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2010 PASTOR'S LENTEN MESSAGE

“The Fruits of the Holy Spirit During Great Lent”

As we enter the Season of Great Lent and ponder what we are going to “give up” for Lent, let us be mindful of “Fruits of the Holy Spirit” as we begin the Lenten experience. St. Paul expressed the “Fruits of the Holy Spirit” in his Epistle to the Galatians 5:22 – LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL.

Here is something for you to do this Great Lenten Season as you prepare for the Resurrection of Christ (Holy Pascha): I would like you to read and meditate on the following Holy Scriptures that are related to the “Fruits of the Holy Spirit” during each week in Lent.

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Prayer Requests

Please remember the shut-ins of our parish with a card or visit, as well as in your prayers: **Betty Onufer** (945 Border Ave., #303, Ellwood City, PA 16117), **Andrew & Lillian Grinnik**, (Passavant Retirement Community, 301 Burgess Ave., Zelienople, PA 16063); **Ann Nemceff** and **Mary Embroski** (Sunnyview).

Others in need of special prayers for healing are Fr. Joe's mother **Helen Wargo**, **Kent Bowen**, **Judy Stewart**, **Peg Glagola**, **Nick Sopel**, **Nick & Bonnie Gicie**, **George Milich**, **Steve Milich**, **Joanne Ordy** (wife of Rich Ordy), **Andy Potyka**, and **Judy Campbell** (Jeff's Mother).



Reader Schedule for February

February 7 - Debbie Pfabe
February 14 - Jean Bowen
February 21 - Wayne Truckley
February 28 - Sally Matuke



Coffee Hour Schedule for February

February 7 - Pre-Lenten Dinner
February 14 - Liz & Wayne Truckley
February 21 - Mark Stewart & Cathy Sheppard
February 28 - Eva Jean Minto



Church School 2010

March 7, 2010 – Judy Ferver
April 11, 2010 – Sue Campbell
May 2, 2010 - Nadine Schorr

New Music CDs

We have 2 new CDs available in our church display case. Both are sung by the Cathedral Choir: 1) The Psalms in Melody and Song; and 2) The Glorious Hymns of the Orthodox Church. Only \$10.00 each. All sales benefit the Sisterhood of the Altar. Can we count on your support?

2010 Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy Schedule

February 27, 2010
March 6, 2010
March 13, 2010
May 22, 2010

All services begin at 9:30 a.m. Please be sure and fill out your Hramoty envelopes with the names of your departed loved ones and return to Fr. Wargo before Liturgy on February 27th.

Sisterhood Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Sisterhood of the Altar is for Sunday, March 14, 2010 following Divine Liturgy.



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday wishes for **February**
go out to the following members of our church family:

- February 2 - Alison Crouse
- February 3 - Martin Olenic Jr.
- February 3 - John Ferver
- February 5 - Bonnie Milich
- February 7 - Katrina Potter
- February 11 - Richard Daller
- February 12 - Dave Ferver
- February 15 - Pat Potyka
- February 15 - Barb Krenitsky
- February 17 - Ron Hamilton

May God Grant You All Many Years!



Wedding Anniversaries in February

February 14, 2010 - Nicole & Matt Rogos
Celebrating their 6th Anniversary!

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FIRST WEEK: "GOOD FRUIT" – Read Luke 6:43-45, Psalm 1:1-3, Isaiah 32:17 and Matthew 12:33. **Stay away from the following "BAD FRUIT"** during Lent this year which are "Acts of the Sinful Nature", such as sexual immorality, debauchery, drunkenness, filthy language, selfish ambition, fits of rage, evil desires, impurity, factions, jealousy, witchcraft, orgies, slander, malice, idolatry, hatred, lust, envy, greed, anger and deceit. Read Galatians 5:19-21 and Colossians 3:5-9.

SECOND WEEK: Concentrate on the "GOOD FRUIT": "**LOVE**" seeks the highest good of others. Love is not based on emotions or feelings. It is a decision to be committed to the well being of others without any conditions or circumstances. Read John 3:16, John 15:9, John 15:12-14 and I John 4:7-12.

THIRD WEEK: "**JOY**" is gladness not based on circumstances. Joy is more than happiness. It is not based on financial success, good health or popularity. By believing in God, obeying His will, receiving his forgiveness, participating in fellowship with other believers, ministering to others, and sharing the Gospel, believers will experience joy. Read Luke 10:21, John 16:22-24, I Peter 1:8 & 9.

FOURTH WEEK: "**PEACE**" is contentment, unity between people. Peace is a state of assurance, lack of fear, and sense of contentment. It is fellowship, harmony, and unity between individuals. Peace is freedom from worry, disturbance and oppressive thoughts. Read Isaiah 9:6 & 7, Romans 14:19, I Corinthians 14:33, Philippians 4:6 & 7.

FIFTH WEEK: "**PATIENCE**" is a slow to speak and slow to anger. Patience is a slowness in avenging wrongs. It is the quality of restraint that prevents believers from speaking or acting hastily in the face of disagreement, opposition or persecution. Patience is bearing pain or problems without complaining. Read I Timothy 1:15 thru 17, Proverbs 14:29, 15:18, I Thessalonians 5:14, and James 5:8 & 9.

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Pirohi Making Dates

As per Helen Buckowsky, mark your calendars for the following dates when our church will be making pirohi:

February 24*, 25 & 26

March 10, 11 & 12

March 24*, 25** & 26

*Following Presanctified Liturgy.

**After Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation.

Both Western & Orthodox Easter fall on the same date this year (April 4, 2010), and we expect to be making a larger-than-normal amount of pirohi in March! Kindly get your orders in as soon as possible, and please be sure and bring a friend or two to help out with the effort.

2010 Church Collection Envelopes

If you have not done so already, kindly pick up your 2010 church offering envelopes from the back of the church. If you currently do not have envelopes but would like to, please see Mary Ann Skero.

Parish Council Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of Council will be on Sunday, March 7, 2010 following Divine Liturgy.

New Price for Decorated Candles

Due to a price increase to the church, we find it necessary to increase the cost of the blessed, decorated candles (with gold embellishments) from the current price of \$5.00 to a new price of \$8.00 per candle.



Lenten Services for February & March

Mon. February 15, 6:00 pm -Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
& Individual Confessions

Tues. February 16, 6:00 pm -Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
& Individual Confessions

Wed. February 17, 6:00 pm -Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
& Individual Confessions

Thurs. February 18, 6:00 pm - Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
& Individual Confessions

Fri. February 19, 6:00 pm -Presanctified Liturgy at St. Andrew

Wed. February 24, 6:00 pm -Presanctified Liturgy at
SS. Peter & Paul U.O.C.

Wed. March 3, 6:00 pm-Presanctified Liturgy at St. Andrew

Wed. March 10, 6:00 pm-Presanctified Liturgy at SS. Peter & Paul

Wed. March 17, 6:00 pm-Presanctified Liturgy at St. Andrew

Thur. March 18, 6:00 pm-Great Canon at St. Andrew

You will note that this month's newsletter includes a calendar for **both February & March** in order to provide our parishioners with as much information as possible regarding Lenten and Paschal services.



***ARCHDIOCESAN
LENTEN & PASCHAL
VESPERS SERVICES
Allegheny-Beaver Deanery***

Sunday, March 7 - Vespers at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Allison Park, PA – 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 14 - Vespers at Holy Ghost Church, Ambridge PA - 5:00pm

Sunday, April 25 - Paschal Vespers at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Crossingville PA- 5:00pm

Upcoming Events

March 28, 2010 – Annual Pysanky & Traditional Food Bazaar at SS. Peter & Paul U.O.C. in Carnegie, PA. For more information, you can visit their website at www.orthodoxcarnegie.org/pysankyfoodbazaar.html

May 1, 2010 – Annual Basket Auction and Luncheon sponsored by St. Alexander Nevsky. More details to follow, as they become available.

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SIXTH WEEK: “KINDNESS” is being merciful, sweet and tender. Kindness is an eagerness to put others at ease. It is a sweet and attractive temperament that shows friendly regard. Read Titus 3:4 & 5, Ephesians 2:6 & 7, Proverbs 11:16 & 17 and Jeremiah 9:23 & 24.

SEVENTH WEEK: “BEARING FRUIT” – Read Jeremiah 17:7&8, Ephesians 5:8-11.

In conclusion, we often limit our Fasting to food alone in Lent, but in truth, Fasting is multifaceted: We fast from food to subdue the flesh in order to strengthen the heart that we might be more attuned to keeping a pure Fast through fasting from sin, hatred and other evils. Some of the other things we should be fasting from as well as meat and dairy products are the following: **Fast from anger and hatred, by giving your family, friends and co-workers an extra dose of kindness and love daily. Fast from judging others – before making any judgments, recall how Jesus has forgiven our faults and do likewise. Fast from discouragement – hold on to Jesus’ promise that He has a perfect plan for your life – and trust Him to have one for your neighbor’s life as well. Fast from complaining. When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes, pray and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has given you. Fast from resentment or bitterness. Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you. Fast from spending too much money. Try to reduce your unnecessary spending by ten percent and give those savings as alms to the poor and to charities that need assistance, as well as to your Church!**

“Forbidden Fruit Have Caused Many a Jam!”

In Christ’s love as we enter the Lenten Experience which leads us to Pascha – Fr. Joseph Wargo