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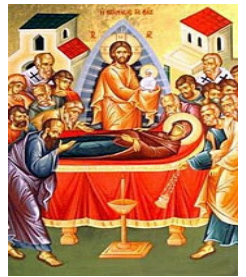
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2 APRIL 2017

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

2 April - The Fifth Sunday of Great Lent; St. Mary of Egypt; The Venerable Titus the Wonderworker

9:15AM.....The Third Hour

9:30AM.....Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

6 April - St. Eutychius, Patriarch of Constantinople

(sung Wednesday Evening)

6:00PM.....The Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts

8 April - LAZARUS SATURDAY

9:30AM.....Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

4:00PM.....Great Vespers with the Blessing of Palms and Willow Branches

4:50PM.....Confessions



9 April - THE ENTRY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM - (Palm Sunday)

9:15AM.....The Third Hour

9:30AM.....The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

From the Book of Ecclesiasticus:

***“A faithful friend is the elixir of life,
and those who fear the Lord will find one.”***

- Ecclesiasticus 6:16

Attendance and Collection

3/26/2017 – Total Attendance: 20: 17 parishioners; 2 children; 1 guests; Collection: \$320.00



“For the Service of Thy House, O Lord...”

Reader Schedule:

For the week of April 2: Natalie Twarek

For the week of April 9: Wayne Golob

For the week of April 16: Tim Glovinsky

For the week of April 23: Ron Royhab

For the week of April 30: David Mazurik



VIGIL LAMPS OFFERED BY:

David & Roddie Mazurik (4) In memory of **Lightfoot**; In memory of **Barbara Frenchek**; Special Intentions (2)

Marguerite Bird (1) Special Intention

Sandy Martin (3) In memory of **Barbara Frenchek**; For the health of **Joe**; Special Intentions.

Tim Glovinsky (1) In memory of **Matushka Barbara Frenchek**.

Troparion for Today's Commemoration -

*The image of God was truly preserved in you, mother,
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.
By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away,
but to care instead for the soul, since it is immortal.
Therefore your spirit, holy mother Mary, Rejoices with the angels!*



Let us pray for Our Sick and Shut-ins:

Dennis Milano – receiving chemotherapy for cancer (prognosis: Good) brother-in-law of Wayne & Heidi Golob
Metropolitan Paul of Aleppo – Greek Orthodox Bishop kidnapped in Syria; we pray for his safe return
Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim – Syriac Orthodox Bishop kidnapped in Syria; we pray for his safe return
Karen Milano – for continued healing and restored health (Heidi Golob's sister)
Lois Tuttamore – in treatment for a re-occurrence of cancer (wife of Bill Tuttamore and friend of Ron Royhab)
Lynn Ruggles – for health and recovery
Alison Pinckney – for healing and restored health (daughter of a good friend of Wayne Golob)
Brad Biecheler – for healing and restored health (son of George Biecheler)
Martin Veronic – for successful surgery and full recovery
Violet Mattingly – neighbor of Greg Mazur, dealing with lung issues
Daria Petrykowski - diagnosed with Stage 4 Lung Cancer (dear friends of Ron & Bobbie Royhab)
William Rentz – for healing and restored complete health
Beth Reinhard – (friend of Diane Tryon) preparing for surgery, we pray for healing and restored health
James Heffernan – in treatment for cancer – we pray for healing and restored health
Baby Lucas Goodman – undergoing several surgeries to repair a rare heart defect (friend of Christi Soski)
Diane Tryon – now receiving dialysis three times per week – we pray for her healing and restored health
Joseph Habegger – for healing & restored health (Laura Kovach's brother-in-law)
John Mazurik – struggling with progressive dementia (brother of Paul Mazurik) – we pray for God's care and comfort
Judy Mazurik – recuperating from successful surgery to remove a tumor on her colon – we pray for healing & health
Howard Bailey – undergoing treatment for cancer – we pray for healing and complete recovery
Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan – now home and recuperating – we pray for healing and restored health
Jeanne Smith – recuperating after surgery to repair a shattered knee (sister-in-law of Natalie Twarek)
Jake Lipstraw – in treatment after surgery for the removal of a tumor on the spine (friend of Natalie Twarek)
John Cox – in treatment for Parkinson's disease, and bone cancer (husband of Pastor Kay Mooney-Cox)
Carolyn Zeigler – just diagnosed with lung cancer (friend of Jean Hileman)
Charles Nowak – now home & adjusting to new medications (grandson of Scott & Jose Kluding)
Helen M. Lis – now at Orchard Villa for skilled nursing and physical therapy
Stanley Lis – at Foundation Park with age related dementia
Colin – a young man requiring a series of surgeries of the next few months (friend of Terri Cassell)
Joseph Rose – now in physical therapy and recuperating from knee replacement surgery
Rollin MacDonald – *now at Stein Hospice*

Please remember to update Father David on the condition of those for whom you have requested prayers so that we can keep this prayer list current.

Danbury Food Pantry

Here's the breakdown for donations we are asked to collect for the Danbury Food Pantry for 2017. We need your donations by the second Sunday of each month as the distribution of the donated food takes place on the third Saturday of the month. Please refer to the following chart for the monthly donations:

DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - Donations requested for each month:

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Tuna	Apple Sauce	Peanut Butter & Jelly	Canned Vegetables	Tomato, Vegetable, or Chicken Soup	cereal	Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese Mix	Apple Sauce	Canned Fruit	Laundry Detergent	Jars of spaghetti sauce

Matushka Barbara Ann Frenchek

Matushka Barbara Ann Frenchek, aged 69, unexpectedly Fell Asleep in the Lord on 23 March 2017. She was born on August 30, 1947 in Yonkers, New York to Theodore and Mary Wasylenko, who preceded her in death. A life long Orthodox Christian, Matushka Barbara was always deeply involved in the life of the Church, along with her loving husband, Deacon Basil (William) Frenchek, who predeceased her on 15 January 2015.

Barbara is survived by her son, William (Kelly) Frenchek, and by her sister Diana Bendal. She is the dearest grandmother of Alyson, Madelyn, and Katelyn; the loving great-grandmother of Lily and Levi, the dear aunt of Kristina Olszewski, Daniel (Anne) Olszewski, and William Olszewski. Barbara will be deeply missed by her family and many close friends that she has made over the years.

Visitation will be Friday, March 31, 2017 from 10:30AM to 2:00PM at the Holy Dormition Orthodox Monastery, 3389 Rives Eaton Road, Rives Junction, Michigan 49277. The Orthodox Funeral Service will begin at 2:00PM with her interment to follow in the cemetery on the monastery grounds.

Please share your memories and/or leave condolences on Barbara's guestbook on the webpage of the Voran Funeral Home of Allen Park.



May God grant Matushka Barbara, Blessed Repose, and may her memory be Eternal!

The Sweet Relief of Repentance

By Father Joel Weir

“The end is approaching, O my soul – it is approaching! So why do you not care or prepare yourself for it? Arise! The time is short! The Judge already stands at the door. Life is vanishing like a dream – so why do you continue living in vanity? Arise, O my soul, and reveal the evil things you have done. Ponder them well and allow your tears to flow. Then confess your deeds and thoughts openly to Christ, and He will make you righteous. There has never been a sin, a deed, an evil act which I have not cherished, O Savior. I have sinned in my thoughts, my words, and my deeds – and no one has sinned more than I.”

- from the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Recently, as I celebrated the Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete at our parish, I had an experience unlike any I have ever had while chanting and hearing the strongly penitential prayers and verses of instruction. I felt a sweetness and comfort at the harshest of verses – verses that in years past have been convicting (as they should be), perplexing, or just difficult to swallow. As I do not have any righteousness to speak of, I can only attribute this experience to my age. By that, I mean, I’m older – older than I was when I first came to know Christ, at Sunday school classes in the basement of Yountsville Community Church. Older than I was when I first felt serious regret for sin, as a teenager waking up the pastor at midnight, asking if I could go to the church to pray for forgiveness. Older than I was when my dad died, leaving me, a still young father myself, fatherless. Older than I was when I first experienced the prayers of penitence during Lent in the Orthodox Church. Older than I was when I was ordained a priest six years ago. Older than I was last year.

You see, life gets hard, even bitter sometimes. As one gets older, one just knows it more acutely. I was reminded, right in the middle of the Great Canon, of the words attributed to King Solomon in Ecclesiastes: “Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, ‘I find no pleasure in them’” [Ecclesiastes 12:1].



Tradition informs us that Solomon most likely wrote Ecclesiastes late in his life. He spends much of the book explaining all that he had indulged, attained, consumed, accomplished – and then says it is all meaningless. When he does speak of meaning, it has to do with being content with one’s daily work, and remembering God. That’s it. Solomon had much that he regretted, and he wishes to spare his readers the same meaningless pursuit.

I wondered why Solomon came to mind as I was reading, in the midst of prayers that say things like “no one has sinned more than I.” And why was there a sweetness that came with these thoughts? I realized that, as an older man now, the prayers of the Church have become even more poignant. The words of forgiveness, of hope, of resurrection have always been a source of comfort and renewal. But now the penitential words became something not just to hear seriously, to cause self-examination and effort to let light shine on the places still dark in my heart, but they were also relieving.

Maybe I’ve had more years to sin, more times of being hurt, and of hurting others, more losses of loved ones, than I had as a young man. Perhaps that’s it. But there was something so soothing about being able to come before God and even say things like “no one has sinned as I have” and feel a great weight lift from my shoulders. It’s easy to feel like a wreck in life. To be able to come before God and just say, “I’ve been a wreck, and yet you still receive me, after all of this.” What a relief. It doesn’t feel like groveling, or getting beat up (as I used to struggle that the penitential language was). No, groveling and getting beat up is that to which life has often reduced me. So it feels freeing, like “coming to my senses” and being honest, naked before the One Who created me. I do not have to be anyone but who I honestly am before Him, even in my brokenness. As we chant in the Great Canon, “In the darkness of night has my whole life passed, amidst shadowy delusions I cannot escape. But, O Savior, make me now a child of the day.”

So while I’m certainly not one of the “older folks” in our parish yet – there are others with much more experience and wisdom – I think I can safely step out and share some words to one and all, regardless of age – the words of Solomon with a “Lenten” twist: “Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, do not despise or ignore the prayers of the Church, even when they do not yet resonate with you or are hard to understand. For the days of trouble will come and the years approach when you will say, ‘I find no pleasure in them.’ It may be then that you will find the prayers and security of the Church to be a great sweetness, a great relief, a place where you can stand honestly before our God. This is worth cultivating throughout your life.”