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March 2, 2014
Cheese-fare Sunday
Forgiveness Sunday

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., Mar. 2 *Cheese-Fare Sunday.* Great-martyr Theodore the Recruit.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Special Sheets

Brief Coffee Social

Altar Society meets

11:30 AM–ish Forgiveness Vespers

Holy Mystery of Confession

Mon., Mar. 3 *Clean Monday.* Bishop Leo the Great of Rome.

Strict Fast Today

Fri., Mar. 7 *Clean Friday.* Martyrs of Eugenia.

5:30 PM Holy Confession

6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Daylight Savings Time: Remember that we lose an hour from Saturday to Sunday!

Sun., Mar. 9 *Sunday of Orthodoxy.* 1st & 2nd Findings of the Head of St. John the Baptist

9:00 AM Holy Confession

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy - Special Sheets

Church School - Elementary Classes

Holy Mystery of Confession: I will be available for Confessions for 15 minutes or so before all services during Lent.

THE LENTEN FAST

Since I have already published the entire Fasting Schedule for Lent, I will be merely repeating the current week's rules each Sunday.

CLEAN WEEK (MAR. 3 – MAR. 8): The first week of Lent is called Clean Week, since the emphasis is on the cleansing of both the soul and the body.

DIOCESAN RULES require Strict Fast on Clean Monday, no meat on Wednesday & Friday.

TRADITIONAL RULES call for not eating at all between Vespers on Sunday and the Presanctified Liturgy. If one does eat, they are supposed to only eat boiled vegetables and fruit juice during this whole week. At most one small meal should be eaten.

DURING GREAT LENT:

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO DO MORE THAN THE MINIMUM, AS MUCH AS YOU ARE ABLE. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT TOGETHER WITH FASTING, WE ARE CALLED ESPECIALLY TO GIVE ALMS DURING THIS SEASON.

We are always called to grow in our spiritual life. With the Lenten Fast, we should be trying each

year to be more and do more than we did last year. Here are a couple of ideas to get you started thinking:

1) Try fasting one more day a week than last year. For example, if you abstained from meat 2 days a week, go for 3 days this year.

2) Try fasting more on one or more days of the week. For example, if you abstained from meat 2 days a week, then abstain from meat and dairy both on those days.

By building up slowly, we become stronger spiritually. If we just do the same old thing we always did, we never exercise our spiritual muscles, and never grow in our faith and love for God.

Please remember that the rules are given to us so that we may THINK about what we are doing, and not just go through the motions. Thinking about it can lead us to praying about it, and hopefully enriching our life through the fast.

COMMUNION FASTING:

For the reception of Holy Eucharist in the morning, we must fast from bed-time until we receive, as usual. To receive Holy Eucharist in the evening (for instance, at the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts), we must fast for *at least 3 hours before the beginning of the service*. ESSENTIALLY, THIS MEANS NOT EATING AFTER LUNCH UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST, IF POSSIBLE. Of course, those who are under a doctor's care or are infirm must follow the doctor's orders. If you have any question about this, please see me.

PEOPLE STUFF

Please remember in your prayers:

Deceased: Raymond White.

Living: Stephanie Bonk. Gloria Bracey. Mary Chupron. Susan Danchak. Michael Danchak. Fr. George Dursa. Jada Eiden. Benjamin Groves III. Robert & Eddie Hawley. Lorraine Kacaba. Anna Mae Kuklis. Dee Lositski. Peggy Majcher. Emma Sacco. Amy Shimo. Connie Lou Slater. Faye Snell. Marion Sosnowski. Jeff Thomas. Ann Marie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Michael Wassel. Julia Worobey.

At Home: Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga.

George & Anna Senich. Kathryn Stocoski.

In Assisted Living Homes: Julie Kovacs. Julie Roberts.

Eternal Light: Memory of Kathryn Derenich by Jane Marie Naughton.

Panachida: Mary Pivovarnick by Betty Davies.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

Sunday, February 23, 2014

\$ 1081.73	General Collection
\$ 73.00	7 Day Lights
\$ 41.00	Holy Days
\$ 990.00	Church Dues
\$ 233.00	Maintenance & Repairs
\$ 10.00	Tapers
\$ 2438.73	Total Collection

PARISH STUFF

Church School.

- Elementary Classes meet next week.
- **Adult Enrichment Gatherings:** Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 14.

Altar Society meets today, Sunday, Mar. 2, immediately after Divine Liturgy.

Men's Club meets next Sunday, Mar. 9.

Maintenance Person still needed: If you are interested, please see Jane Togher 570-842-3311.

PIROHI MAKING & SALE: No Pirohi this week. The next scheduled Pirohi making and sale will be the week of March 9: Tue., 3/11, Pirohi Prep. Wed., 3/12, Pirohi Making. Fri., 3/14, Pirohi Sale.

Cheese-Fare Sunday (Forgiveness Sunday) is today. We will have a short Coffee Hour, and Forgiveness Vespers will begin as soon as we can get the church prepared for them. This first service of Lent is our opportunity as a parish to renew our Christian love and concern for each other, something we could really use. I hope to see you here.

Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers: Holy Resurrection Cathedral (OCA), 591 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre, invites all to celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy at 4:00 PM next Sunday, March 9. Fr.

Steven Voytovich, Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary, will be the guest homilist. A light meal will be offered after the service.

Lenten Missions - There will be 4 Missions this year. *Our parish* hosts the first one on *Sunday, March 16*. Vespers is at 3:00 PM and the usual Lenten dinner will be afterward.

Lenten Mission Schedule	
Scranton:	Sun., March 16 - Vespers @ 3:00 p.m. (Fr. Larry Preaching)
Dickson City:	Sunday, March 23 - Moleben to the Cross @ 3:00 p.m. - (Fr. Bob Preaching)
Freeland:	Sunday, March 30 - Paraklis @ 3:00 p.m. (Fr. Nik Preaching)
Nesquehon.:	Sunday, April 6 - Vespers @ 3:00 p.m. (Fr. Deacon Ted or Fr. Deacon Michael Azar preaching)

FROM THE DIOCESE & OTHER STUFF

Orthodox Bible Study Class: The Diocesan Chancery is pleased to announce that the on-line Orthodox Bible Study Class, hosted by St. Nicholas Orthodox Church of Warren, Ohio, began February 21, 2014 after a several week hiatus.

All are cordially invited and encouraged to take part in the Bible study as part of their spiritual preparation for Pascha. There is no charge to take part. Get on the Diocesan website, www.acrod.org, and click on the Bible Study.

If you cannot participate live, audio and video recordings of the lecture will be available on-line by the following Monday.

Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Looking for an inexpensive, delicious, and filling supper next Tuesday evening, March 4 to prepare for the Ash Wednesday fast? Join us at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish at St. Joseph Church for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! Evening Prayer will be sung in the church at 5:30, with supper immediately following downstairs in the Parish Hall. All proceeds benefit our annual children's spring

pilgrimage, this year the Shrine of Marianne Cope in Syracuse, New York. A colorful flyer with further information for you, your family, and friends is linked below. Spread the word, and we'll see you on **Shrove Tuesday, March 4!** <http://www.stmscranton.org/flyer.pdf>

Manhattan Clam Chowder & Halushki Sale: St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Dickson City. *This Friday, March 7, Noon to 6:00 PM. Take out only! Advance Orders Requested (489-33-1 or 489-4283), but Group Orders and Walk-ins are welcome!*

International Dinner Club: St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 320 Mifflin Ave. Scranton, Pa. is having their *International Dinner Club* on Thursday, March 14, 2014. The price is only \$20.00 per person. Ireland is featured this month with a Galbally Split Pea with Ham Soup, Emerald Isle Spring Mix Salad, and an entrée of Tender Roasted Corned Beef, thinly sliced and served over bacon and cabbage with cheddar potato gratin and honey glazed baby carrots. The dessert will be Jameson Whiskey Parfait. You may also want to have an Irish Coffee for only \$5.00. Please call for reservations at 570-343-5151 and choose a seating for 5:30 or 6:30pm. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a flare and join us for a gourmet Irish dinner.

How to Make Pysanky Class: Saint Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa. for the 4th year is offering classes in *How to Make Pysanky* (The Traditional Ukrainian Easter Eggs) at the Parish Hall. *Only one class is sufficient to LEARN HOW TO MAKE PYSANKY and then it just take practice, practice, practice!!!!*

Open to adults and children. An adult must accompany the children age 9-12.

Place: SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church PARISH HALL. 207 River Street, Olyphant, Pa.. Free Parking.

Dates: 4 Sundays are available: , March 16, March 23, March 30 and April 6th, 2014.

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Please plan to arrive at 1:45 p.m.) *Cost:* \$15.00 per person/class (Includes Egg, bees wax and stylist).

Limited Seating only 25 people per class.

Contact: Lauren Telep for reservations ASAP at 570-383-0319.

At the Parish Hall, the following items will be available for purchase: Pysanky eggs, supplies and books on Pysanky's, The American-Ukrainian Cook-Books \$25.00 per set, "Christmas In Ukraine" Book from World Book-all about the Ukrainian Customs for Christmas at \$15.00 each, the DVD at

\$5.00 each from the 125th Anniversary will be available for purchase and the CD's from the Choir for Easter and Christmas. Photo of Pysanky are done by St. Cyril's Parishioner Joyce Krisanda Garofalo, with years of experience in making pysanky's for Easter.

YOUTH PROJECT 2014: A LENTEN OUTREACH INITIATIVE FOR ALL DIOCESAN YOUTH

“And if you draw out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted; then shall your light rise in darkness, and your darkness will be as the noon” - Isaiah 58:10

Reverend & Very Reverend Fathers; Sunday School Teachers; Parish Organizations.

The National Junior ACRY continues to help aid in the mission of our diocesan apostolate of Saint John the Compassionate, in the inner city of Toronto, Ontario. The National Junior ACRY has renewed its ongoing effort to assist in the work of Saint John the Compassionate. This renewed commitment was affirmed at the National Convention in Chicago this past summer. One again members of the Junior ACRY had the opportunity to visit the Mission this past summer and experience the labors of love that take place there each and everyday. The donation from the National ACRY was hand delivered by National President Tim Paproski to Fr. Roberto on behalf of all who donated to the Lenten Project. The Project raised over \$6,100.00 for the Mission last year.

The Very Reverend Father Roberto Ubertino who leads the mission along with the staff and volunteers helps provide assistance to those in need of the inner city of Toronto. The mission has continued to provide meals, job training, spiritual counsel and education to those in need in part because of the generous contributions made by individuals and organizations. The mission needs support not only from those who donate their time and talents, but also from those who can offer financial support. This support is needed to insure that the programs of the Mission can continue to help transform the lives of those in need. You can visit the mission's website for detailed information on its many ministries: www.stjohnsmision.org

The National Juniors once again are inviting individual chapters, parishes, church school classes and other parish organizations to aid in this endeavor of providing for the needs of others through this Diocesan mission during this season of Lent. This appeal is an opportunity to teach the lesson of our Lord's in taking care of others in need. You can help by holding an event or fund-raiser to provide funding for the mission. You can also have a collection box in the parish hall for use during your social time following the service. Special collection containers can be given out to families to have in their homes to use during Lent. Funds will be coordinated through Saints Peter & Paul ACRY in Windber, Pennsylvania. Checks can be made out to Saints Peter & Paul ACRY Chapter 13, and sent to 141 Hoffman Farm Road, Windber, PA 15963. Please call Fr. Miles at 814.467.7444 if you have any questions. Funds can be sent in throughout the Great Fast and the Paschal Season. By God's grace a trip is again being planned to the Mission for this coming summer that the funds raised by the project will be hand delivered to the Mission.

We pray you will join us in this ministry. May the good Lord assist you in all the work you do in His name so that your light may so shine forth before men.

Very Rev. Fr. Miles Paul Zdinak
Junior ACRY Spiritual Advisor

Timothy J. Paproski
Junior ACRY President