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Vol. 78 No. 1762 **Sunday, February 28th 2021**

Sunday of the Prodigal Son



Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10:20 am

Panachida for ***+Edward Pingor*** offered by the Pingor and Lacock families; ***+Stanley Kopitnik Sr***. offered by Stanley Kopitnik Jr.; ***+Joseph and Sophie Funer***; ***+Menadora and Eustace Fredrick***; ***+Rev. John Hotrovich*** and ***+Peter Hotrovich*** offered by Deacon Joseph Hotrovich; and ***+Michael and Mary Danko***

Resurrection Tone 5

Tropar & Kondak: pages 93 &175

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

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Services for the week of February 28th

Wed. 3/03 … Moleben to saint Nectarios with anointing……7:00 pm

Sat. 3/06 … **1st All-Souls Saturday** - +John Lukas offered by wife, Mary; +John Buchovecky offered by wife Agnes; and +Helen Spanovich**……9:00 am**

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony of Arak Ferraz and Lindsay Matolyak

Great Vespers……6:00 pm

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Congratulations to Emilie Sprintz who was Chrismated into the Orthodox Faith this morning! God Grant you many years!

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Sunday, March 7, 2021

Sunday of the Last Judgment – Meat-fare Sunday

Divine Liturgy - 9:00 am **Sunday School - 10:20 am**



Panachida for ***+Very Rev. John A Baranik*** offered by Mary Brigherty and Tedjeske Family
+Joseph Hanak offered by Dorothy Zahoran and Family;
+Janet Dzura, +Joann Bodnar, and +Helen Spanovich offered by Pani Kathy Buczak;
and ***+Joyce Kerr*** offered by the Sunday School

Resurrection Tone 6

Tropar & Kondak: pages 96 & 177

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8 – 9:2

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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Services for the week of March 7th

Tue. 3/09 … +Robert and Evalyn Brudnak offered by Evalyn, Karen, Lynn, Barry and Michael; +George, Anna, and Nancy Gaydos offered by Nancy Gaydos; and +Nicholas Laichak offered by his wife, Dorothy (Perpetual)…..……..8:00 am

Sat. 3/13 … Great Vespers…..…….…….6:00 pm

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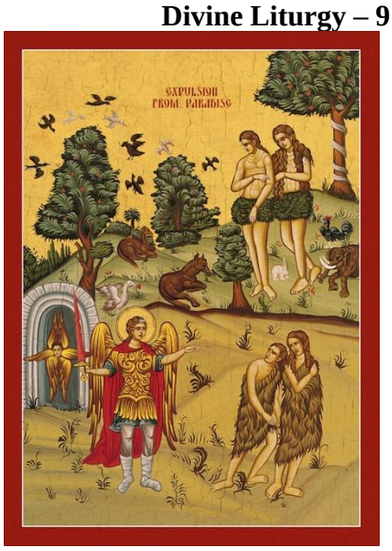
Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday March 14th, 2021
Remember to turn your clocks forward
1 hour <u>Saturday Evening</u> before going to bed!

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Sunday, March 14th, 2021

Forgiveness Sunday – Cheese-fare Sunday

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am **Sunday School - 10:20 am**



Panachida for ***+Metropolitan Nicholas***
+Joseph & Helen Rogel offered by Pani Kathy Buczak***;***
+Patricia Pasternak (Birthday Remembrance) offered by Anna Marie Mlinarchik;
+Martha and Anna Stafansky; and ***+Michael & +Mary B. Gido*** offered by Mary A. Gido (Perpetual)

Resurrection Tone 7

Tropar & Kondak: pages 99 &178

Epistle: Roman 13:11-14:4

Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Forgiveness Sunday Vespers – Christ the Saviour Cathedral – 3:00 pm

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Mon. 3/15 … Clean Monday – first day of the Great Fast – a day of Strict Fasting

+Mary, Ivan, Shelly, and Maria offered by Mary Skovran - Parastas……..……8:00 am

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Tue. 3/16 … + John and Susie Sheaffer (Perpetual) - Parastas…..……..…….....8:00 am

Wed. 3/17 … +Mary Antonikas (Perpetual) – Parastas..……..……..……..……8:00 am

Pre-sanctified Liturgy…..……7:00 pm

Fri. 3/19 … + Andrew and Helen Dluhos (Perpetual) – Parastas……..8:00 am

Pre-sanctified Liturgy…..……7:00 pm

Sat. 3/20 … Great Vespers…..…….…….6:00 pm

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Sunday, March 21th, 2021

First Sunday of the Great Fast - Sunday of Orthodoxy

Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great – 9:00 am Sunday School - 10:20 am

Panachida for +***John Chupka Sr., Nicholas Don Chupka, and Joseph M. Quinn*** offered by Katherine Oravec (Perpetual); ***+Mary Fedorchak***;
+Deacon James Janiec offered by friends Gary, Dave and Steve; and
+John and Marion Sprintz offered by Darby and Emily Sprintz

Resurrection Tone 8

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-30; 12:1-2 Gospel: John 1:43-51

Tropar & Kondak: pages 102 & 179-180

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Banns of Marriage – are announced for Arak Jon Ferraz, son of John Ferraz and Patricia (Lewis) Ferraz, and Dr. Lindsay Elise Matolyak, daughter of Michael Matolyak Jr. and Joye (Mallison) Matolyak, of Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Johnstown. This marriage will be solemnized Saturday, March 6th. This is the third announcement.

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – are offered for ***Patriarch Bartholomew (2/29), Cohen Snyder (3/1) Olivia Johnson (3/6), Cole Satkovich (3/6), Nancy Kobal (3/6), Alexandra Miloro-Vatavuk (3/7), Anastasia Machik (3/9), Joye Matolyak (3/12), and Heather Sally (3/13).***

You were remembered in Prokomedia!

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THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered in memory of +***John Homyak*** by Carol Devine and Tommy Lee Knipple.

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THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered (March 7) in memory of +***Robert Nitkulinec*** by his wife, Stella Nitkulinec.

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THE LENTEN TRIODION

The Pre-Lenten Period

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son – The parable of the Prodigal forms an exact ikon of repentance in its different stages. Sin is exile, enslavement to strangers, hunger. Repentance is the return from exile to our true home; it is to receive back our inheritance and freedom in the Father's house. But to repent is not just to FEEL dissatisfied, but to take a decision and to act upon it.

On this and the next two Sundays, after the solemn and joyful words of the Polyeleos at Mattins, we add the sorrowful verses of Psalm 136, 'By the Waters of Babylon we sat down and wept…' This Psalm of exile, sung by the children of Israel in their Babylonian captivity, has a special appropriateness on the Sunday of the Prodigal, when we call to mind our present exile in sin and make the resolve to return home.

The Sunday of the Last Judgment – The two past Sundays spoke to us of God's patience and limitless compassion, of His readiness to accept every sinner who returns to him. On this third Sunday, we are powerfully reminded of a complimentary truth; no one is so patient and so merciful as God, but even He does not forgive those who do not repent. The God of Love is also the God of righteousness, and when Christ comes again in glory, He will come as our judge. 'Behold the goodness and severity of God' (Romans 11:32). Such is the message of Lent to each of us; turn back while there is still time, repent before the End comes. In the words of the Great Canon:

The end draws near, my soul, the end draws near;
Yet you do not care or make ready.
The time grows short, rise up; the judge is at the door.
The days of our life pass swiftly, as a dream, as a flower.

This Sunday sets before us the eschatological dimension of Lent: The Great Fast is a preparation for the Second Coming of the Saviour, for the eternal Passover in the Age to Come. (This is a theme that will be taken up in the first three days of Holy Week.) Nor is the judgment merely in the future. Here and now, each day and each hour, in hardening our hearts towards others and failing to respond to the opportunities we are given of helping them, we are already passing judgment on ourselves.

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FOR CONSIDERATION

While you are on earth, regard yourself as a guest of the Host, that is, of Christ. If you are at table, He honors you thus. If you breathe the air, you breathe His air. If you bathe, you bathe in His water. If you travel, you travel around His earth. If you accumulate goods, you accumulate what is His; if you squander them, you squander what is His. If you are influential, you are so by His permission. If you are in company of others, you are with His other guests. If you are in the countryside, you are in His garden. If you are alone, He is present. If you are set off anywhere, He sees you. If you do anything, He has it in mind. He is the most careful Host whose guest you have ever been. And be, in turn, careful towards Him. A good host merits a good guest. These are all simple words, but they speak a great truth to you. All the saints knew this truth, and ordered their lives accordingly. Therefore the immortal Host rewarded them with eternal life in heaven and with glory on earth.

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

On earth, everything is temporary – brief, transitory. Soon, everything will pass by – that which is pleasant and delightful, as well as what is lamentable and sorrowful. If we have chosen for ourselves the path of piety, then we must remember and not forget the words of the Apostle: 'All that will live godly in Christ shall suffer persecution' (2 Timothy 3:12).

St. Ambrose of Optina

More often than not, we create most temptations when we put our ego within our collaborations with others; that is, when we wish to exalt ourselves. No one climbs to heaven through worldly ascent, but through spiritual descent. He who walks lowly, always walks with surety and never falls. ***Elder Paisios of Mount Athos***

If you see someone greedy for many things, you should consider him the poorest of all, even if he has acquired everyone's money. If, on the other hand, you see someone with few needs, you should count him the richest of all, even if he has acquired nothing. - ***St. John Chrysostom***

Let us allow Christ to speak through us. He desires it more than we do; for He made this instrument and wouldn't want it to be useless and idle. He always wants to keep it in His hands. Why, then, don't you make it useful for the Maker's hand? Why do you allow your soul to be unstrung, relaxed through luxury, and allow the whole harp to be useless to Him? One should keep all its parts completely stretched, well strung and reinforced with spiritual salt. For if Christ sees your soul tuned this way, He will make his music through it. When this has taken place, you will see angels leaping for joy – archangels and the cherubim, too. So then, let us become worthy of His spotless hands. Let us invite Him to strike our hearts. - ***St. John Chrysostom***

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PRAYER CHAIN

Thomas Buczak
Cindy LaBarr
Annie Mishurda
Steve Martyak
Joan Wine
Jessica McLaughlin
Michael Sakmar
Joseph Muchesko
Roberta Kovalik
Theresa Milkovich
Kira Pronin
Alexxa Lowery
Romayne Laichak
Debbie Dawson
Zachary Rogina
Robert J. Gritzer
Ron Kuzmyak
Paul Kalcik
Henry Laichak

Beverly Tinkle
Ronald Kmet
Michael Derby
Sue Miller
Maureen & Jay Dabbs
Judith Pringle
Robert Pringle
Barbara Virostek
Robert Janeway
Helen Duray
Andy Walls
Jack Dahl
Janet Hanak
Eva Zeleniak-Whitak
Malcolm Barnes
Ann Koehnlein
Larry Eisenhauer
Evelyn Houston
Dave Podolak

Judith Rowlands
Angeline Komara
Arianna Risso
Charlie Erisman
Rachael Costlow
Marshall Rosenow
Shirley Mazurak
Donna Babble
Richard Barnes
Michael Logan
Lloyd Broadwater
Nick Timko
Erin Demich
Mary Ann Muchesko
Joella Hamlin
Donna Martyak
Veronica Ronchak
Mary Jane Matolyak
Michaela Miller

Arianna Jade Miller
Taylor Miller
Jennifer Gardenhour
Margaret Blehi
Bill Pringle
Valentina Yaremenko
Olga Yaremetko
Steve Prieber
Aberdeen Rudge
Mark Kuruzovich
Pat Hanuska
Dwight Nugle
Rose and Terry Fyock
Rosalia Horner
Beverly Mayo
Al Kuzmyak
Michael Paul Gost
Brooklyn Balamuto
Victoria Bennett

Christina Sakmar
Matushka Helen Jasiukowicz
Joanne Democko
Robert Stokes
Barbara Stokes
Marcia Matthews
Jolene McClain
Dorothy Kapolka
Georgene Coulter
Tommy Lee Knipple
Tanya Britan
Frank Porembka
Helen Porembka
Daniel Porembka
Dr. Rose Ann Jordan
Elmer C. Laslo

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Rectory Office Hours – Father is available any time by appointment.

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please phone the rectory when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Marriages are solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. Consult the pastor at least six months in advance and before plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the church, or on Fridays.

Baptisms are normally scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays. Consult the pastor. Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith and the other a practicing Christian.

Church Funerals are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and financial obligations to the parish; otherwise burial is from the funeral home.

The Church does not permit cremation.

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