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Liturgical Schedule

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

Confessions

One half hour before
 the divine liturgy or
 by appointment

I will e-mail a bulletin to anyone who wants to receive a copy. Send a bulletin to your of state children.

This fast begins forty days before the Nativity of our Lord on November 15, the day after the feast of St. Philip, and that is why it called Saint Philip's Fast (or the Philippian Fast – Pilipiwka in Ukrainian).

The Philippian Fast is a time to prepare us to receive Christ into the world and into our hearts.

On each Sunday of the fast in our church, we celebrate a different figure who has helped to show us the way.

1. The first holy person we encounter is Evangelist St. Matthew whose feast is celebrated on November 16. St. Matthew is the first Evangelist to give us the infancy narratives in the Gospels, the first to announce the "Good News" of salvation. He begins us on our journey.

2. Next we celebrate the entrance of the Theotokos (The God bearer – Mary) into the temple. Mary goes into the Temple to prepare her heart for God. She is the Temple where the Son of God will make His home until His birth. She shows us how to be a true servant of the Lord who may give our entire life, so that we may also become worthy dwelling places for our Saviour.

3. Andrew who is celebrated on Nov. 30, was the first apostle called by Jesus. Tradition tells that he travelled to Slavic territories to bring the light of Christ's message to the Slavic people. He encourages, us to be the bearers of the light of Jesus to others.

4. The Feast of St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker, is on December 6. The story of this Saint is well known. St. Nicholas' life is an example to us all of preparing our hearts by loving acts for one another.

5. This week we commemorate the ancestors of our faith; the great men and women of the Bible who kept

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Menologion

Our holy father Gregory the Wonder-worker, bishop of Neocaesarea in Pontus, who embraced the Christian faith as a youth, progressed in both human and divine knowledge, was ordained a bishop and was famous for his teaching, virtue and apostolic labors. Because of very many marvels he performed, he is called Wonder-worker/Thaumaturgus. (270)

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the promise of the Messiah alive through the ages; the prophets, and we especially admire the Prophet Daniel and the faith and courage of the three children who went into the fiery furnace. They teach us to be courageous in our faith.

6. This week, we remember the ancestors of Jesus. These holy people waited and prayed with hope in their hearts that God would send the promised Saviour to the world. They remind us to wait for the saviour with hope in our hearts. Concerning the Philippian Fast I must admit that in my family there is a general lack of enthusiasm for fasting. My son, now an evangelist, sees the fast as Catholic nonsense and my wife can't figure out what to cook on Wednesdays.

The fast should be something like Lent light. I, for my part, do not eat any meat until supper and except for Wednesdays and Fridays I eat whatever is placed in front of me. In the time in which we live, where the world is secular rather than spiritual, the culture for spiritual barely exists on Sundays. It would be easier if all of our neighbors were rooted in the same faith. In such circumstances, eating a hotdog on Friday would bring its own social punishments.

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except for Wednesdays and Fridays, I eat whatever is placed in front of me. It would be wise for me to spend more time in prayer and spiritual thought. As you can see my fasting is less than perfect.

In the time in which we live, where the world is secular rather than spiritual, the culture of spirituality barely exists even on Sundays. It would be easier if we had a village mentality and all of our neighbors were rooted in the same faith. In such circumstances, eating meat on Friday would bring its own social punishments.

I realize that every year I hype up the Philipian Fast and race joyfully to ~~Christmas~~. That's just the way I'm put together.

THE NEW ALTAR CLOTHS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE ALTAR AND TETAPOD .



Many people today think of religion as a matter of feeling or emotion that simply helps them cope with the problems of life. That may sound appealing, but it is ultimately a perspective that limits God and takes away real hope. For Jesus Christ was not born simply to change how we feel about our broken world and lives. No, He came to restore and fulfill the entire creation, including every aspect of our lives as human beings in the image and likeness of God.

We all have diseases of soul, of personality, of behavior, and of relationships that cripple us, that make it very difficult to follow St. Paul's advice to "walk as children of light." Like every generation since Adam and Eve, we have fallen short of God's purposes for us. We are all bent over and crippled in profound ways in relation to the Lord, our neighbors, and even ourselves.

In the Eastern Church, as throughout the Christian world from the earliest times, Sunday is the primary day of worship. Writing in the Second Century AD, Saint Justin the Philosopher (+c.165 AD) explained that this is because Sunday, the first day of the week, is both the day of God's creation of the world and the day of Christ's resurrection from the dead.

Joachim and Anna knew all about long-term struggles and disabilities, for like Abraham and Sarah they were childless into their old age. But God heard their prayer and gave them Mary, who would in turn give birth to the Savior Who came to heal us all from the ravages of sin and death. This Thursday is the feast of Entrance of the Theotoos into the Temple.

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents nor weeping as she was parted from them.

The holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, "It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days."

Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies—a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.



*There is a Coffee Social today after
the Divine Liturgy.*

