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SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY/MARCH 13

First Sunday of Great Lent (Tone 1)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy and installation of Parish Council;

Coffee Hour; Church School;

11:45a.m. Movie: "Letters to God"

4:00p.m. Deanery Vespers at Holy Spirit Church in Wantage with Bishop Michael

5:00p.m. Vespers with Presence of Kursk-Root Icon at St. John the Baptist Church in Perth Amboy

End of the 1st and beginning of the 2nd Week of the Great & Holy Fast

MONDAY/MARCH 14

7:00p.m. Vespers

TUESDAY/MARCH 15

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confessions

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 16

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions

6:30p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

THURSDAY/MARCH 17

3:00p.m. Vespers; Confessions

7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting

FRIDAY/MARCH 18

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confessions

MEMORIAL SATURDAY/MARCH 19

9:30a.m. Akathist to the Departed; Confessions

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/MARCH 20

Second Sunday of Great Lent (Tone 2)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour; Church School; Teens

4:00p.m. Deanery Vespers at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in South River



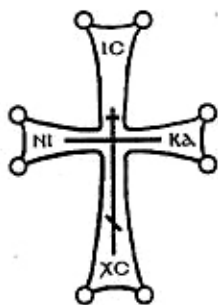
Lessons in Divine & Christian Love (50)

Listen now to this mystery. God is the perfect person, therefore He is perfect love. God is the perfect person, therefore He is also perfect truth. God is the perfect person, therefore He is also perfect life. From this Christ pronounced the words universally quoted: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6), understanding by "the Way": Love. For this reason love is like a Way, put in the primary place. For it is only through love that truth and life are reached. Due to this, once more it is said in the Holy Scripture: "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be anathema" (1 Cor. 16:22). If there is not an anathema, is he who is without love, then not consequently also without truth and life? From this, the curse is on oneself.

- Fr. Callistratus of Mileseva (Serbia)

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Apr. 01, 40 th Day	Ludmila Tjaden
Apr. 02, 40 th Day	Michael Warin
Mar. 13, 1929	Theodore Malko
Mar. 13, 1969	Tekla Barnosky
Mar. 13, 1973	Paul Swidonovich
Mar. 13, 1974	Helen Lysy
Mar. 13, 1994	Nicolai Dimitriew
Mar. 13, 1996	Joseph Zydiak
Mar. 14, 1971	Catherine Chepon
Mar. 15, 1951	Louis Nebozinky
Mar. 16, 1973	Edmund Kornacki
Mar. 16, 1979	Joseph Peschek
Mar. 17, 1949	Theresa Krivka
Mar. 17, 1968	Andrew Hnatuk
Mar. 17, 1989	Philip Kulina
Mar. 18, 1942	John Hrihoechuk
Mar. 18, 1981	Metropolitan Ireney
Mar. 19, 2004	Anna Lesneski



Fasting for the Evening Pre-Sanctified Liturgy to partake of Holy Communion

For those unable to keep the fast for the whole day, the Holy Synod of Bishops permits the keeping of the fast from the noon day meal.

Pussywillows

May becoming into bloom very soon. Please keep an "eye" out for them and bring them to the lower hall (but not in plastic – they spoil). Thanks!

Youth Retreat: 7th thru 12th grades

This Lenten Retreat will be held April 1st-2nd at Holy Resurrection Church in Wayne. The theme of the Retreat is "Baptized into Christ: Galatians 3:2 and Romans 6:3". The Retreat is sponsored by the Diocese of NY-NJ and Bishop Michael plans to be present. Information is posted on the Parish Bulletin Board as well as the Diocesan website: www.nynjoca.org The cost is \$35.

Offerings for the week of March 13

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emila; for a safe journey; for the health and recovery of John; for the health of Nicholas (namesday).

Wine: in honor of St. Edward; for the health of Diaconissa Patricia (namesday).

Coffee Hour Hosting (Lenten Fare)

- Mar. 13 - Motoviloff, Torrissi and Kachek
- Mar. 20 - Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells and Sokol
- Mar. 27 - Hunchar, Turri and Erkman

Offerings of Boiled Wheat

Is sought for Memorial Saturday, March 26th.

Remember in Prayer

Sandy Filippini and Jerry Yadlowsky.

Namesday Greetings

St. Patrick/Mar. 17: Diaconissa Patricia Sokol; Many Blessed Years!

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Thursday, March 17 at 7:00p.m.

Enrolled into Catechumenate

Jerome Stone and Maria Heather Graver.

On Great Lent by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann – "A Lenten Climate"

It is needful to enter Lent with a state of mind, soul and spirit – a certain atmosphere or climate – which for 7 weeks permeates our entire life. Let it be stressed that the purpose of Lent is not to force on us a few formal obligations, but to "soften" our heart so that it may open itself to the realities of the spirit, to experience the hidden "thirst and hunger" for communion with God.

Lenten Wednesday Evenings Pre-Sanctified Liturgies with our Neighbors

On March 23rd, at 6:30p.m., Fr. Matthew Moriak and the parishioners of Holy Ghost Church here in Manville will join us for the service and a light meal to follow.

On April 13th, we will join Fr. Matthew at Holy Ghost Church to celebrate with them.

The Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir

A liturgical musical concert will be held at our parish on May 15th, Sunday at 4:30p.m. Please mark the date and plan to come with your invited guests. A free will offering may be made. Refreshments will follow.

The Origins of the Word "Goodbye"



Few people are aware that the origin of the farewell greeting "goodbye" has its origin in a parting prayer: "God be with ye".

To understand this, it is helpful to see earlier forms of the expression, such as *God be wy you*, *god b'w'y*, *godbwy*, *god buy' ye*, and *good-b'wy*. The first word of the expression is now *good* and not *God*, for *good* replaced *God* by analogy with such expressions as *good day*, perhaps after people no longer had a clear idea of the original sense of the expression.

In a quote from 1659, we still have "god":

"But mum for that, his strength will scarce supply His Back to the Balcona, so God b' wy."

And then by 1694, we have transitioned to "good":

"He flings up his tail..and so bids us good-b'wy."

A letter of 1573 written by Gabriel Harvey contains the first recorded use of *goodbye*: "To requite your gallonde [gallon] of godbwyes, I regive you a pottle of howdyes," recalling another contraction that is still used. Shakespeare used "God be wy you".

The substitution of *good* for *God* seems to have been mainly due to the influence of such phrases as "good day" and "good night".

So next time you say "goodbye", remember the origin of the word is in fact a blessing.

God be with you!

LESSONS FROM MEDICAL SCIENCE: SIMPLE AND COMPOUND FRACTURES

A simple fracture is a break in the bone. A compound fracture is a sharp break in the bone and a puncture of the skin. This puncture allows exposure to organisms and a high risk of infection. Simple fractures heal faster than compound fractures.



In the spiritual life, we also experience simple and compound fractures. We experience hurt, trauma, pain and spiritual breaks. The causes can be many and varied. Sin is the break and the grace of God provides us with healing.

Compound fractures in the spiritual life are at a greater risk. Here infection and exposure take place. That is, the demons capitalize on our (simple) spiritual break and compound it. How? By making our spiritual state all the worse. One of the chief ways this is done is to convince us that 1) that the spiritual problem or break is not so great; 2) that we can take care of it ourselves without resorting to God.

How many souls there are that are fractured and only complicate their condition by not returning to God! A simple fracture will eventually heal itself. A compound fracture requires the skill of the physician. Jesus Christ is our Chief Physician and Healer. We need to see our condition and go to Him.

We must not compound our sins. We need to go to the Mysteries of Confession and Holy Communion. When we think that we are okay and don't need to go to church; that we don't need frequent Confession; that we can manage on our own; when in moments of clarity we see our souls badly damaged and do nothing about it – we are victims of compound fracture.

The Church is the Hospital; the Physician is our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the place and He is the One to heal us.



Illness is a condition of brokenness sickness, disease, or some other ailment. *Spiritual illness is caused by sin (separation from God). Every sin is a repetition of Adam's sin, and with every sin we undergo the darkening and dying of the soul. It sin remains unconfessed, spiritual illness will remain untreated thus leading to death.*



Therapy is the treatment of illness or disability by means of a curative or rehabilitative process. *Spiritual therapy is found in the Church, where Jesus Christ is the Chief Physician. Healing is imparted when we ask the Physician for healing in Confession, follow the "doctor's orders" by keeping the Commandments, and with due preparation partake of His divine medicine in Holy Communion.*



Health is a condition of wholeness or soundness, free from disease or ailment. *To be healthy spiritually means to be free from the disease and brokenness of sin by being united to God and in good relation to our neighbor, and ourselves. Spiritual health was the condition of Adam before the Fall, and thanks to the redemptive work of Christ it can be our condition as well, should we desire to undergo the therapy offered by the Church.*



Memorial Saturdays

On March 19, 26 and April 2, the Church especially remembers All the Departed. We do very well to express our love for the departed and offer prayers for them on these Memorial Days. We ask the Lord to give rest eternal to all our ancestors, friends, relatives, benefactors and neighbors. Make the effort to come and prayer for their blessed repose. Some day we will wish that others would remember us when we are departed.