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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

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The Divine Liturgy intention is for the parish family

If you would like to schedule a Liturgy please talk to Father Vasyl or use the sign up sheet in the vestibule.

House Blessings will begin after Theophany (January 6th) It's not too soon to start thinking about what day would be best to invite Father Vasyl for this annual blessing.

There are many types of sins. We should know, however, that all sins, regardless of how serious they may be, they are forgiven by God. There is only one type of sin that is not forgiven: that is, unrepentance. Christ described this type of sin as a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (see Matthew 12:31). This is because unrepentance hinders the Grace of the Holy Spirit to act. Let us, therefore, make sure that we will never fall into this sin. Unrepentance is death and loss. He who does not repent, he does not understand neither his fault nor his sin, therefore he does not ask for God's grace and he is not forgiven. Because God forgives those who feel their mistakes, and ask for divine grace. In other words, these are the persons, who repent.

Repentance is precisely this: to regret and be sad about all that you have done against God's will, in deeds, in words and with your feelings, and ask for forgiveness for your faults, trying with all your strength not to repeat them. Thus, by the grace of God and your spiritual struggle you will become a new man, you will rejuvenate spiritually and you will find salvation.

Unrepentance reveals a reckless person, while repentance characterizes a man who is really smart and sensible, who knows what his own

Sunday after Theophany

Tone 1

Menologion

The holy martyr Tatiana, who died in Rome under Emperor Alexander Severus. (c.227)

Propers

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Fasts & Feasts

JANUARY

- 14 Leave-taking of the Theophany.
- 30 The Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil The Great, Gregory The Theologian And John Chrysostom. 9 am

FEBRUARY

- 2 Encounter of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ with Simeon and Anna 8:30 am
- 9 Sunday of the Prodigal Son. 8:30 am
- 22 First All-Souls Saturday 9 am
- 23 Sunday of the Second Coming of Christ (Meat-Fare) 8:30 am

March

- 2 Forgiveness Sunday (Cheese-Fare) 8:30 am
- 3 Beginning of the Holy Forty DaysFast

eternal interest is.

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus Christ came down to earth in order to make us new men. Free of the devil's passions and bonds. To be liberated from "miserable sin" and to be "fragrance of Christ" (2 Cor. 2:15). That is why He calls us to repentance. Let us therefore, repent, in order to approach Him more and more closely, so that we may become spiritually renewed and "put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness" (Eph. 4:

23- 24).

I will be going into the hospital to have surgery on my spine January 31st. Father will provide cantors and don't forget that Zach is waiting in the wings. I will have a bulletin printed for February 2nd and hopefully for the 9th.

We are planning events and fundraisers in the New Year. Mike Pochan will keep you informed. These fund raisers are very important because because the GCU provides matching funds.



I told you it always snows for Russian Christmas.

Baba knows.

There was once a priest who was full of God's grace and lived in a monastery in Romania. His name was father Menas and he later became saint Menas. After the conclusion of Divine Liturgy, the good father liked to go to the forest that surrounded the monastery, and there he prayed and glorified the Lord by chanting the wonderful hymns of our faith.

While he was doing that, the birds of the forest would gather around him; on his head, on his shoulders, and on his hands and the father would tenderly caress them. Most of the time when father Menas chanted, the birds would become silent and turn their heads to listen.

The service of the Divine Liturgy started very early every morning while it was still quite dark and it concluded around dawn. So at the time the father would finish the service the sun would be rising and that way he would go out into the forest, very early in the morning, and would enjoy the nature and the presence of the birds. And right there, all together, they praised and glorified God.

It was observed, in the last years of father Menas' life, that when they were celebrating special festive Divine Liturgies and the service's ending time was much after the rise of the sun, the birds would actually gather on top of the church! Everyone was amazed because at the time of the consecration of the bread and wine into the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ all the birds on the church would become silent! And as soon as the consecration prayers would end, and while the choir started chanting the hymn to our All Holy Theotokos, the birds once again started to chirp!

Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matt. 4:17)

With these profound and holy words, the incarnate Word began His preaching to fallen mankind. Outwardly, such simple teaching! But one must understand it with his very life: then these short and simple words which are contained in all of the Gospel will be revealed. Just as the holy Apostle Paul, when preaching the Gospel, which he did throughout almost all the known world, said that he testified "both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21).

Keep Christmas joy alive in your home:

- Keep up the tree until the Feast of the Holy Encounter February 2nd if possible. For your family prayers, read part of the Christmas story from the Gospel from St. Matthew or St. Luke in front of your Christmas icon or Nativity set. Did you put up Christmas lights? Try to keep those up too.
- Everybody goes to see the infirm in nursing homes before Christmas, but after Christmas no one goes. Take children along - you'd be surprised what a difference it makes for the elderly infirm to have children around!
- Make phone calls or write notes to thank people who sent them presents for the holiday. Perhaps thank a special person in your life, just for being a gift of joy to them. Help them learn to appreciate others and what they do for them: teachers, neighbors, relatives, friends.
- Let us all make a point of thanking Jesus for coming into the world to save us from sin and death, and to open the gates of heaven to us once more.