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SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., Mar. 1 *Sunday of Orthodoxy*. Martyred Priests
Pamphilus, Porphyrius et al.

8:45 – 9:15 AM Confessions

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Special Sheets

3:00 PM Lenten Mission – St. Michael,
Freeland–Paraklis, Fr. Mark preaching

Wed., Mar. 4 Apostle Archippus

7:30 AM *Pirohi Prep*

5:30 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thu., Mar. 5 Bishop Leo of Catania

8:00 AM *Pirohi Making*

Fri., Mar. 6 Monk Timothy

10 AM – 4 PM *Pirohi Sale*

FOR THE 2ND ALL SOULS' SATURDAY

5:30 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Vespers for the Deceased with
Hramoty (Reading of the Names of the
Deceased)

Sun., Mar. 8 *Archbishop Gregory Palamas*.
Martyred Bishop Polycarp of Smyrna.

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy – Special Sheets

Church School Meets

Men's Club Regular Monthly Meeting.

Confessions: See *Parish Calendar* for days and times.

All Souls' Saturdays & Vespers for the Deceased:

The next three Saturdays we remember the deceased. Based on last year's rather woeful attendance at Saturday morning Divine Liturgy, it seems that three Lenten services (not counting the Sunday Missions) are too much for folks to handle. So, this year we will be celebrating the *Vespers for the Deceased* as the Friday evening service on *March 6, March 13 and March 20*. This service was written specifically for the All Souls' Saturdays, and is to be celebrated Friday evening. During this service, we pray for the deceased, and we remember those by name who are listed in the *Hramoty*. All are encouraged to participate in this service to pray for your loved ones.

THE LENTEN FAST

WEEKS 2 THROUGH 6:

DIOCESAN RULES require fasting from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays (which we are supposed to do all year anyway).

TRADITIONAL RULES call for STRICT FAST (no meat, dairy, wine or oil products) *every weekday* during the Great Lenten Season, with some few exceptions which I note in the bulletin. On Saturdays and Sundays the Traditional Rules permit wine and oil. Meals should be limited to one a day.

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. Finally, 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:

Living: Matt & Lori Algar. Stephanie Bonk. Gloria Bracey. Tim & Christina Bracey. Susan Danchak. Ricky, Rick & Sarah. Michael Danchak. Fr. George Dursa. Jada Eiden. Tammy Hall. Heather Harris. Robert & Eddie Hawley. Lorraine Kacaba. Dawn & Warren Kieffer. Anna Mae Kuklis. Dee Lositski. Dan & Teri Ludwig. Peggy Majcher. Theresa Niester. John Polanichka. Emma Sacco. Amy Shimo. Connie Lou Slater. Faye Snell. Marion Sosnowski. Russell Spilka. Jeff Thomas. Ann Marie Tighe. Fr. Donald Valasek. Gary Wassel. Julia Worobey.

At Home: Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. George & Anna Senich. Kathryn Stocoski.

Assisted Living Homes: Julie Kovacs. Julie Roberts.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH
FEBRUARY 22, 2015

\$ 711.00	General Collection
\$ 50.00	1st Sunday
\$ 57.00	7 Day Light
\$1130.00	Pirohi
\$ 88.00	Holy Days
\$ 276.00	Church Dues
\$ 163.00	Maintenance & Repairs
\$ 10.00	Taper Candles
\$2485.00	Total Collection

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Ongoing Food Collection Project: *To all of our parishioners:* Please remember those families who rely on food donations to help make ends meet. As

you are aware, the funding for the Bread Basket of NEPA has been cut, and they rely on donations to help those families in need. A food donation container is available in the Church Hall. Please help fill this container with non-perishable food items: cans, dry goods, etc.

PARISH STUFF

Auditors Sought: One more auditor is needed. If you are willing to consider taking on this task, please see Fr. Nik or Jane Togher. Ordinarily there are 2 auditors selected to check the parish's books every year.

Pirohi Sales: This week. For working schedule, please see the *Parish Calendar*.

Lenten Missions: Everyone is encouraged to participate in at least one Mission (besides our own – I expect *everyone* to be here for that). They are a good way to stay in Lent.

- March 1 @ St. Michael, Freeland: Paraklis, Fr. Mark preaching.
- March 8 @ St. Nicholas, Lansford: Lenten Vespers, Fr. Nik preaching.
- March 15 @ St. Mary, Dickson City: Moleben to the Cross, Fr. Larry preaching.
- **March 22 @ St. Nicholas, Scranton:** Lenten Vespers, Fr. Bob preaching.

Our Lenten Mission Sunday, March 22: The Altar Society is coordinating the Lenten Mission Meal. The menu below is already donated by various parishioners. We are asking for *dessert donations*. They do not have to be dairy-free, since we already have some of those donated. Please let Carol Pugh, Carol Wassel, or Maryann Polanichka what you are intending to donate.

Lenten Mission Meal Menu

- Tuna Salad Sandwiches
- Egg Salad
- 2 Soups (crackers)
- Pasta Salad
- Fruit Salad
- 2 Dairy-free Desserts

Also, here is a list of items which still need to be purchased for the meal:

Regular coffee (we have enough decaf and Creamora)
Crackers (packaged saltines)
Paper plates and napkins
Tea Bags
Zip Lock Bags

Men's Club regular monthly meeting is next Sunday.
Church School meets next Sunday.

EASTERN REGION
DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT
Saturday, March 28, 2015
9:00 Am to 5:00 Pm
At
Holy Ghost Orthodox Church
Starr and Bridge Streets
Phoenixville, Pa
Cost to Attend (Includes Lunch):
\$20.00 Adults / Teens
\$7.00 (Ages 6 to 12)
Overnight Accommodations
Available upon Request
Registration Deadline: March 21, 2015
Contact
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FROM THE DIOCESE & OTHER STUFF

Altar Boy Retreat – This is an early Heads' Up. This year's Altar Boy Retreat will take place June 28 – July 1. Registration Forms, info, etc., will be available after Pascha.

Family Camp at Camp Nazareth June 5 – June 6.
An important letter from Bishop Gregory (The original can be seen on the hall bulletin board):

February 26, 2015

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Diocesan Parents and Children,

Our Diocese is pleased to offer our third annual Family Camp at Camp Nazareth this year in

conjunction with Family Day. The event is exactly what it sounds like. Families "camping" together in the Camp cabins and participating in a weekend of services, games, discussions, activities and challenges that are all designed to help families deepen their relationship with God and with one another.

Last year we had 10 Families and a total of 36 participants at Family Camp. We had a wonderful time together and we are looking forward to being together again this year. We know our families need support and help, especially in this day and age. Here is an event to support and sustain our families as we continue to develop our own Diocesan Family Ministry.

Family Camp is scheduled for Friday, June 5 - Sunday, June 7, 2015.

The Registration Form, Flyer and Schedule are all available on the Camp website: campnazareth.org.

We have planned a variety of activities and events that will allow your family the opportunity to learn together, have fun together, pray together and simply be together in the peaceful environment of the Camp.

Families will be staying together, and have to themselves a Camp cabin; plenty of space to rest and relax and simply be together during and after the weekend's festivities. Please see the section entitled "Packing for Camp" in the "Camper/Parent Information Guide" on the Camp website to help you plan what to pack.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for you and your family. Come and help us to make this an ongoing and rewarding event for our Diocesan families.

Space is limited to the first 10 families, so please send in your registration forms soon. They are due by Friday, May 22, 2015.

Working in His Vineyard with much love,

+ Bishop Gregory of Nyssa

St. John's Byzantine Catholic Church, 310 Broadway St., Scranton, Pa. is having a **Lenten Food Sale Monday, March 2**. They will be offering: Haluski at \$7.00 per Quart; Clam Chowder at \$8.00 per Quart and Pirohi at \$8.00 per dozen by order only. The deadline for orders is Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015 and you may pick them up on Monday, March 2, 2015

from 10am to 2 pm. Please call Sylvia at 570-343-8820.

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. "INTERNATIONAL DINNER CLUB" will celebrate with an Irish Menu on Thursday, March 12, 2015 with seatings at 5:30 or 6:30pm. The cost is only \$20.00 per person and reservations can be made at 570-343-5151. The menu will have Fresh Baked Irish Soda Bread and Guinness Onion Soup served with Irish Cheddar Croutons, Irish Pub Salad and Honey Glazed Corned Beef served with purple potatoes and Irish Colcannon (winter vegetable casserole). The dessert will be Irish Apple Whiskey Cake. Coffee, tea, water, soda Included and a Cash Bar is available. Try our specially made Irish Coffee with dessert!

"Meatless Meal for Lent: "BAKED HADDOCK" FISH DINNER. " on Friday, March 27, 2015 sponsored by SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, PA. Sponsored by Ss. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa. TIME: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. PLACE: At the REGAL ROOM (Ballroom/side entrance), 216 Lackawanna Avenue, Olyphant, Pa. MENU: Baked haddock, potato, vegetable, cole slaw, roll and dessert Sit Down or Take Out!! Pre sold tickets are \$13.00 per dinner. Call 570-383-9487 for Reservations. *Deadline for pre-sold Tickets is Monday, March 23, 2015. *LIMITED amount of Dinners will be available at the Door \$15.00.

FORTY THINGS CHILDREN CAN DO DURING GREAT LENT (ADULTS TOO!)

From "Life Transfigured," a journal of the Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration

1. Ask forgiveness from your family members and friends.
2. Turn the TV off for one hour and do something special for your family.
3. Pray for all the people in your parish.
4. Ask the Mother of God to pray for your family.
5. Light a candle for the soul of someone who has died.
6. Do a secret kindness for someone.
7. Pray for your Godparents
8. Pray for all the people who are lonely or visit someone you know who lives alone.
9. Ask God to help you at school and at home.
10. Pray for people who are sick.
11. Attend a Presanctified Liturgy at your parish.
12. Pray for all the hungry people in the world.
13. Thank God for the world He created.
14. Pray for your bishop.
15. Help a friend or family member with his work.
16. Pray for all the people in your country.
17. Pray for all people who are in nursing homes.
18. Thank God for all you have.
19. Pray for the priest and his family.
20. Collect some food items for a local food pantry.
21. Pray the Lord's Prayer three times today.
22. Do not say anything unkind to anyone.
23. Pray for peace in the world.
24. Ask God to forgive you for your sins daily.
25. Pray for all the men who are studying to be priests.
26. Be kind to someone you do not like.
27. Obey your parents and tell them you love them.
28. Pray for the homeless people and for those who help them.
29. Pray for our president.
30. Pray for your school classmates and teachers.
31. Pray for the soldiers who protect us.
32. Pray for your Church School class and teacher.
33. Say you are sorry to someone you hurt.
34. Ask your guardian angel to protect you each day and to help you please God.
35. Pray for all monks and nuns.
36. Pray for children who do not have a family to care for them.
37. Pray for all the missionaries around the world.
38. Read your Bible before you go to sleep.
39. Thank Jesus for dying on the Cross for our sins.
40. Thank Jesus for rising from the dead and granting us eternal life.