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**BULLETIN OF FEBRUARY 19, 2012**

**SUNDAY/FEBRUARY 19**

**Meat-fare or Judgment Sunday (Tone 3)**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour; Church School  
11:45a.m. Movie: "Chariots of Fire"  
11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. Great Spaghetti Take-Out

**WEDNESDAY/FEBRUARY 22**

6:30p.m. One Year Memorial Service for  
Ludmila Tjaden (+ Feb. 21, 2011)  
Michael Warin (+ Feb. 22, 2011)

**SATURDAY/FEBRUARY 25**

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confession  
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

**SUNDAY/FEBRUARY 26**

**Cheese-Fare Sunday (Tone 4)**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy  
Coffee Hour with Bake Sale  
Question & Answer Period  
6:30p.m. Vespers and Rite of Forgiveness –  
First Lenten Service

**PURE MONDAY/FEBRUARY 27**

Beginning of the Great and Holy Forty Day Fast

**Meat-Fare Sunday/February 19th**

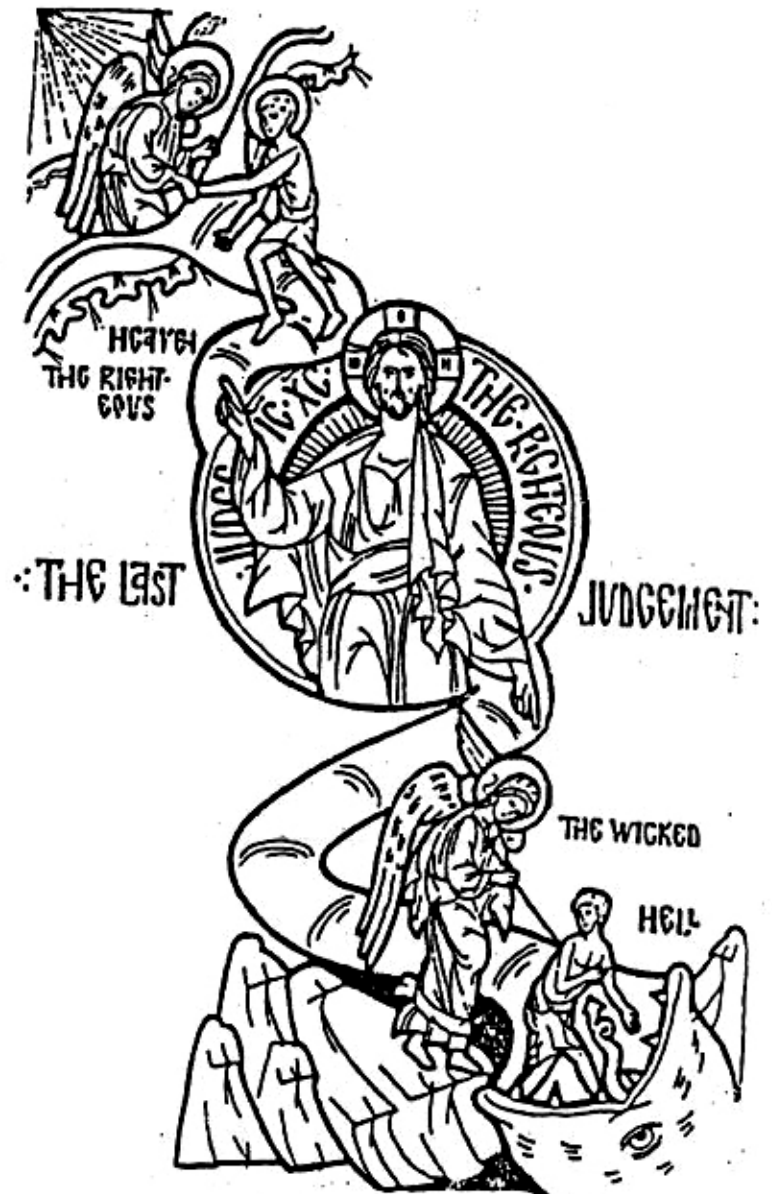
This is the last day we partake of meat products  
until the Holy Pascha, April 15

**Cheese-Fare Week/February 20th-26th**

In this week we may eat dairy and fish on both  
Wednesday and Friday, but we fast from meat.

**Cheese-Fare Sunday/February 26th**

This is the last day we partake of dairy products  
until the Holy Pascha, April 15



### **Offerings for the week of February 19**

**Olive Oil** – in memory of Michael and Justina, in memory of Vaschen and Emilia.; in memory of Sandy and Joan; for the health of Carol and John (anniversary); in memory of Joan and Sandy.

**Wine** – for the health of Zachary (birthday)

**Flowers** – for the health of Anna and Saba.

### **Parish Synodicon**

Feb. 19, 1963 Gregory Klimchuk  
Feb. 20, 1918 Jacob Shevchuk  
Feb. 20, 1953 Anna Sabat  
Feb. 20, 1963 Theodosia Zuboff  
Feb. 20, 1981 Anna Lisowski  
Feb. 21, 1939 John Cherkan  
Feb. 21, 1963 Steven Piscadlo  
Feb. 21, 1976 Anna Sharshon  
Feb. 21, 2011 Ludmila Tjaden  
Feb. 22, 1931 Stephen Blisak  
Feb. 22, 1931 Olga Yaskovsky  
Feb. 22, 1977 Stella Honchar  
Feb. 22, 1989 Gertrude Huzinec  
Feb. 22, 2011 Michael Warin  
Feb. 23, 1942 Louis Potapchuk  
Feb. 23, 1946 Joseph Wilhousky Sr.  
Feb. 25, 1941 Constantine Yushkevich  
Feb. 25, 1960 Helen Wilhousky

### **Coffee Hour Hosting**

Feb. 19 - Nana, Nona and Nina  
Feb. 26 – Motoviloff, Torrisi, Kachek and Stone  
(meat-fast on Feb. 26)  
Mar. 04 – Combs, Mantzafos, Parsells, Sokol

### **Ushers**

Feb. 19 - P. Parsells & C. Dunaenko  
Feb. 26 - E. Sarchisian & L. Khuzaurashvili  
Mar. 04 - T. Smith & P. Bakaletz

### **Beginning of the Great & Holy Lent**

“Pure Monday,” February 27th is the first day of the 40 great and Holy Fast. We enter into the Lenten Season with the very important and first service of Vespers and the Rite of Forgiveness, on Sunday evening, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. All of the faithful are encouraged to participate in this special service.

### **Great Baked Goods**

Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at Coffee Hour.  
(see flyer for details).

### **Lenten Sunday Vespers**

All Vespers Services are at 4:00p.m.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Great Lent/Mar. 4  
Holy Ghost church in Manville  
Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral in Passaic
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent/Mar. 11  
St. Gregory Church in Glen Gardner  
(Bishop Michael present)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent/Mar. 18  
Mother of God Church in Mays Landing
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent/Mar. 25  
Annunciation Church in Brick  
(Bishop Michael present)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Great Lent/Apr. 1  
Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Bayonne

### **Annual Meeting of February 12**

Appreciation is expressed to all those parishioners who took their time to participate in the meeting. The Annual Meeting Reports may be picked up at the vestibule stand.

### **Easter Candy Sale**

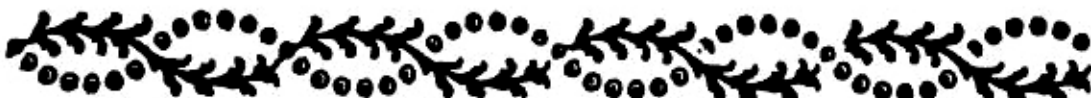
Is presently underway. Catalogues are on the vestibule stand. Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> is the deadline. Please place your orders as soon as possible.

### **Visitations of Bishop Michael to our parish – mark your calendars**

June 14<sup>th</sup>, Thursday for an evening akthaiist and public lecture.  
Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, Saturday and Sunday, for pastoral visitation.

### **Boiled Wheat Is Sought**

Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>/Friday – St. Theodore Commemoration at 6:30p.m.  
Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Saturdays at 9:30a.m.  
The church will supply cups, spoons and napkins. Please speak with Fr. James.





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The Honorable Chris Christie  
Office of the Governor  
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Dear Governor Christie:

As the legislators of the State of New Jersey consider legally re-defining the meaning of marriage to include unions between two persons of the same gender, I as the Bishop of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey of the Orthodox Church in America, write to implore you to uphold the traditional understanding of marriage.

Of course, we as Orthodox Christians approach this question from the Biblical teaching that God created humans as "male and female" to become "one flesh" by divine grace and love and to "increase and multiply" in the procreation of children. And we believe that Jesus sanctified marriage between a man and a woman as a sacrament when He performed His first miracle at the wedding in Cana of Galilee.

But even from a non-religious perspective, the marital union between one man and one woman has been universally accepted by civil law as a constitutive element of human society, vital to the human family and to the continuation of the human race.

This is not merely a social convention, but rather an affirmation of the family as the fundamental cell of every society. Consequently, policies which undermine the family threaten both human dignity and the future of humanity itself. This family unit is fundamental for the development both of individual persons and also communities, states and nations.

Even President Obama affirmed this in his 2011 Mother's Day and Father's Day proclamations: "neither a mom or a dad is expendable." I hope that you too, as well as all the legislators of New Jersey, agree that every child has the right to be loved by both a mother and a father.

The institution of marriage is built on this truth. This is what we Orthodox Christians and the millions of other citizens in solidarity with us on this issue want for all children and for the common good of society.

In defending the sanctity of marriage, we recognize the immeasurable personal dignity and equal worth and the rights of all individuals, including those of same-sex attraction. While all persons deserve our full respect, no other relationship provides for the common good what the marriage between a husband and wife provides. We ask that the law of New Jersey continue to reflect this reality.

With all this in mind, on behalf of the Orthodox Christians in New Jersey, the state with the fourth largest Orthodox Christian population, I wholeheartedly urge you to affirm and protect the time-honored and unalterable meaning of marriage – between one man and one woman.

Sincerely yours,

+ MICHAEL  
Rt. Rev. Michael (Dahulich), Ph.D.  
Bishop of New York and New Jersey  
The Orthodox Church in America

# **U.S. SUPREME COURT ON SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE**

The First Amendment, however, does not say that in every respect there shall be a separation of church and state. Rather, it studiously defines the manner, the specific ways, in which there shall be no concert or union or dependence one on the other. That is the common sense of the matter. Otherwise the state and religion would be aliens to each other – hostile, suspicious and even unfriendly...

Municipalities would not be permitted to render police or fire protection to religious groups. Policemen who helped parishioners to their place of worship would violate the Constitution. Prayers in our legislative halls, the appeals to the Almighty in the messages of the Chief Executive; the proclamation marking Thanksgiving Day a holiday; “so help me God” in our courtroom oaths – these and all other references to the Almighty that run through our laws, our public rituals, our ceremonies would be flouting the First Amendment.

A fastidious atheist or agnostic could even object to the supplication with which the Court opens each session: “God save the United States and this Honorable Court.”

We are a religious people and our institutions presuppose a Supreme Being.

When the state encourages religious instruction or cooperates with religious authorities by adjusting the schedule of public events to sectarian needs it follows the heart of our traditions. For it then respects the religious nature of our people and accommodates the public service to the spiritual needs. To hold that it may not would be to find in the Constitution a requirement that the government show a callous indifference to religious groups. That would be preferring those who believe in no religion over those who do believe...

We find no constitutional requirement makes it necessary for government to be hostile to religion and to throw its weight against the efforts to widen the scope of religious indifference. The government must remain neutral when it comes to competition between the sects...We cannot read into the Bill of Rights such a philosophy of hostility to religion.

*Zovach v. Clauson, U. S. Supreme Court, 343 U.S. 306, April 28, 1952*