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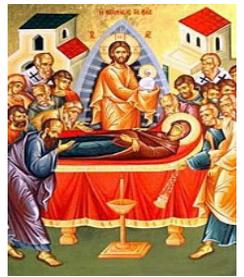
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5 FEBRUARY 2017

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

5 February – The 33rd Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday of Publican and the Pharisee

Fast Free Week

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

9:30AM.....The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by the Short Litya for the Blessed

Repose of Norman Glovinsky on the 9th month anniversary of his Falling Asleep in the Lord at the request of Basil Glovinsky

11 February – The Hieromartyr Blaise

4:00PM.....Great Vespers

4:50PM.....Confessions

12 February – The 34th Sunday after Pentecost; Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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

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

From the Book of Ecclesiasticus:

***“Avoid offenses in great as in small matters,
and do not become an enemy where you should stay a friend.”***

- Ecclesiasticus 5:18

Attendance and Collection

1/29/2017 – Total Attendance: 29: 21 parishioners; 4 children; 4 guests; Collection: \$1,343.00



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

Reader Schedule:

For the week of February 5: *Natalie Twarek*

For the week of February 12: *Wayne Golob*

For the week of February 19: *Ron Royhab*

For the week of February 26: *Tim Glovinsky*



VIGIL LAMPS OFFERED BY:

Sandy Martin (1)

Natalie Twarek (3) For the health of **Sue, Morgan, Jeanne, Jake, Richard, John, Judy, Margi, and Diane**; In memory of **Cindy Gale**: Special Intentions.

Susan Guzy (4)

Dave & Roddie Mazurik (3) For the health of **Lightfoot**; Special Intentions (2).

Marguerite Bird (2)

Special Parish Meeting!

Next Sunday, 12 February, at 12PM, we will hold a special parish meeting to revisit and vote to adopt the new Standardized Parish By-Laws approved at the 2016 Annual Diocesan Assembly. I will present and explain the clarifications that His Grace, Bishop Paul, gave me concerning how we are to determine both quorums and the minimal two-thirds thresholds for meetings that would require voting on a particular issue. Once I have presented these clarifications, we will be able to complete our review of these new By-Laws and vote on their adoption by the parish.

Once this vote to adopt has taken place, I will send the newly adopted By-Laws to His Grace in Chicago. He in turn will review them, approve them and sign them, and return a copy to us for our files. Bishop Paul will retain a copy of these By-Laws at the Diocesan Chancery as well.

All “members-in-good standing” are expected to participate in this very important meeting.

Father David



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)
Fran Bellman – be treated for Stage IV ovarian cancer (friend of Pastor Robert Butcher)
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
Matushka Audrey Nicoloff – recuperating from her third stroke – we pray for healing and restored good 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
Nelson Fontanez – a special needs child - we pray for healing & God’s comfort (great nephew of Ron & Bobbie Royhab)
Howard Bailey – undergoing treatment for cancer – we pray for healing and complete recovery
Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan – now undergoing chemotherapy – 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)
Fr. Daniel Ring – recuperating from successful surgery to remove a cancerous kidney
John Coulture – recuperating from a serious heart attack (owner of “Chef’s Best”)
Fr. Robert Kelly – recuperating from successful radiation treatment for prostate cancer
John Cox – in treatment for Parkinson’s disease, and bone cancer (husband of Pastor Kay Mooney-Cox)

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

SCHISMATIC PRIESTS BEAT UP CANONICAL PRIEST; ODESSA CHURCHES DESECRATED Pravoslavie.ru – 2/1/17

Violence against the canonical Ukrainian Orthodox Church under the Moscow Patriarchate is going strong already in 2017. As the Union of Orthodox Journalists reports, the latest include three schismatic priests [beating up](#) a priest in Katerynopil, Cherkasy Region, central Ukraine, and several churches being [robbed and desecrated](#) in Odessa.

According to the Union’s source, three priests of the “Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church” (UAOC), one of the nation’s two schismatic “Orthodox” “churches” ended a meeting with Fr. Viktor Katkalo, rector of the canonical St. Michael’s parish in the village of Katerynopil, by putting him in the hospital. According to the assailant-priests, he didn’t “love Ukraine strongly enough.” Fr. Viktor, on the other hand, says the true cause was that he refused to surrender his parish to them and their schismatic jurisdiction, so they beat him up and broke a bottle over his head, as vikka.ua reports.

One of the priests, Paul Dobriansky, was previously expelled from the also-schismatic “Kiev Patriarchate” for defiant behavior, and has referred to himself as the “spiritual commandant of the Maidan.” The schismatic priests have tried to claim that they are the victims, while Fr. Viktor lies in the hospital on a drip.

Fr. Viktor’s parishioners have written a formal request to the local administration asking for protection from the UAOC, garnering over 200 signatures. Meanwhile, on the night of January 30, two churches of the Belgorod-Dniester



deanery in Odessa were robbed and the altars desecrated. A total of 4,000 UAH (about \$150) was stolen from St. Andrew's parish in the village of Andreevka, and Kazan Icon parish in the village of Monashi. The stolen funds had been collected by parishioners to be transferred to a social and humanitarian aid center in Odessa to help refugees from East Ukraine, the poor, and the ill. The press secretary of the Odessa diocese stated that the attackers "violated not only civil, but Divine law, defiling the church altars by their crimes."

Several dozens of churches have been attacked over the past two years, with police as yet detaining no suspects. These are the first attacks of the new year.

RUSSIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF ENTHRONEMENT OF PATRIARCH KIRILL

Pravoslavie.ru – 2/1/17

The Russian Orthodox Church is celebrating today, Wednesday, February 1 the eighth anniversary of the accession of Patriarch Kirill to the primatial throne.

Following the December 5, 2008 passing of the beloved Patriarch Alexey II, the Holy Synod elected Metropolitan Kirill of Smolensk and Kaliningrad as Locum Tenens of the patriarchal throne and as the sixth Patriarch of Moscow on January 27, 2009, with his enthronement following on February 1.



Per tradition, Patriarch Kirill served the Divine Liturgy today in Moscow's Christ the Savior Cathedral in celebration of his enthronement, with numerous hierarchs and clergy concelebrating. The ceremony of greeting the first hierarch follows the Divine Liturgy, during which developments in Church life under the patriarch are typically addressed, as well as hopes and plans for the future.

Patriarch Kirill has spearheaded a number of initiatives finding support in the Russian Orthodox Church, notable among them a change in the system of diocesan administration, reports RIA-Novosti. There are currently 59 metropolinates, 296 dioceses, and two metropolitan districts in Kazakhstan and Central Asia, with a total of 366 bishops serving in the Russian Church. By comparison, in 2009 there were 159 dioceses. "The decision of the Holy Synod" to create more dioceses "was aimed at bringing the hierarchs closer to parish life, the clergy, and people," reads a patriarchate press release.

As of February 2016, the Russian Orthodox Church has 35,171 priests—7,955 more than in 2009—and 4,816 deacons—1,362 more than in 2009.

Patriarch Kirill (in the world Vladimir Mikhailovich Gundyayev) was born on November 20, 1946 in Leningrad into a priest family. He was tonsured as a monk in 1969 with the name Kirill. He graduated from the Leningrad Theological Academy with honors, was appointed Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations in 1989 and elevated to the rank of metropolitan in 1991.

Bible Word Search – "The Pharisee and the Publican (Tax Collector)"

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