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BULLETIN FEBRUARY 12, 2017

The Blessing of Homes: January 7th thru February 24th:

To have your home blessed, make an appointment with Father James

SUNDAY/FEBRUARY 12

Prodigal Son Sunday

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; 12:30p.m. Annual Parish Meeting

WEDNESDAY/FEBRUARY 15

6:30p.m. Compline
7-8:30p.m. Study Class - Part One:
"The Pathology of the Mind & Heart"

SATURDAY/FEBRUARY 18

Memorial Commemoration

9:30a.m. General Memorial; Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

SUNDAY/FEBRUARY 19

Meat-Fare Sunday

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

CHEESE-FARE MONDAY/FEBRUARY 20

From this day we do not partake of meat products
Until Holy Pascha, April 16

WEDNESDAY/FEBRUARY 22

6:30p.m. Compline
7-8:30p.m. Study Class - Part Two
"The Pathology of Passion & Freedom"

SATURDAY/FEBRUARY 25

9:30a.m. Akathist to Our Lord; Confessions
5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions



Offerings Week of February 12

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalie, and Anastasia; in memory of Sarchisian & Bocai families; in memory of Gabriela, Floarea, Gheorghe, Alexandru, Sasinca, Elena, Grogore-Petre, Ilie, Aurelia, Elena. Alexandru, Valeria, Mihail, Anicuta, Marioara, Ion, Elena, Paraschiva, Archimandrite Roman and Priest Theophil.

Wine: thanksgiving Marriage.

Flowers: in memory of Evdokia.

Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Feb. 12, 2007 John Wislosky
Feb. 12, 1988 Xenia Fedarka
Feb. 13, 1929 Gregory Stepaniuk
Feb. 13, 1948 Christian Kozar
Feb. 13, 1957 Clement Mc Closkey
Feb. 13, 1970 Alexander Pawlik
Feb. 15, 1929 Moses Korenchik
Feb. 15, 1998 Helen Russo
Feb. 15, 1999 Zollie Pituch
Feb. 16, 1928 Athanasius Barna
Feb. 16, 1954 Abraham Yashuk
Feb. 17, 2003 Anna Peschek
Feb. 18, 1952 Gregory Holovach
Feb. 18, 1953 Magdalena Padla
Feb. 18, 1993 Josephine Fedchin

Coffee Hour Schedule

- Coffee Hour Hosts are reminded to prepare foods that are simple enough that you leave the church only after Communion.
- Coffee Hour Hosts, please place trash in the garbage cans outside, or if the cans are full, on top of the cans, but not on the ground.
- Please allow church school teachers and students to be first in line so they can prepare for classes.

Feb. 12 Inga, Eka, Marina & Nona

Feb. 19 Sokol, Nasledysheva, Staina & Sarchisian

Counters Schedule

Feb. 12 Ciprian C. & Jill P.

Feb. 19 Irina S. & Lisa K.

Ushers Schedule

Feb. 12 Jerome S. & Adrian M.

Feb. 19 Dennis F. & Robert E.

Sunday Readers Schedule

Feb. 12 Austin K. / Feb. 19 Ciprian C.

Study Classes – Lenten Directions

Feb. 15, Wed. *The Mind and Heart: The Pathology of Knowledge and Desire*

Feb. 22, Wed. *The Pathology of Passion and Freedom*

Mar. 16, Thurs. *The Pathology of Memory and Imagination*

These 3 evenings will examine the true nature of these faculties and the contra-natural usage.

Classes are from 7-8:30p.m. All invited.

The Calendar

Feb. 19 – Meat-Fare Sunday – Last Day for Meat until Holy Pascha, April 16.

Feb. 26 – Cheese-Fare Sunday – Last Day for Dairy products until Holy Pascha, April 16.

Feb. 26 Sunday - 12:30p.m. Vespers and Rite of Forgiveness, first service of Great Lent.

Feb. 27 Pure Monday – Beginning of 40 Days of the Great and Holy Fast

Do you Know that.....

- Holy Water can be and ought to be used all year round?
- The pink shaded days on your parish wall calendar are fasting days?
- Spiritual reading helps our prayers and that our prayers help us in spiritual reading?
- The Blessing of homes is taking place thru February 25th?
- It is a good thing to know your fellow parishioners by name?
- Our conversations at Coffee Hour should be edifying, positive and unite us together?
- Your taking the time to read the Reports of the Annual Meeting, enables you to get a handle on what is taking place in our community of believers.
- By now, we should be planning our fasting foods and not stock up on meats and dairy.
- In addition to an icon, it is good for us to light a candle in our homes when we pray.
- Habitual lateness to church demonstrates we are indifferent to Whom we are going to make ourselves present.

THE FAITH OF THE SAINTS, by St. Nicholas of Zicha (+1956)

THE SOCIAL VIRTUES TO BE PRACTICED

Almsgiving. "When thou doest alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee as the hypocrites do, that they may have glory of men. Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth. And thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Giving without hesitation. "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away" (Matt. 5:42). Give all in the name of Christ and for the brotherhood's sake.

Loving your enemies. "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matt. 5:44). There is no other way to cooperate with Christ, or to establish peace and brotherhood.

Doing good to men. How? Just as we wish that men would do to us. "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matt. 7:12). After the two great commandments of Christ, this is the greatest.

Forgiving your brother. "If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him, and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee saying: I repent, thou shalt forgive him" (Luke 17:3-4). Try to experience the joy of forgiving.

Humbleness. Christ was born in a stable. Why should we then strive after the highest honors and the first places? "Go down and sit in the lowest seat." "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 14:10-11).

Show pity to sinners. That is the way to help and reform them. Ridiculing and condemning them is of no avail. Christ considered them sick. He visited them (Zaccheus), ate with them (Matthew), spoke kindly to them (women sinners), and thereby restored their spiritual health and human dignity.

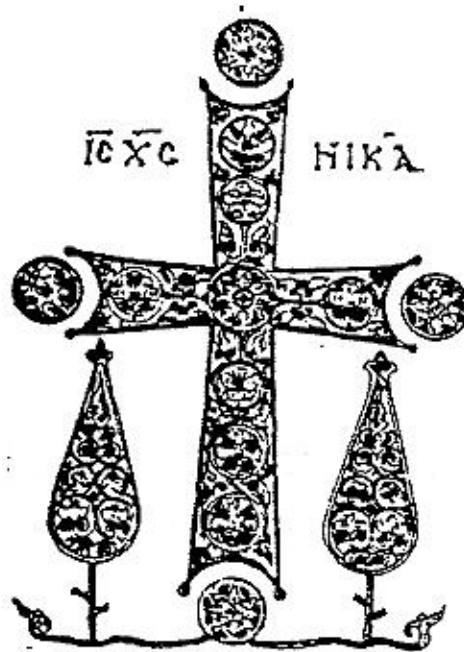


Abiding in Christ. "He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5). Let Christ therefore enter into your heart as into His own chamber, and let Him direct out from your heart all your thoughts and desires and activities.

Expectation of death and the Judgment. He is an unintelligent man who, seeing and hearing how thousands of human beings die every day, never thinks of his own death, but hoards food for a long future. God said: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be taken of thee; then whose shall those things be?" (Luke 12:20).

Thankfulness toward God is a great virtue. If you have received from God a little, and if you are thankful to Him for it, He will multiply it, as He multiplied the five loaves of bread.

Praising the Lord. Do not ask glory from men but give glory to God. The more you give, the more you shall receive. Say as the Holy Virgin said, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior" (Luke 1:46).





RELICS AT SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH

The Holy Relics are the miracle-working bones clothing or objects of certain saints. We honour them as objects in which God Himself manifests all the miraculous power of His Grace. As long as the saints were on earth, they had the Grace of the Holy Spirit in abundance and by this Grace they not infrequently worked miracles.

This Grace also lives in their souls in heaven where they now dwell. As the saint remains close to the people who call upon him to help them by means of a miracle, so much the more does he himself maintain an especial tie with his body, which is also a habitation of the Holy Spirit, as the Apostles says: "Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you and which you have from God, and that you are not your own" (1 Cor. 6:19).

Holy Scripture speaks to us concerning the miracle-workings of the saints during the period of their life on earth, that they bore witness to the power dwelling within them. Many people were healed only by touching the Apostle Paul's body with a handkerchief (Acts 19:12) while others were healed only by being under the shadow of the Apostle Peter when he passed by (Acts 5:15).

- Elder Cleopas of Romania (+1998)

Apostles

- * St. Peter (+67?) Co-patron of the temple, foremost of the Apostles and brother of Andrew. Writer of an Epistle. Crucified in Rome on a cross turned upside-down. Feast: June 29th
- * St. Paul (+67?) Co-patron of the temple and Apostle to the Gentiles. Especially called by our Saviour. Writer of Epistles. Beheaded in Rome under Nero. Feast: June 29th.
- * St. Andrew (+1st c.) First-Called of the Apostles, brother of Apostle Peter. Preacher of the Gospel in what today is Southern Russia. Crucified on X shaped Cross. Feast: Nov. 30th.
- * St. Matthias (+1st c.) Chosen by lot by the Eleven Apostles to replace Judas, who betrayed Christ. Feast: Aug. 9th.

Hierarchs

- * St. Cyprian of Carthage (+258) Bishop and Martyr of Northern Africa. Writer of theological works. Feast: Aug. 31st.
- * St. Nicholas of Myra (+330) Archbishop of Myra in Lycia. Pastor known for miraculous benefits and charity. Feasts: Dec. 6th & May 9th.
- * St. Athanasius the Great (+373) Patriarch of Alexandria. Writer and Defender of Orthodoxy against Arius. Exiled four times for the Holy Faith. Feasts: May 2nd & Jan. 18th.
- * St. Basil the Great (+379) Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia. Theologian, Pastor, Author of Monastic Rules and author of a Divine Liturgy and various prayers. Feasts: Jan. 1st & Jan. 30th.
- * St. Gregory the Theologian (+391) Archbishop of Constantinople. Theologian and Writer. Together with Ss. Basil the Great and John Chrysostom, one of the "Three Hierarchs." Feasts: Jan. 25th & Jan. 30th.
- * St. Ambrose of Milan (+397) A civil governor who became Bishop of Milan and fought against the Arians. Known for his powerful writings and preaching. Feast: Dec. 7th.
- * St. John Chrysostom (+407) Archbishop of Constantinople. Theologian, Pastor, Writer of Gospels and Epistle Commentaries. Prophet of Charity and Social Concerns. Feasts: Nov. 13th, Jan. 27th & Jan. 30th.

- * St. Patrick of Ireland (+460) Bishop and Enllghtener of Ireland. Wonderworker. Feast: Mar. 17th.
- * St. Leo the Great (+461) Pope of Rome. Writer of the famous "Tomos" expounding Orthodox belief. Feast: Feb. 18th.
- * St. Nectarios of Aegina (+1920) Metropolitan of Pentapolis in Egypt. Theologian, Preacher, Monastic Father, Miracle-Worker. Feasts: Nov. 9th & Sept. 3rd.
- * St. John Maximovitch (+1966) Archbishop of Shanghai and San Francisco. Theologian, Pastor and Wonderworker. Feast: July 2nd.

Martyrs

- * Unknown Martyr Under Nero (+67). One of the many unknown Christian martyrs of Rome who suffered under the Pagan Emperor. Feast: All Saints Sunday.
- * St. Barbara (+290). Virgin-Martyr, killed by her own pagan father. A particle of her relic is sealed in the Altar of our church. Feast: Dec. 4th.
- * St. Theodora the Tyro (+297) Soklier and Martyr. Feasts: First Saturday of Great Lent & Feb. 17th.
- * St. Mark of Chios (+1801). New-Martyr who suffered under the Turkish Yoke. Witnessed to the Faith by being beheaded. Feast: June 6th.
- * St. Elizabeth the Nun-Martyr (+1918). Grandduchess of Russia. Nun and founder of charitable insitutions. Martyred by Communists. Feast: July 5th.

Confessors

- * St. John the Russian (+1730) Russian Soldier captured by Turks and enslaved. Confessor for the Faith. His relics are to be found in Evlia, Greece and remain incorrupt. Feast: May 27th.

Priests

- * St. John of Kronstadt (+1908). Russian Priest and Wonderworker. Known for his preaching and healing gifts. Feast: Dec. 20th.

Monastics

- * St. Benedict of Nursia (+547) Founder of the monastic life in the region of Italy. Writer of monastic rules and miracle-worker. Feast: Mar. 14th.
- * St. Theodore of Sanaxar (+1791) Russian hermit and establisher of a model ascetic community at Sanaxar Monastery. Feast: Feb. 19th.
- * St. Herman of Alaska (+1837) Monk and Missionary to Alaska. First saint of the American lands. Feasts: Dec. 13th & Aug. 9th.
- * St. Antipas the Athonite (+1882) Originally from Moldavia, he spent time on Mt. Athos as well as in Russian monasteries. He reposed at Valaamo. Feast: Jan. 10th.

Unmercenary Healers

- * Ss. Cosmas and Damian (+3rd c.) The brothers were from Asia Minor and physicians. They are called "Unmcercenary" for they charged no fee for their services. They healed in the Name of Jesus and with medicines. Feasts: Nov. 1st & First Sunday of Nov.