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Cantor
Joseph Luzanski

Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy

Sunday: 8:30 am
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or
by appointment

Served By

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January is the season for house blessings. Father is invited to come to the family home in order to celebrate this annual rite.

It is not a time to worry about the house being spotless: more important is that the family's interior life is spotless!

Anything else which needs blessings should be placed on a white cloth on the table.

If you are interested in having your home blessed talk to Father Vasyl.

Divine Liturgy Intention

Verna Gajdos and Mary Pavlic
by
Marlene B. Rizk

Reminder:

There is a list for Divine Liturgy and Sanctuary Lamp intentions in the vestibule of the church.

Sunday of Publican and Pharisee

Tone 1

Menologion

Translation of the Relics of St. Ignatius

The "God-Bearer", Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Antioch. He was devoured by lions at Rome. His disciples carried his relics to Antioch into his church in the year A.D. 109, in the reign of Trajan, the persecutor. (Confer December 20).

Fasts & Feasts

January

30 The Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil The Great, Gregory The Theologian And John Chrysostom.

DL 9 am

February

02 The Meeting Of Our Lord, God And Savior Jesus Christ With Simeon And Anna

DL 9 am

We are planning of selling boxed spaghetti dinners.

Preorder and takeout only.

Order forms will be available.

Tell your friends and neighbors. Easy no-hassle dinner or great for Super Bowl Sunday.

A Meal for two people.

Details Coming Very Soon!

Sunday of Publican and Pharisee Last Sunday we heard the Gospel of Zacchaeus. This marked the start of the Pre-Lenten Season. Today is officially the first Pre-Lenten Sunday. Over the next weeks, we will be presented with different examples to follow during Great Lent. I think that this might be why some people say "Our Lent is so long!" We have six weeks of getting ready for it. But this week is a great way to start: no fasting or abstinence! This is so that we are not proud like the Pharisee. So, if you normally abstain on Wednesday and Friday, it is basically obligatory to eat meat on those days. Now is that a great way to start or what?

While eating the meat, we do well to ask ourselves all week, just how much do I recognize my sinfulness, weakness, and dependency on God? The publican was a tax collector for the Romans, hated by his own people and derided as a thief since they routinely charged more than what was owed and pocketed the difference. But because of his recognition of his sinfulness, God not only is pleased with him, but exalts him. This then is a week to get started in breaking free of the chains of minimizing my sins and exaggerating my goodness that I have wrapped around my heart and soul. It is also the chance to give thanks to God for His great goodness: He is always ready to accept us back into His loving embrace

Announcement From the Vatican

Dear Parish Family, On Monday January 23 the Vatican Announced that Bishop Kurt Burnette of the Eparchy of Passaic is appointed as Apostolic Administrator of the sede vacante of the Holy Protection of Mary Eparchy of Phoenix. Grant O Lord to your servant Bishop Kurt many and blessed years!



Feast of the (Encounter) Presentation of Our Lord Into the Temple

On this Feast day, we see Jesus forty days old, carried into the temple in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph, to be recognized as God's Messiah by the aged Simeon and Anna.

In obedience to the Law of Moses, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. Joseph and Mary brought the Child Jesus into the temple along with a humble sacrifice of young pigeons as a sign of thanksgiving.

In Jerusalem at that time there lived a man, Simeon, who was just and devout. According to tradition, Simeon had been visited by an angel of the Lord who foretold him that he would not see death before seeing the Messiah born of the Virgin. Led by the Holy Spirit into the temple on the day that the holy family brought the Child Jesus to fulfill the law, Simeon took the Child into his arms and blessed God by saying: "Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).

This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess who was also in the temple that day. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing of candles on this day.

We've recently celebrated the Feasts of the Nativity and Theophany. We still have one Christmas related feast on the 2nd of February, the Presentation in the Temple.

But we are being prepared for the Great Fast. On the 29th Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, followed by the first All Souls Saturday in on February 11th.