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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – TONE 5. SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY. ST. TARASIVS, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, Feb. 25: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10) followed by procession of Icons.
Tuesday, Feb. 27: 7 AM Matins
Wednesday, Feb. 28: 7 AM Matins
6 PM Presanctified Liturgy – Confession from 5 PM – 5:30 PM
Thursday, Mar. 1: 7 AM Matins
Friday, Mar. 2: 6 PM Akathist to Mary. Confession following.
Saturday, Mar. 3: 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (3rd Hour at 8:50) Memorial Saturday Liturgy
5 PM Great Vespers.
Sunday, Mar. 4: 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: Mat. Mary Perez.

Offerings:

Vigil Lights: In Memory of: Theresa Veronick by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Mary Oselinsky by Helen & Tammy Wytovich.

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 this 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: Fr. Peter has a few house blessings scheduled this week to finish for the year. If anyone didn't have their house blessed and would like to, please call Fr. Peter to set up an appointment.

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.

Pierogi Sale: The church will have a pierogi sale this Tuesday, February 27th from 2 PM to 5 PM.
Volunteers are needed tomorrow, 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:

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 (*Epistle*)

24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,
26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.
32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:
33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
35 Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.
36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment.
37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented –
38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.
39 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,
40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.
1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 1:43-51 (*Gospel*)

43 The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me."
44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.
45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."
46 And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."
47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"
48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."
49 Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"
50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."
51 And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."