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SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE – TONE 4. THE EXPULSION OF ADAM FROM PARADISE. ST. TARASIVS, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE. ST. LEO THE GREAT, POPE OF ROME.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, Feb. 18: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10) followed by Forgiveness Vespers
Monday, Feb. 19: 6 PM Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew. Confession following.
Tuesday, Feb. 20: 7 AM Matins
6 PM Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew. Confession following.
Wednesday, Feb. 21: 7 AM Matins
6 PM Presanctified Liturgy (Greet Bp. Mark at 5:15 PM) followed by pot luck meal
Thursday, Feb. 22: 7 AM Matins
6 PM Compline with Great Canon of St. Andrew. Confession following.
Friday, Feb. 23: Akathist to Mary. Confession following.
Saturday, Feb. 24: 4:20 PM Parastas for Mary Krenitsky.
5 PM Great Vespers.
Sunday, Feb. 25: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)

Remember in Your Prayers...

Health / General: Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Helen Chesniak, Marie Buranich, Mary Slenska, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Pauline Sevensky, Bernie Elko, Sandra Pritchuk, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchuk & Matushka Myra Kovalak.

Memory Eternal: Helen Wirhanowsky.

Offerings:

Vigil Lights: In Memory of: Alexandra Toczko by Marie Pasternak.

Announcements:(Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry: The food pantry will be open on Thursday, (3/1) and Saturday, (3/17), from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **Kris Mitchell** & Anonymous. Thanks to all the donations of plastic bags, we have enough bags for the time being.

House Blessings: By the Grace of God, Fr. Peter plans to complete the House blessings in the next couple of weeks. Fr. Peter will call parishioners to set up a time.

Cheesefare Sunday: Today is the last day to eat eggs, cheese, butter, milk and fish. After today, we are entering the strict fast from meat, dairy, fish and sin. Fish is permitted on the Annunciation and Palm Sunday

Installation of the Parish Council: Took place last Sunday. Thank you to all the parish council members who served for the year 2017. Thank you to all 2018 council members that have stepped up to serve the Church.

Blessing of the Priest to the Parishioners and Parishioners to the Priest: There are times during the service when the Priest blesses the parishioners and the parishioners respond by blessing the Priest. One example is prior to the Creed when the Priest says "Peace be unto all" and the Choir / parishioners respond "And to your spirit". Another time is just before the Litany before the Our Father when the Priest says, "And the mercies of our Great God and Savior Jesus Christ shall be with all of you" and the Choir / parishioners respond, "And with your Spirit". We are one body in Christ so it makes sense that we would ask for God's blessings on one another.

There is another time, one of the Parish Council members asked if it could be put into the bulletin as a reminder. This is the last prayer that the Priest says when he is making the Great Entrance with the chalice and paten. The Priest says, "May the Lord God remember you, and all Orthodox Christians in His Kingdom always, now and ever and unto ages of ages". Each parishioner should respond, "**May the Lord God remember his Arch Priest in His Kingdom always, now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen.**" If a Bishop is serving, the title "Arch Priest" (For Fr. Peter) would be changed to "His Eminence" (for our Arch Bishop), or "His Grace" or "His Beatitude" for our Metropolitan Tikhon. This prayer is said by most people in every parish that I visited including those parishes in our Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Presanctified Liturgy: Bishop Mark will be serving at our church for Presanctified Liturgy this Wednesday, February 21 at 6 PM. A pot luck meal will follow. Please plan to greet His Eminence at 5:15 PM.

Pierogi Sale: The church will have a pierogi sale on Tuesday, February 27th from 2 PM to 5 PM. Deadline for orders is February 17 and can be placed with Sandra (570-457-9280), Church Hall (570-457-2875) or at the candle stand. **Price is \$6.50 a dozen.** Volunteers are needed on Monday, February 26th and possibly Tuesday, February 27th to make them.

Lenten Mission Services will start at 4 PM: Please note the change for March 4 & 18.

February 25	Sunday of Orthodoxy	Holy Resurrection Cathedral	Wilkes-Barre
March 4	St. Gregory Palamas	St. John	Nanticoke
March 11	Sunday of the Cross	Holy Annunciation	Berwick
March 18	St. John Climacus	St. Michael	Jermyn
March 25	St. Mary of Egypt	Holy Cross	Williamsport
April 1	Palm Sunday	Holy Resurrection Cathedral	Wilkes-Barre

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Romans 13:11-14:4 (Epistle)

11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

1 Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things.

2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Matthew 6:14-21 (Gospel)

14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16 Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

17 But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,

18 so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

19 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.