit.

In his conversation, the Saint had a simple and child-like (his detractors would say childish) manner, and he was widely despised by more sophisticated laymen, priests and hierarchs, never being appointed to any but the smallest and poorest parishes. Many, however, discerned his holiness, and a large synodia of spiritual children slowly gathered around him.

Once, a very young altar boy ran out from the altar while Fr Nicholas was serving and, trembling with fear, cried to his mother, 'Mama, Father Nicholas is floating in the air!' His mother, trying to comfort him, said 'Don't be afraid, all priests do that when they serve the Liturgy.' St. Nicholas was often in difficulties with the hierarchy because he continued to keep the feasts according to the Old Calendar after the Church in Greece had adopted the New Calendar. Nonetheless, he never broke communion with the national church (nor they with him): his humility left no room for Church politics. He was later proclaimed a Saint, both by the official 'New Calendar' Church of Greece and their 'Old Calendar' opposition. Like St John Maximovich, his holiness has transcended the canonical disputes that bedevil the Church. He reposed in peace in 1932.

March 9 — *The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebastia (Sebaste) (320)*

They were all soldiers under one general, taken captive in the time of Licinius for their faith in Christ. They were stripped naked and cast onto a frozen lake at Sebastia in Pontus. They endured the entire night, encouraging each other to be patient. Some accounts say that their persecutors placed warm baths in their sight on the shore to entice them to renounce Christ. Finally one of their number, broken by his sufferings, apostatized and left the company. One of the guards, named Aglaius, saw in a vision thirty-nine wreaths descending from heaven onto the heads of the faithful sufferers, and was moved to declare himself a Christian. He was immediately sent to join the martyrs on the frozen lake, keeping the number of forty complete. In the morning all of them, almost dead, were cast into fire, and their remains thrown in the lake. On the third day the martyrs appeared to Peter, the local bishop, and told him to search for them in the lake. The bishop went to the lake on a dark night with his clergy, and one account says that the bones of the martyrs rose to the surface and burned there like a candle. The relics were gathered and given honorable burial.



Meet the Saints of March

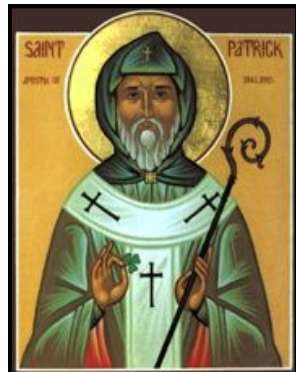
March 17—*St Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland (~461)*

"Saint Patrick, the Apostle of the Irish, was seized from his native Britain by Irish marauders when he was sixteen years old. Though the son of a deacon and grandson of a priest, it was not until his captivity that he sought out the Lord with his whole heart. In his Confession, the testament he wrote towards the end of his life, he says, 'After I came to Ireland — every day I had to tend sheep, and many times a day I prayed — the love of God and His fear came to me more and more, and my faith was strengthened. And my spirit was so moved that in a single day I would say as many as a hundred prayers, and almost as many at night, and this even when I was staying in the woods and on the mountain; and I would rise for prayer before daylight, through snow, through frost, through rain, and I felt no harm.'"

After six years of slavery in Ireland, he was guided by God to make his escape, and afterwards struggled in the monastic life in Aesir in Gaul [now France], under the guidance of the holy Bishop Germanus. Many years later he was ordained bishop and sent to Ireland once again, about the year 432, to convert the Irish to Christ. His arduous labours bore so much fruit that within seven years, three bishops were sent from Gaul to help him shepherd his flock, 'my brethren and sons whom I have baptized in the Lord -- so many thousands of people,' he says in his Confession.

His apostolic work was not accomplished without much 'weariness and painfulness,' long journeys through difficult country, and many perils; he says his very life was in danger twelve times. When he came to Ireland, as its enlightener, it was a pagan country; when he ended his earthly life some thirty years later, about 461, the Faith of Christ was established in every corner."

(Great Horologion)



The root meaning of "saint" is "one set apart." In one sense, all the faithful are saints, set apart from the world to the service of God. But those whom we honor as Saints with a capital "S" are those whose service to God has been of a demonstrably high order—those who gave themselves to Him so completely that His light could shine through them to illuminate the world. When we honor these saints, we are actually celebrating what God has done in their lives. They would be nothing without Him.

Their whole life's purpose was to point us to God. We are commanded by scripture to be "imitators of Christ." The saints are those who have fulfilled this commandment. When we learn about their holy struggles and achievements, we too can be inspired to imitate them and to share at least in a small part the life in Christ.

SERVICES OF GREAT LENT

Vespers of Forgiveness (March 6)

Following the command of our Lord to leave our offering at the altar and to first go and be reconciled to our brothers and sisters, the Orthodox begin the struggles of Great Lent with the Vespers of Forgiveness. The Service begins as a regular joyful Vespers, but already the somber tones of the recognition of sin and the need for repentance can be heard. At the Great Prokeimenon, which marks the transition from one day to the next, the Beautiful Gate of the Sanctuary is closed, and all the cloths of the Church and the priest's vestments are changed to purple. The Service ends with the recitation of the Prayer of St. Ephraim with its prostrations. Lent has begun. At the end of the Service, all the faithful come forward, venerate the icon of Christ and, beginning with the priest, bow to one another and ask forgiveness of one another. There is truly no more beautiful or meaningful way of beginning our journey of Lent!

Great Compline (Mondays of Great Lent)

Compline or Apodeipnon (The "after dinner" prayer) is the usual office recited by monks before retiring. The usual Service is Small Compline, consisting of a couple psalms and prayers before sleep. On great and solemn occasions this service is replaced of Great Compline, which is longer and has a distinct penitential tone. For this reason, it is celebrated in parishes on the Mondays of Great Lent. The Service consists of a number of psalms and hymns which remind us of our sinfulness and need for repentance.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (Wednesday Evenings of Great Lent)

Since the Divine Liturgy is a joyful celebration of the Resurrection, the Church determined that its celebration was inconsistent with the penitential character of the weekdays of Great Lent. But the faithful still felt the need to receive Holy Communion in order to have the strength necessary to bear the work of Lent. For this reason the priest consecrates an extra Lamb on Sunday and reserves it for the celebration of the Presanctified Liturgy. The Service is a combination of a Vespers Service and a Communion Service.

The Salutations to the Virgin (Fridays of Great Lent)

The beautiful Akathist (non-sitting) Hymn which is celebrated on the 5th Friday of Lent celebrates the story of our redemption by contemplating the Incarnation, Birth and Youth of our Lord, and the role that the Holy Theotokos plays in this story. In the Greek tradition, the hymn is divided up into four parts, or *staseis*, and each part is celebrated separately on the preceding 4 Fridays of Lent.

These beautiful services are meant to give us the strength to be transformed by the disciplines of Great Lent, to experience the grace of God in our lives and to open ourselves up to His holy presence. Please try to come at least once during this season to each of these services. You will certainly find that it was worthwhile!

Stewardship Report

Let us commit ourselves and our whole life to Christ our God!
Our stewardship commitments (time, money, and talent) are tangible evidence of our love and devotion to God and His Church.

2011 Report

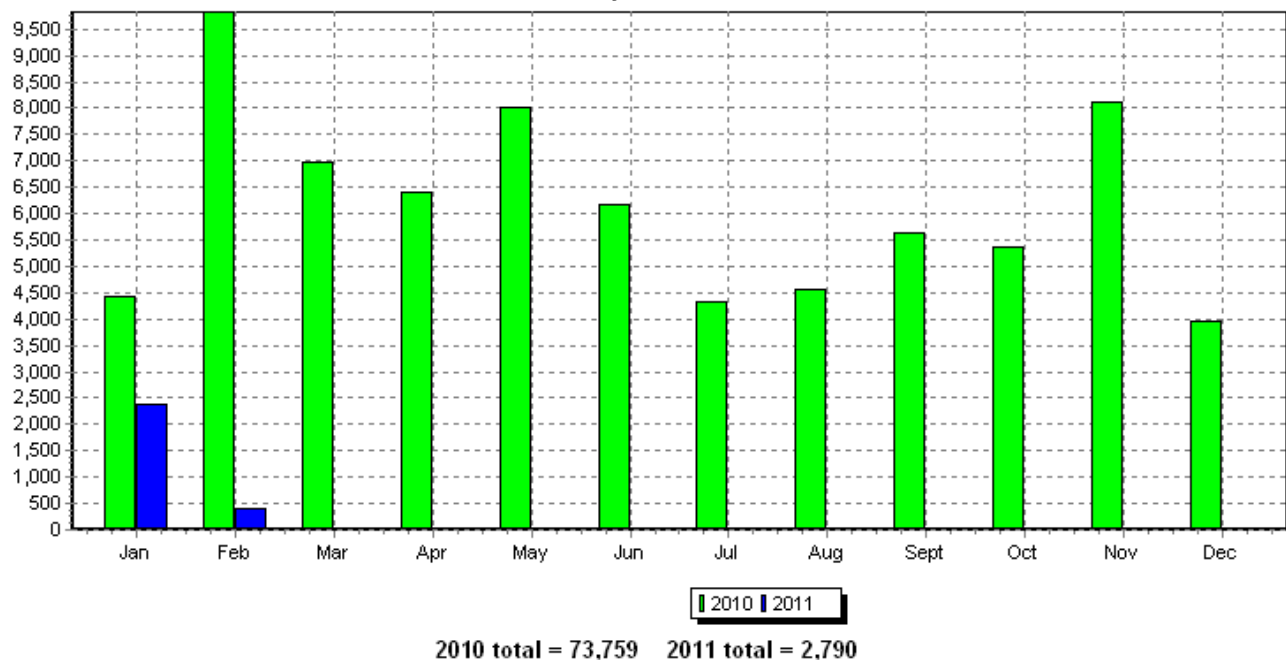
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(II Corinthians 9:7)

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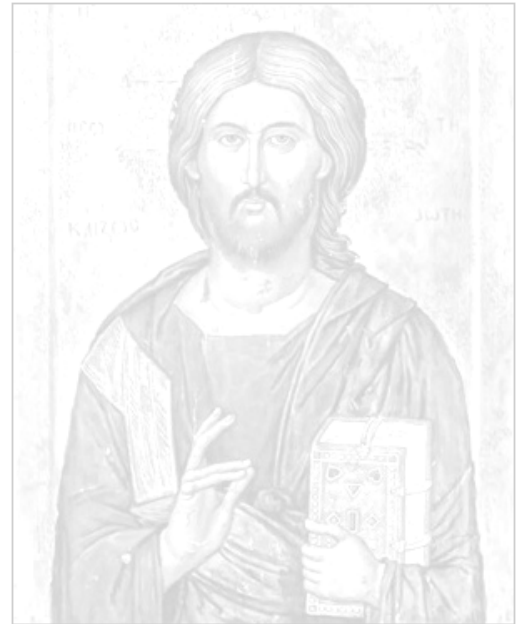
We wish to thank those who have made recent donations the Greek Church

Angela Tsopelas, 2 lap top computers, one for Father and one for the Parish Council Treasurers

We wish to thank those who have made recent donations to St. Basil's Kitchen

In Memory of Helene Matthews

Paul and Christine Matthews
Joanne Panas



Parish News & Notes



Sunday School News

Sunday School News

Great Lent begins a busy season for our Sunday School staff and students. Please join us for our Cheesefare Sunday Brunch which will be held on March 6th following the Liturgy. The students will be receiving their coin boxes on that day to collect money for our mission churches. The students will be participating in two services this month. March 13th Sunday of Orthodoxy, the kids will need to bring their icons for the procession and on March 27th Veneration of Holy Cross, they will participate in the procession on that day. I am including the calendar dates for March and April in hopes we can have full participation for our Easter season.

March

6 classes/CHESEFARE/FORGIVENESS SUNDAY/
COIN BOXES

7 GREAT LENT BEGINS

13 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PROCESSION (ICON
SUNDAY) Bring your icons!

20 classes

25 ANNUNCIATION FEAST DAY

27 HOLY CROSS PROCESSION /STAFF MEETING

April

3- classes

10 classes

17 PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION/ COIN BOXES RE-
TURNED

22 GOOD FRIDAY RETREAT 10:00- 4:00 pm.

24 PASCHA

Jill Argyrople

A Visit from His Eminence

His Eminence, Metropolitan Methodios, will join us for the celebration of the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday, March 9. This will be a district-wide celebration, so the priests and people of the neighboring parishes (Ipswich, Haverhill, Lynn, Peabody) will be joining us. Please put it on your calendar and make a point of coming that evening!

Modern Version of the Prodigal Son

By the 3rd & 4th Grade Sunday school class

The 3rd and 4th grade children of the Sunday School put together a modern version of the Parable of the Prodigal Son in order to understand the story better. Enjoy the new parable!

The older sister is responsible and intellectual. And her little brother is a rock-star. The little brother asks his dad for \$40,000 from his college money. So the little brother (Rock-Star) lied to his Dad so he could get \$40,000 to spend on a big concert for himself with rockets, motorcycles, lightning, unicorns, background dancers and candy rockets! The dad says yes, gives him the money and dropped him off at college.

When the dad was gone he walked away from college. And bought a limo and went to the concert. There were 57,000½ people but nobody liked concert because the first song was Rock A-Bye Baby in punk version. They started a mad riot against the band. They burned down the stadium. The mayor got mad because it is his stadium so he had to pay back what he could, and to work off the rest he had to clean public toilets with his bare hands.

He wants to get home. He starts walking home and a half mile outside the city he takes a horse from a farm. He rides the horse all the way home. The dad throws a ball for him; but his sister gets really mad and refuses to go to the party.

Parish News & Notes



Saturday of Souls

With the beginning of the Tridion, we also have our three Saturdays of Souls. We celebrate these Memorials on February 26, March 5, and March 12. Divine Liturgy is at 10:00 am. Following Liturgy will be the Memorial Service to remember all the departed members of our Parish Family. If you have not yet submitted names for the list, or if your list has changed, please give a new list to Father.

Church Clean Up

We will be making the church and altar area spick and span on Saturday, March 5 after Liturgy (about 11:00). We would appreciate all the help we can get, especially our altar boys! Many hands make light work!

St. Basil's Ministry

As part of the outreach of St. Basil's ministry, Annunciation Church is reaching out to help parish families who are facing a personal crisis. For example, loss of a loved one, disease and even the birth of a child. Our goal is to let them know that we are there to help. One way is to provide a meal to the family. Diane Hansen is compiling a list of volunteers who are willing to provide a meal to a family. Your meal can be homemade or purchased at the store or restaurant. The goal is to show them that we are thinking of them in their time of need and to provide a meal so that they have one less thing to worry about that day.

If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Diane Hansen at 978-462-5815 or dvhansen@verizon.net and I will add your name. If you have any questions, please email me or call.

Thanks,

Diane Hansen

Greek Food Festival 2011

“Heads Up”

With March upon us, can preparations for our Greek Food Festival be far behind?

Our largest fund raiser requires participation by as many of our Stewards as possible. If you haven't given of your time, talent, or treasure to this community effort in the past, you are missing out on a wonderful experience.

Learn from the “experts” how to make Spanakopita and the pastries that your Mothers and Grandmothers made; learn what goes into the Festival's favorite meal – the Lamb Shank Dinner. Help with getting Ad Book Sponsors, selling Raffle Tickets and so many other tasks that are essential to having a successful Festival.

There is no better time than now to step forward to offer whatever you can contribute to help make Greek Food Festival 2011 another success.

Please feel free to contact me at the following:

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MARCH 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Ladies Aid Mtg 7:00 pm <i>Meat Fast</i>	2	3	4	5 Second Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy 10 am Church clean up 11am
6 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Cheese Fare/ Forgiveness Sunday Service around noon	7 St. Basil's Kitchen Great Compline and the Canon of St. Andrew I 6:00 pm Beginning of the Great Lent Fast	8 Parish Council Mtg 7 pm	9 Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios presid- ing District 7 Cele- bration	10	11 1 st Stasis of the Salutations 6:00 pm	12 Third Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy 10 am
13 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Sunday of Orthodoxy <i>Great Lent Fast</i>	14 St. Basil's Kitchen Great Compline 6:00 pm Choir 7 pm	15	16 Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm	17	18 2 nd Stasis of the Salutations 6:00 pm	19
20 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am 2nd Sunday of the Great Lent <i>Great Lent Fast</i>	21 St. Basil's Kitchen Great Compline 6:00 pm Choir 7 pm	22	23 Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm	24 Vespers of the Annunciation 6:30 pm	25 Annunciation of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy 9:30 am 3rd Stasis 6:00pm	26 Lenten Retreat 9 am -3 pm
27 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Veneration of the Cross <i>Great Lent Fast</i>	28 St. Basil's Kitchen Great Compline 6:00 pm Choir 7 pm	29	30 Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm	31		

APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 4 th Stasis of the Salutations 6:00 pm	2
3 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am 4 th Sunday of the Great and Holy Lent <i>Lenten Fast</i>	4 St. Basil's Kitchen Great Compline 6:00 pm Choir 7 pm	5 Ladies Aid Mtg 7 pm	6 Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm	7	8 Akathist Hymn 6 pm	9
10 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am 5 th Sunday of the Great and Holy Lent <i>Lenten Fast</i>	11 St. Basil's Kitchen Great Compline 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7 pm	12 Parish Council Mtg 7 pm	13 Presanctified Liturgy 6 pm	14	15	16 Saturday of Lazaros Divine Liturgy 9am
17 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Palm Sunday Bridegroom Service 7 pm <i>Lenten Fast</i> Holy Week	18 St. Basil's Kitchen Bridegroom Service 7 pm	19 Bridegroom Service 7 pm Hymn of Kassiani	20 Presanctified Liturgy 9am Holy Unction 3:30 pm Washing Feet 7pm	21 Vespers Liturgy 7:30 am 12 Gospels 7 pm	22 Holy Friday Royal Hours 7:30 Sunday School Retreat 10-3 Service of Unnailing 3 pm Lamentations 7pm	23 Great and Holy Saturday Vigil of Pascha 9am Pannychis 11:15pm
24 Anastasis, Orthros and Liturgy 12:00 midnight Agape Vespers 11 am <i>Bright Week</i>	25 St. Basil's Kitchen Choir 7 pm	26	27	28	29	30