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BULLETIN OF MARCH 11, 2012

SUNDAY/MARCH 11

Second Sunday of Great Lent (Tone 6)

St. Gregory Palamas (Wine & Oil)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Church School

11:45a.m. Film: "Sacrament of Penance"

4:00p.m. Deanery Vespers at St. Gregory Palamas
Church in Glen Gardner with Bishop Michael

**End of the 2nd and beginning of the 3rd
Week of the Great and Holy Fast**

MONDAY/MARCH 12

7:00p.m. Vespers

TUESDAY/MARCH 13

7:00p.m.. Vespers; Confession

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 14

9:30a.m. Akathist to Passion of Lord; Confession

6:30p.m. Pre-sanctified Liturgy

THURSDAY/MARCH 15

3:00p.m. Vespers; Confession

7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting

FRIDAY/MARCH 16

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confession

SATURDAY/MARCH 17

Memorial Saturday (Wine & Oil)

St. Patrick of Ireland

9:30a.m. General Memorial Service for Departed;
Confession

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confession

SUNDAY/MARCH 18

Third Sunday of Great Lent (Tone 7)

Procession of the Holy Cross (Wine & Oil)

St. Nicholas of Zicha (+1956)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Church School & Teen Class

4:00p.m. Deanery Vespers at Mother of God
Church in Mays Landing

**End of the 3rd and beginning of the 4th
Week of the Great and Holy Fast**

Kontakion Tone 4
Second Sunday of Great Lent

Now is the time for action!

Judgment is at the door!

So let us rise and fast, offering alms with tears of
compunction and crying:

our sins are more in number than the sands of the
sea; but forgive us, O Master of all, so that we
may receive the incorruptible crowns!



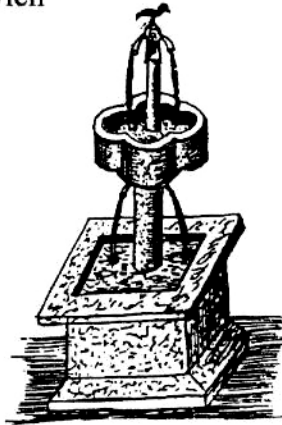
Offerings for the week of March 11

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina, in memory of Vaschen and Emilia.; for the health of Robert (birthday)

Wine – for the health of Diaconissa Patricia (namesday).

Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!

Mar. 11, 1961 Paraska Holowach
Mar. 11, 1972 Alex Smagley
Mar. 12, 1924 Nicholas Semashkevich
Mar. 12, 1966 Leo Stachowsky
Mar. 13, 1929 Theodore Malko
Mar. 13, 1969 Tekla Barnosky
Mar. 13, 1973 Paul Swindovich
Mar. 13, 1974 Helen Lysy
Mar. 13, 1994 Nikolai Dimitriew
Mar. 14, 1971 Catherine Chepon
Mar. 15, 1951 Louis Nebozinsky
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



Coffee Hour Hosting

Coffee Hour Hosts are reminded that in the Great and Holy Lent we do not serve meat, dairy or fish.

Mar. 11 - Hunchar, Erkman and Turri
Mar. 18 - Sarchisian, Dunaenko & Hando
Mar. 25 - Peterson, Bakaletz and Mattei

Ushers Schedule

Mar. 11 - T. Gorbatuk & J. Stone
Mar. 18 - P. Parsells & C. Dunaenko
Mar. 25 - E. Sarchisian & L. Khuzaurashvili

Sunday Envelope Report

2012 Budget: Jan. +\$478 / Feb. -\$1,735
Tithe to Diocese: Jan. \$1,073 / Feb. \$837

Namesday Greetings

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

“Spirit of Orthodoxy” Choir

A liturgical Concert and Reception is being planned at our parish for Sunday, May 20th at

4:30p.m. Please mark your calendars and tell your friends.

Lenten Sunday Vespers

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

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

Boiled Wheat Is Sought

Mar. 17th and 24th – Memorial Saturdays at 9:30a.m.

The church will supply cups, spoons and napkins. Please speak with Fr. James.

Pussy Willows Are Sought

Please deposit them in the lower hall. Thanks!

Incense Fragrances In Usage

Week of Mar. 11 - “Constantinople”

Week of Mar. 18 - “Catacomb”

Week of Mar. 25 - “Evergreen and Ember”

Your comments on fragrances is welcomed.

Film “On the Sacrament of Confession”

On Sunday, March 11th at 11:45a.m. a 45 minute film will be presented with time for discussion after. All of us could always learn something new and perhaps correct misunderstandings we may have about exactly what Confession is.

Spring Church Cleaning

Saturday, March 24th at 10:30a.m. Please plan to be here and help out.

Diocesan Youth Retreat – March 30 & 31 in Wayne

This Retreat is geared for students 7th thru 12th grades. The theme, schedule and necessary paperwork are posted on the bulletin board or you may go to the diocesan website.

Matushka Natalie Kiryluk Breyan

February 28, 2012
SPRING HILL, FL [OCA]

Matushka Natalie, wife of the late Archpriest George Breyan, fell asleep in the Lord in Spring Hill, FL on Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

The daughter of the late Archpriest Theodosius and Matushka Eugenia Kiryluk, she and her husband served parishes in Manville, NJ; Hollywood, FL; Lakewood, OH; Marblehead, OH; and Detroit, MI. After Father George's retirement in 1999, they served Saint Raphael of Brooklyn Mission, Inverness, FL, where they were instrumental in building up the community and erecting a church building. At the time of her repose, she was a member of Saint Andrew Church, New Port Richie, FL. They Breyans celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2008.

Matushka Natalie not only was very active in parish life, but was a long-time member of the Federated Russian Orthodox Clubs/Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America. For 27 years, she served as associate editor of the FROC/FOCA *Orthodox Christian Journal* (<http://www.orthodoxfellowship.org/ocj>) and edited the FROC/FOCA's widely distributed cookbook. Her other writings appeared in a variety of venues.

In addition to Father George and her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Archpriest Nicholas Kiryluk, who is widely remembered as the first Orthodox Christian US Air Force chaplain.

His Grace, Bishop Tikhon of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, will preside at funeral services for Matushka Natalie Kiryluk Breyan at Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will precede services at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow in the monastery cemetery.

May Matushka Natalie's memory be eternal!



ON KEEPING A SPIRITUAL FAST

There is both a physical and a spiritual fast. In the physical fast the body abstains from food and drink. In the spiritual fast, the faster abstains from evil intentions, words and deeds. One who truly fasts abstains from anger, rage, malice, and vengeance. One who truly fasts abstains from idle and foul talk, empty rhetoric, slander, condemnation, flattery, lying and all manner of spiteful talk. In a word, a real faster is one who withdraws from all evil.

St. Basil the Great

SOME BENEFITS OF FASTING

The holy fasters did not approach strict fasting suddenly, but little by little they became capable of being satisfied by the most meager food. Despite all this they did not know weakness, but were always healthy and ready for action. Among them sickness was rare, and their life was extraordinarily lengthy.

St. Seraphim of Sarov

3 Rules For Keeping On The Straight Path

After Confession and Holy Communion

By St. Theophan the Recluse (+1894)



Our inner spiritual lives never get into the proper order all of a sudden. What is always required and what lies ahead is intensified labor over oneself, by assimilation of good intentions and by the enabling grace through the Mysteries of Confession and Communion. This work and effort is directed towards destroying the disorder that reigns inside; in its place it establishes order and harmony, after which follows inner peace and a continual joyful mood of the heart.

Do not think, however, that for this you must re-do everything, or bind yourself to a lot of rules. Absolutely not. Two or three little rules or precautions, is all you need.

Rule One: It is necessary to get in the habit of unceasing remembrance of God, along with fear and reverence. Be with the Lord no matter what you do; and turn to Him with your whole mind, trying to conduct yourself as you would in front of a king. You will soon get into the habit, just don't give up or break off. To make it easier to acquire the habit of remembrance of God, there is a special method for fervent Christians; that is, the unceasing repetition of a short prayer of two or three words. Most common is "Lord have mercy," or "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." If you have never done it, begin doing it now from this moment on. Whether you are walking, sitting, eating, going to bed, repeat over and over the prayer. From long practice of this, the words will fasten themselves to the tongue, so that they will repeat themselves. Do not forget to combine this prayer with reverence.

Rule Two: Do not do anything that your conscience prohibits; and do not omit anything that it says to do, whether great or small. Follow your conscience undeviatingly, and with such perseverance that you would not allow yourself to do anything against it even if you were to die. The more decisively you act, then the more powerful your conscience will become. The more powerful your conscience becomes, the more completely and forcefully it will inspire you with what is necessary and steer you away from what is unnecessary in words, deeds and thoughts, and the more quickly your inner being will be put in order.

Rule Three: Supplement the first two rules with this third one – be patient. You must spiritually work and not give in to pleasing yourself or the world. There will be constant opposition to any good spiritual work you have begun. You must overcome this; therefore, you must exert more force and consequently, be patient. Clothe yourself in this all-powerful armor and never allow your spirits to fall when you encounter misfortune. Everything will come with time. Be encouraged in your patience through this hope. This is what happens to be borne out by the experience of all people who have sought and accomplished salvation.

Three simple rules: remembrance of God with reverence; obey your conscience strictly and arm yourself with hope through patience. May the Lord bless you to be so inclined and to be in this frame of mind.