



Sunday, February 23, 2020

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Gospel: St. Matthew 25:31-46

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

36th Sunday after Pentecost / Meatfare Sunday

Sunday of the Last Judgment

Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bp. Of Smyrna / Ven. Gorgonia

FEBRUARY Bulletin Sponsor: *Father Andrew in memory of His Eminence, Metropolitan Orestes*

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, February 23

8:50 am: Hours followed by Jake's reception into the Church followed by Divine Liturgy / Pot-luck social for Meatfare Sunday

Tuesday, February 25

6:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class

Wednesday, February 26

6:30 pm: Akathist to St Raphael of Brooklyn

Saturday, February 29

4:00 pm: Great Vespers / Confessions

Sunday, March 2

9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy / Forgiveness Vespers followed by pot-luck social for Cheesefare Sunday / Change Altar linens

VIGILS -FEBRUARY 16

Laura Kovach (1) In birthday memory of my mom

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Ron & Roberta Royhab (1) For health and healing of sisters, Marilyn Libb Hagmaier and Delaine Royhab Ward

Diane Tryon (4) In loving birthday memory of Aunt Ann (2/6); Birthday blessings for Mike(2/19); Birthday blessings for Uncle Basil (2/26) Many More; Continuing recovery to Greg and Kathryn

Twarek (6) God's Blessings and Peace, Health of Carter; Health and recovery of Nancy, Mary Dziak, Claudia McDonald; Health of Margi & Joe, Tom, MaryAnn and Bob, Christine, Judy, Chuck, Steve, Bohdi, Heidi; Health of Liz, Joe, Sonya, Julia, Diane, Stella, Ron, Jake, Helen; Special intentions

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 23: Tim
Sunday, March 1: Wayne



DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - MARCH

Suggested donation of Peanut Butter or Jelly (and other non-perishable goods) will be collected through March 15.

Donations will be delivered to the food pantry Thursday, March 19.

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40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

Feb 22: Harley Dilly

March 1: Fr. Michael Shuster / 2 police officers from HI / Dc. Mike Cinali / Police office from VA / Debbie Pribanic / 3 FF killed in plane crash

March 8: Ernest Gresh & Rick Schlotterer

March 15: Police officer from AL & FL

March 22: Soldiers killed in Afghanistan / His Grace Bishop Va

March 29: Mountain Apache officer David



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ATTENDANCE - FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 2: 21 Total (17 members; 1 child; 3 guests; 9 communicants; No Vespers

Sunday, February 9: 20 Total (15 members; 3 children; 2 guest; 11 communicants; 7 attended Vespers

Sunday, February 16: 20 Total (19 members; 1 guest; 11 Communicants; 12 attended Vespers

OTHER WEEKLY INCOME

Sunday, February 2: \$15 Candles; \$50 Vigils; \$102 Special Collection (\$100-police / \$2 for Support a Mission Priest; \$12 bookstore

Sunday, February 9: \$23 Candles; \$50 Altar Candles; \$60 Vigils; \$52 Special collection collection (OCMC); \$610 Restoration; \$200 Cemetery

Sunday, February 16: \$41.50 Candles; \$55 Vigils; \$25 Eternal Light & Icon Screen; \$50 Bulletin; \$126 Special Collection (OCMC)

MONTHLY TITHING ONLY FEBRUARY

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,600

Sunday, February 2: \$1,109

Sunday, February 9: \$ 527

Sunday, February 16: \$ 836

SPECIAL COLLECTION FEBRUARY

Support a mission priest from OCMC
(Orthodox Christian Mission Center)

NOTE: We will send our January special collection to the Marblehead Police Department the first week of March. Please make sure your donation is in by the end of February.

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Epistle)

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

What is on Your Mind?

I was about to write a note this week about fasting and school meals during Lent. I thought this would be a good topic given the issues parents might encounter in dealing with children who fast for Lent and how that impacts such things as what they eat at school.

I realize I could be making assumptions about what parents are concerned about regarding Lenten and school behavior, and those assumptions may not be true. Plus, Lent is not just about food. There is also, for instance, the practice of church attendance at the Lenten services, which often conflict with the school calendar.

I would like to hear from parents on what they would like me to address on the topic of Lent as it begins, especially as it relates to school. What do you deal with that is difficult or challenging? What questions might you have that I can address in my upcoming weekly notes? Thank you in advance for your responses.

The blessing of the Lord be upon you,
The unworthy +Paul

PRAYER LIST Updated 2-19

Clergy:

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman
John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*)
James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*)
Moses Barry
Fr. Steven Frase
Joseph Gibson
Gregory Grivna
Emilian Hutnyan
Josef Von Klarr
Fr. Dan Kovolick
Vladimir Lecko
Myron Manzuk
Philip Lasbrook
Christopher Phillips
Benjamin Tucci
Peter Tutko
Deacon Nicholas Denysenko
Deacon Paul Gansle
Deacon Gregory Krutchak
Deacon Paul Mitchell
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii:

Pani Patricia Duranko
Myra Kovolick
Virginia Lecko
Maura McCartney
Jillian Rettig
Snezana Ruzic
Sonya Tutko

Parishioners / & their Family:

John Beadle (*Elcishko*)
Newborn Samuel Calzone (*fr.s cousin*)
MaryAnn Cook (*Cousin to Twarek's*)
John Richard Elchisco
Ruthe Flewelling
Debbie Garnek (*Roddie's sister*)
Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's nephew*)
Heidi Golob
Shirley Gresh (*Wife of Ernest*)
Julia Guzy
Joseph Habegger (*Laura brother-in-law*)
Tom Hileman
Alice Jackson (*Mazurik*)
William Jappsen (*Diane T.*)
Michael Kouznetsov (*Mary Hiser's son*)
Kris Kollar (*Fr. 'S cousin*)

Kristen (*Cassell's daughter*)
David LaValle (*Fr. 's cousin*)
Helen Lis
Greg Mazur
Judy Mazurik (*Paul Mazurik's*)
Toddler Stella Miller
Teresa Miller (*Darlene sister*)
Katelyn Pipenur (*Niece of Jean*)
Earl Rindfleisch
Helen Jean Rofkar (*Elchisco*)
Maryann Royhab
Steven Schirtzinger (*Soski*)
Christy Schutt (*Joe's sister*)
Peter Truta (*Jean H's cousin*)
Diane Tryon
Greg Tryon
Christine Twarek
Tom Twarek
Carter Twarek
Katie and her baby Bodhi
(*Cassell's daughter-in-law*)
Pani Stacey Mihaley & her
unborn baby (*Fr. 's Cousin*)
Nikki & her unborn baby
Katherine & her unborn baby
(*Fr. 's cousin*)
Delaine Ward (*Ron's sister*)

Other Requests:

Alexia
Dick Biro (*Natalie's friend*)
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)
Paul Demkosky (*Fr's friend*)
Marge Dziama
Mary Dziak (*Twarek*)
Ben Franklin (*Laura friend*)
Theodore Geletka
(*St. Michael Broadview Heights'*
choir director)
Brad George (*Christi's friend*)
Donald Gresh (*Basil*)
Elliot Joy (*Police chief's son*)
Scott Kluding (*Twarek*)
Tommy Leonchik (*Fr's friend*)
Jake Lipstraw (*Twarek*)
Mark Ludvik (*Guzy*)
Anna Maiani (*Friend of Wayne*)
Claudia McDonald (*Twarek*)
Pauline Meath (*Fr's*)
Charlie Nowak (*Avery's*)
Beth Reinhard (*Diane friend*)

Sandy Scafaria (*friend of Jean*)
Matthew Sterling (*Tyron*)
Janice Timko
Philip (Andy) Timko
Steve Turinsky (*Twarek*)
Bob Van Osdol (*Twarek*)
Chuck Wiedenhoft (*Twarek*)
Rachel (*Darlene M.*)
Tracy (*Cassell*)
Kristina and her unborn baby
(*Fr. 's friend*)
Molly & her unborn baby
Mollie & her unborn baby
(*Fr. 's friend*)

Military:

Craig Cassell
Nathan Brown
Alena Grabavov
Alex
Jake Ellithorpe

Captives:

Metropolitan Paul
(*Orthodox Archdiocese of
Aleppo*)
Archbishop John
(*Syriac Archdiocese of
Aleppo*)

The UN & IOCC humanitar-
ian aid workers in & around
Syria; Those suffering perse-
cution in Iraq, Syria, Israel,
Egypt, Ukraine and through-
out the world

**NOTE: Please let Fr. Andrew
know when someone needs to
go on or come off the list.**

For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (96 yrs old)
1601 Church Rd
Marblehead, OH 43440

Please remember her & Susan
(her daughter) in your prayers.
Send a card of greeting.

Bishop Varlaam [Novakshonoff]

His Grace Bishop Varlaam (Novakshonoff), 85, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, February 13, 2020. Born near the town of Buchanan, SK in 1935 he was the son of immigrants from the Caucasus region of southern Russia who settled in Canada in 1899. He studied Slavic Culture at the University of Alberta, where later in life he also taught Russian for a number of years.

In 2003, Bishop Varlaam and the Monastery and community of All Saints of North America were received into the Orthodox Church in America. Bishop Varlaam was received as a retired bishop with the title "Former Bishop of Vancouver."

Bishop Varlaam translated several Russian spiritual and theological works into English. He also conducted symposiums and spiritual talks for both the English and Russian speaking communities in the Vancouver area. Amongst his early translations were the "Life of St. Theophil of the Kiev Caves, the Fool for Christ of the Kiev Caves", and the "Life of St. Xenia of St. Petersburg". He also translated various works of Metropolitan Antony (Khrapovitsky) into English.

Funeral services for His Grace Bishop Varlaam will be celebrated at the Monastery of All Saints of North America, 37323 Hawkins-Pickle Rd, Dewdney, B.C. on Friday and Saturday, February 21 - 22, 2020. A Panikhida will be served on Friday, February 21. The funeral for a bishop will be served on Saturday, February 22 at 11:00am followed by interment at Heritage Garden Cemetery, Surrey, B.C. His Eminence Archbishop Irénée will preside.

May Bishop Varlaam's memory be eternal!

BUILDING / RESTORATION FUND

Our 125th Anniversary is coming!

Fund Purpose: To collect funds to pay for the restoration, repair and beautification of the building and parish room. This will avoid using general funds which are earmarked for budgetary items.

Please consider contributing generously to the *Building/Restoration Fund*.

Metropolitan Tikhon Meets With Representatives of Serbian Orthodox Church

At the invitation of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon attended a meeting with His Grace Bishop Metodije of Diokleia, Vicar of Metropolitan Amfilohije of Montenegro.

During the meeting, Metropolitan Tikhon had the opportunity to hear about the situation of the Orthodox Church in Montenegro and to personally express the support of the Orthodox Church in America for His Holiness Patriarch Irinej and the Metropolis of Montenegro of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

Also in attendance at the meeting were His Grace Bishop Irinej of the Serbian Diocese of Eastern America, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America, Archpriest Mihaelo Backovich from the Serbian Orthodox Church in Montenegro and Priest Nicholas Kazarian, Ecumenical Affairs Officer of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.

On January 14, 2020 Metropolitan Tikhon [addressed a letter of support to Patriarch Irinej](#). In that letter, Metropolitan Tikhon said, "We wish to make it clear to you and your beloved flock that the Orthodox Church in America prays for, supports, and maintains communion with the Metropolis of Montenegro of the Serbian Orthodox Church, and that the Orthodox Church in America does not recognize as canonical the so-called "Montenegrin Orthodox Church" nor its "clergy" headed by the defrocked Miraš Dedeić."

PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

Rachael Adamcio

Luke Welch

Lydia Welch

Tristen Welch

Possible Catechumens:

Loreen Welch

Cheyenne Welch

May God & the Holy Spirit guide them in their journey in the Orthodox Church and the Orthodox way of Life.

FEBRUARY Celebrations

ANNIVERSARY	BIRTHDAY	
2-10-1973: Retired Metropolitan Herman 2-14-2004: The Most Blessed Tikhon 14- Jim & Rita Mazur 18- Joe & Sonya Rose 2-21-2014: Bishop David of Alaska	Nathaniel Bremer 5- Christi Soski 5- Thomas Hileman 5- Zoland Zile 6- Alex Zarynow 8- Thomas Hileman 10- Fr. Eli Bremer 12- Fr. James Gleason 12- Michael Sumner 14- Sandy Martin	14- Mat Ann Lardas 16- David Mazurik 16- Silas Issler 19- Jonah Adamcio 20- Julianna Kusinski 22- Wayne Golob 24- Sonya Rose 25- Heidi Golob 26- Basil Glovinsky 26- Pani Bernadette Zarynow 27- Andy Schlotterer

If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

FEBRUARY Reposed

2- Nancy Pipenur (2018)	14- Rose Polosky (1953)	22- Fr. Andrew Hutnyan (2004)
5- Peter Kowal (2004)	17- Metropolitan Orestes (1977)	23- George Elchisco Sr. (1961)
6- Steve Michael Mazur (1970)	17- Stanley Guzy (1986)	26- Elizabeth Millie (1998)
6- Elizabeth Kravetz McMahon (1984)	20- Infant Linda Sue Alber (1969)	29- Mary Uka Kosteary (1996)
12- Glenn Schoonmaker (2002)	21- Mary Tomka Matso (1956)	Helen Hritsko (1908)
12- Lawrence Beck (2018)	22- Metro Mazur (1973)	Alexandra Brendza (1909)
		Steve Danchisen (1909)

Matthew 25:31-46 (Gospel)

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Bishop Paul's Travel Schedule

Holy Assumption, Lublin, OH February 21st to February 24th

Diocesan Move to Holy Archangel Rectory, Burbank, IL, February 27th

Holy Trinity Cathedral, February 29th to March 1st

- *Sunday of Cheesefare, Forgiveness Sunday*

Beginning of Great Lent, March 2nd

SAVE THE DATE

Our Deanery celebration of the 50TH Anniversary of the OCA will take place on the Weekend of June 12-13. Please plan to attend both events if possible.

Friday, June 12: 6:30pm Akathist to All American Saints followed by a talk about the journey of the OCA.

Saturday, June 13: 9:00am Greeting of the Bishop followed by Divine Liturgy and a All American Breakfast buffet.

Both events will take place at Holy Trinity in Parma. RSVP is required for breakfast. Sheet will be out soon.

MARCH BULLETIN AND CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) Fr. Andrew: in memory of my ordaining Bishop His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

Chandelier: (\$50) Susan: in memory of her father Frank, God-father Peter, and brother Bill

Altar Candles: (\$50) Fr. Andrew: In memory of my father George

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) Open

Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment

Commemorated on [February 23](#)

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

CONFESSIONS

Confession will be heard on Saturday before & after Vespers as always. Confessions will also be heard after the Friday evening Lenten Service