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BULLETIN OF FEBRUARY 17, 2019

**2019 Blessing of Homes Season: January 7th thru February 28th
By Appointment**

SUNDAY/FEBRUARY 24

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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

Coffee Hour

Question & Answer Period

TUESDAY/FEBRUARY 26

7:00p.m. Vespers

WEDNESDAY/FEBRUARY 27

St. Raphael of Brooklyn (+1915)

8:00a.m. Divine Liturgy

6:30p.m. Compline

7-8:30p.m. Study Class: "Confession:
What, Why, When & How"

SATURDAY/MARCH 2

Memorial Saturday

9:30a.m. General Memorial for Departed;
Confessions

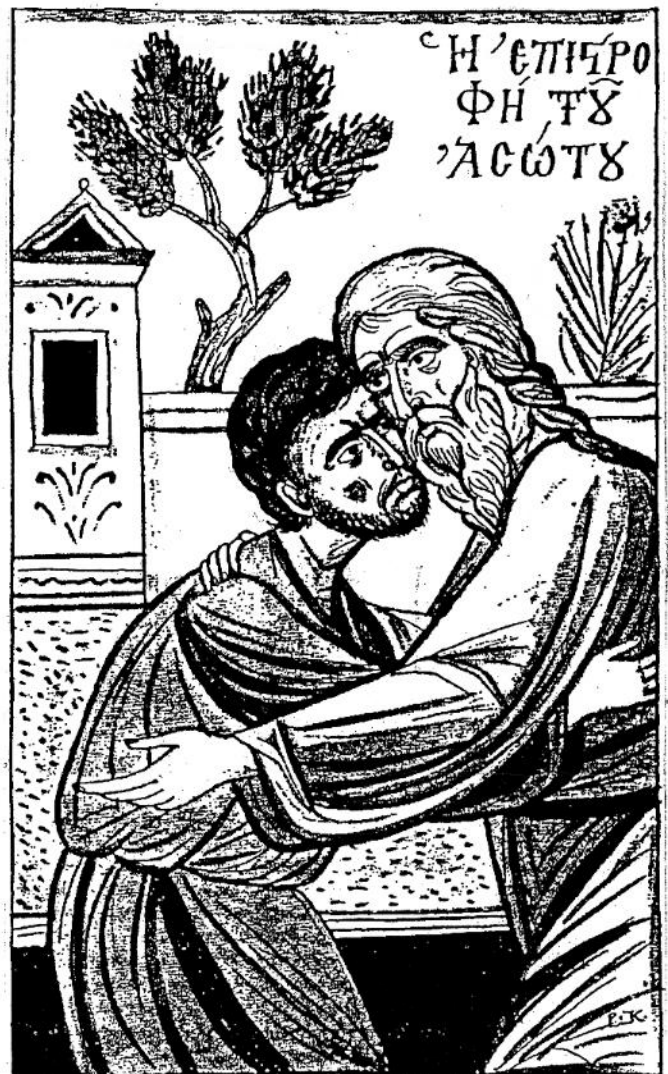
SUNDAY/MARCH 3

Meat-Fare Sunday

Last Day for meat until Pascha/Apr. 28

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

Coffee Hour; Food Basket Sunday



(Luke 18:10-14)

Orthodox World Wide = 4% of Total Population
Orthodox in USA = 0.5 % of Total Population

Offerings Week of February 24

Relics candle: in memory of St. John of San Francisco; in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalie, Anastasia and Ivanna; for the health of Mark; in memory of Nicholas, Eleanore, Jerome, John, & Ann Marie.

Olive Oil: for the health of Carol & John (anniversary); in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; for the health of Proto-deacon Paul (birthday).

Flowers: in honor of the Theotokos, our Great Protectress.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Mar. 16th 40th Day (+) Walter Romanofsky

Feb. 25, 1941 Constantine Yushkevich

Feb. 25, 1960 Helen Wilhousky

Feb. 26, 1969 Stephen Woychid

Feb. 28, 1969 John Semoskovich

Feb. 28, 1983 Anna Cimpko

Feb. 28, 1992 John Lapchuk

Feb. 29, 1944 John Marchisin

Feb. 29, 1980 Fr. Jacob Grigorieff

Mar. 01, 1962 Constantine Bobich

Mar. 02, 1917 George Bekzar

Mar. 02, 1919 Peter Palomar

Mar. 02, 1994 Traiko Josiovich

Mar. 02, 2005 Helen Reszowski

Coffee Hour Schedule

Feb. 24 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei
Erkman & Stone

Mar. 03 Kita, Nevitt, Keller, Turri
Torrise & Kachek

Counters Schedule

Feb. 24 Larissa M. & Paulina N.

Mar. 03 Rebecca O. & Ekaterini M.

Ushers Schedule

Feb. 24 Edward S. & Khaka K.

Mar. 03 Timothy S. & Peter B.

Readers Schedule

Feb. 24 Daniel T. / Mar. 03 John Z.

Scrip Fund-Raising Program

Is on-going fund-raiser. Speak with Pam Stone for cards: gas stations, restaurants, super-markets, department stores, etc. Lots of choices, such as *Weis, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Shop Rite, Wawa, QuickChek, Walmart, Chipotle, Shutterfly, etc. etc.* Great for your own usage, or as gift cards.

Check On-Line Calendar on website

Mar. 03/Sun. Meat-Fare Sunday: last day for meats until Pascha, April 28

Mar. 03/Sun. Food Basket Day

Mar. 10/Sun. Cheese-fare Sunday: last day for dairy products until Pascha, April 28

Mar. 10/Sun. Forgiveness Vespers 12:30p.m.-
First Lenten Service

Mar. 11/Mon. Great Lent Begins

Mar. 17/Sun. Installation of New Parish Council

Mar. 21/Thurs. Parish Council Meeting

Mar. 22-24 Diocese Lenten Teen Retreat

Mar. 25/Mon. Annunciation to Theotokos
(One of "12 Great Feasts")

Apr. 21/Sun. Palm Sunday (One of "12 Great
Feasts")

Apr. 21/Sun. Western Easter

Apr. 22/Mon. Great & Holy Week Begins

Apr. 28/Sun. Holy Pascha (Orthodox Easter)

June 1&2/Sat. & Sun. Archbishop Michael
Visitation

Kolya: Boiled Wheat Is Sought For

Memorial Saturdays: Mar. 02, 23 & 30

9:30a.m. Memorial Service

St. Theodore Saturday: Mar. 16 for service

At Pre-sanctified Liturgy, Friday, Mar. 15,
6:30p.m.

Please subscribe in advance to one of the dates. Let
Fr. James or Katherine Mantzafos aware.

Cemetery Grave Sales for Parishioners

On June 1st, the cost of purchasing a grave will rise
to \$1,500. Presently, you may purchase a grave at
\$1,200. See Father James.

A LIST OF THE 15 AUTOCEPHALOUS ORTHODOX CHURCHES

BY SIZE

The Orthodox Church is a family of Local Churches. Each of the Local Churches has a main administrative figure, a chief bishop known as a Patriarch, or in the case of smaller Churches, a Metropolitan or Archbishop. However, the Church as a whole has no earthly head, because the head of the Orthodox Church is our Lord Jesus Christ. His authority is expressed in the Orthodox Church through the Holy Spirit as revealed particularly through Church Councils and the saints. Below you will find details of the Orthodox Churches and their approximate sizes, totaling: Bishops: 1,023, Priests: 79,952, Parishes: 71,993, Monasteries: 2,988, Faithful: 220,000,000.

1 Russia

Bishops: 419, Priests: 40,000, Parishes: 36,878, Monasteries: 1,000, Faithful: 164,011,000. This is multinational Church accounts for 75% of all Orthodox world-wide. It cares for Orthodox living on canonical Russian Orthodox territory, spread over one fifth of the planet (the former Soviet Union except for Georgia, plus China and Japan) and peopled by over 62 nationalities. These territories include the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Trans-Carpathia (the main part of Carpatho-Russia), Kazakhstan, Central Asia and the Baltic Republic. The Russian Church also includes the self-governing New York based Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia, the Japanese Orthodox Church and the Chinese Orthodox Church, as well as Exarchates for Paris and Western Europe and Singapore and South East Asia.

2 Romania

Bishops: 57, Priests 15,513, Parishes: 13,527, Monasteries: 637, Faithful: 18,800,000. Also known as the Patriarchate of Bucharest, apart from in Romania, there are also many Romanian parishes in the Diaspora, especially in Western Europe.

3 Serbia

Bishops: 53, Priests: 3,000, Parishes: 2,974, Monasteries 204, Faithful: 8,000,000. The canonical territory of the Patriarchate of Belgrade covers, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Croatia and Slovenia. There are also parishes abroad.

4 Greece

Bishops: 108, Priests: 9,117, Parishes: 8,000, Monasteries: 598, Faithful: 8,000,000. Under the Archbishop of Athens, this Church cares for all Orthodox in Greece.

5 Constantinople

Bishops: 131, Priests 5,935, Parishes: 3,196, Faithful: 5,250,000. This includes Greek Orthodox in Istanbul (about 1,000), those on Greek islands such as Crete and Rhodes (700,000) and above all the Greek Diaspora in the Americas, Western Europe and Australia. There are also 24 parishes in Finland and smaller groups of other non-Greek Orthodox, mainly Ukrainian, elsewhere. It has 58 titular bishops.

6 Bulgaria

Bishops: 29, Priests: 1,500, Parishes: 2,600, Monasteries: 120, Faithful: 4,500,000. The Patriarchate of Sofia covers Bulgaria and a number of churches abroad.

7 Georgia

Bishops: 47, Priests: 1,100, Parishes: 550, Monasteries: 171, Faithful: 3,500,000. The Ancient Patriarchate of Georgia covers Georgia and a small number of parishes abroad.

8 Antioch

Bishops: 44, Priests: 408, Parishes: 496, Monasteries: 32, Faithful: 3,000,000. The canonical territory of the Arab Patriarch, who lives in Damascus, includes Syria, Lebanon and Iraq.

9 Alexandria

Bishops: 45, Priests: 500, Parishes: 1,000, Monasteries: 3, Faithful: 3,000,000. Although for historical reasons its Patriarch is a Greek and his appointment is in the care of the Greek government, this Patriarchate is in Egypt. It cares for St. Katherine's Monastery on Mt. Sinai, but most of its faithful are Africans in over 54 African countries.

10 Cyprus

Bishops: 18, Priests: 600, Monasteries: 28, Faithful: 650,000. This ancient Church provides for the care of all Greek Orthodox in Cyprus.

11 Poland

Bishops: 12, Priests: 420, Parishes: 237, Monasteries: 13, Faithful: 600,000. Under the Metropolitan of Warsaw, this Church cares for Orthodox of all origins who live mainly in eastern Poland.

12 Albania

Bishops: 8, Priests: 154, Parishes: 909, Monasteries: 1, Faithful: 200,000. This Church cares for Orthodox Christians in southern Albania, most of whom are of Greek origin.

13 The Czech Lands and Slovakia

Bishops: 7, Priests: 197, Parishes: 240, Monasteries: 4, Faithful: 170,000. Led by a Metropolitan, this Church cares for Carpatho-Russian, Slovak and Czech Orthodox, as well as large numbers of Ukrainian Orthodox immigrants.

14 Jerusalem

Bishops: 25, Priests: 50, Parishes: 50, Monasteries: 25, Faithful: 130,000. Although its Patriarch is a Greek and his appointment is in the care of the Greek government, the flock consists of Palestinian Orthodox in Palestine and Jordan.

15 Orthodox Church in America

Bishops: 13, Priests: 1,098, Parishes: 699, Monasteries: 25, Faithful: 90,000. A former diocese of the Church of Russia, in 1970 it was granted autocephalous status and serves all Orthodox nationalities and promotes missionary work.

Information taken from Church Life Issues (<https://blog.obitel-minsk/category/church-life-issues>)

The data on The Orthodox Church in America (OCA) was edited to reflect current statistics.

February 2019

“GIFT OF PRAYER” – PRAYER PARTNER

As we approach Great Lent, we enter into a time of preparation for Christ’s Resurrection – Holy Pascha. We prepare ourselves by spending more time in prayer, fasting and cultivating spirit of repentance. As a Lenten Project we can express our bond of love for one another as members of “the church family,” by offering a “gift of prayer.” This gift involves all members of our parish, children and adults, praying for one another in the Lenten season.

If you would like to participate:

1. Sign your name on the sheet in the narthex of the church and fill out a prayer card with your first and last name and place it in the box.
2. *On Cheesefare Sunday, March 10th*, you will draw a name from the box. If you will not be here on 3/10 please indicate that on the sign-up sheet. A name will be drawn for you and placed in a sealed envelope and left in the back of the church for you to pick up.
3. Each participant will pray daily during Lent for the person they chose.
4. A prayer will be provided.
5. *At coffee hour on Thomas Sunday, May 5th*, we will all reveal ourselves to our “Prayer Partner”. On this day, take time to talk with your “Prayer Partner” and get to know that person in a special way.

A PRAYER FOR ANOTHER DURING GREAT LENT

O Lord Thou hast gifted us with this season of Great Lent as a time for fasting, prayer, good works and repentance. Enable us by spiritual struggle to grow in our lives to the measure of the stature of our Lord Jesus Christ. Be mindful especially in this time of grace of Thy servant (name), grant unto (him/her) strength, grace and salvation. Bless us all as we fervently pray so that in purity of heart we may behold Thy Holy Resurrection.

A PRAYER FOR ANOTHER PERSON

O Lord save and have mercy on Thy servant (name), grant (him/her) health, strength, salvation and every good grace in this Great and Holy Fast.