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35th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. TONE 2. TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE. SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY NEW MARTYRS AND CONFESSORS OF RUSSIA.

Service Schedule:

Sunday, Jan 27:	9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10).
Tuesday, Jan 29:	7 AM Matins
Wednesday, Jan 30:	7 AM Matins
Thursday, Jan 31:	7 AM Matins
Friday, Feb 1:	6 PM Great Vespers with Litya. Feast of Meeting of our Lord in the Temple
Saturday, Feb 2:	9 AM Divine Liturgy (3 rd Hour at 8:50) 5 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, Feb 3:	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, Bernie Elko, Sandra Pritchuk, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchuk, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Steve Pregrim, Lillian Mathews, Nadia Macheska, Dr. David Lezinsky, Tom Krenitsky, Matushka Mary Lynn, Lillian Kite & Paulette Ezbiansky.

Memory Eternal: Lucille Lezinsky.

Offerings:

Vigil Lights: In Memory of: Alexander Krenitsky by Dr. & Mrs. James Batton & James & Family; Dorothy Polanchik by Paul & Helen Bezuhly; Marie Horek by Maryann, Mike and Katlyn Sanders.

Vigil Lights: For the Health of: Helen Wytovich by Roman & Tammy Wytovich.

Bulletin: For the Health of: Homebound Parishioners by Thomas & Arlette Zupko.

Food Pantry: In Memory of: Kathryn Burdick by Carol Chaykosky.

Christmas Flowers: In Memory of: William & Rose Macheska by Nadia Macheska.

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 Thursday, (2/7) and Saturday, (2/16) from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **Apollo Group Inc. (Kingston, PA), Kris Mitchell, Carol Chaykosky & Taylor Library.**

House Blessings: Fr. Peter plans to visit as many families as possible for a house blessing. It is customary to have a table covered with a white table cloth. An icon, candle and a bowl for the holy water is needed. The holy water that is sanctified by the Holy Spirit from Theophany will be provided by Fr. Peter if you don't have any. It is not necessary to buy a white table cloth if you don't have one. You may also want to have a list of names (living and departed) to be remembered. Fr. Peter will call parishioners to set up a time.

Thank you to Marie Pasternak for purchasing new wreaths to be used in the upcoming years during the Advent / Christmas Season.

2019 Winter Youth Retreat: Will take place February 8 – 9 at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church in Harrisburg, PA. The retreat leader will be Steven Christoforou, Director of Y2AM & Host of "Be the Bee". Save the Date. More information will be coming soon. See the flyer on the bulletin board.

Council to take Oath: Changed to Sunday, February 3rd after Divine Liturgy.

Special Parish Meeting: Changed to Sunday, February 17th after Divine Liturgy. Please see the attached listing the two recommendations for by-law changes that the council is recommending to the parish.

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Colossians 3:12-16 (*Epistle*)

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Matthew 25:14-30 (*Gospel*)

14 For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.

15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.

17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.

18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

20 So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'

21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

22 He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'

23 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

24 Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'

26 But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

28 Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

29 For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia

On the Sunday closest to January 25, the Church commemorates the Synaxis of the Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia, remembering all those Orthodox Christians who suffered for Christ at the hands of the godless Soviets during the years of persecution. These include the royal Passion Bearers Tsar Nicholas II and his family, and the Grand Duchess Elizabeth. Countless thousands of martyrs, both clergy and laity also suffered, some of whose names are known, as well as millions of simple believers whose names have been lost to history.

It is estimated that the number of the New Martyrs of Russia, who were glorified by the Russian Orthodox Church at the Jubilee Council of 2000, far exceeds that of all the martyrs who died for Christ during the first three centuries of Christianity. The Russian Church lost millions of its sons and daughters, not only at the hands of external enemies, but also those of their own country. Among those who were murdered and tortured in the years of persecution were countless Orthodox: laity, monks, priests, and bishops, whose only "crime" was their unshakable faith in God.

In the long history of the world, never have so many new heavenly intercessors been glorified by the Church in such a way (more than one thousand New Martyrs were numbered among the saints). Among those who suffered for their faith were some who labored in America before the Russian Revolution: St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (April 7); St. Alexander Hotovitzky (Dec. 4); St. John Kochurov (Oct. 31).