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Sunday, February 25, 2024

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Reader Epistle: Michael Ropitsky



38th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Tone 5

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

Beginning of the Lenten Triodion. St. Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople

We welcome all our visitors today! We want to let you know that we are so glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall for fellowship. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our parish family.

Only those Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through strict Fasting on the morning of the Liturgy, recent Confession and at peace with each other may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.

SERVICES:

Sunday, Feb 25	8:00 AM – Matins (Publican & Pharisee)
Sunday, Feb 25	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Hour
Saturday, March 2	4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, March 3	8:00 AM – Matins (Prodigal Son)
Sunday, March 3	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Hour
Saturday, March 9	3:30 PM – Parastas
Saturday, March 9	4:00 PM – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sunday, March 10	8:00 AM – Matins (Last Judgment-Meatfare)
Sunday, March 10	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Hour

A Women's Retreat will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Stroudsburg on Saturday, March 2nd. The topic is "The Gift of Compassion: From God to US – Through Us, to Others" with Presbytera Kerry Pappas presenting.

Prayer List*:

Fr. Michael Evans, Fr. James Weremedic, Fr. Gregory White

Sbdn. James Weremedic

Clarissa, Evanna, Emmalyn & Kasandra Buchannan, Jeanne Cannon, Stephanie Chmel, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Julia Harahus, Karen & Rose Harkins, Nancy King, Olga Kushnir, Anna Marie Mantey, Dorothy & Joseph Macenka, Anna Pierson, Melissa Schmitt, Helen Sheers, Olga Sidoriak, Michael Teno, Victoria Weremedic, Marie Yurchak

* Names will cycle off approximately every 30 days. You may request to have your name or the name of a loved one placed back on the list at any time by contacting Fr. James directly.

**If anyone is in need of a priest,
please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772.**

Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule for our next Adult Education.
The start of sessions will be determined.

Candles (February 25)

7-day Vigils-Altar: In memory of **Mary Harahus** offered by Sharon Lewis

Altar Candles: In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel** offered by family members

Eternal Lamp: In memory of **Helen Butts** offered by Raymond & MaryJo Danchak

7-day Vigils-Tetrapod: In memory of **Mary 'Matzey' Herbert** offered by Russell & Geri King

Decorated Candles: In memory of **Kay & Paul Maliniak** offered by William Yelsh

Vigil Crosses: In memory of **Olga Hebda** offered by Raymond & MaryJo Danchak

***Donations of flowers on the Tetrapod will now be \$50, due to the increase from Porvaznik's Flowers (under new management) in Lansford.**

February Birthdays: 1- Michael Kulick, 3- Michael Tatusko, 6- Barbara Faenza, 7- Ira James, 9- Wendy Kulick, 15- Claire Remington, 22- Peter Harahus

Financials 2/18/2024: Operating Acct: Envelopes \$876, Non-Envelope \$106, Altar Candles \$160, Candles \$56, Donations \$3,650, Fuel Fund \$100, Cemetery \$350, Sunday School \$350, Memorials \$250, Valentine Dinner \$1,065.

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

February 25 Helen King **March 3** John Evetushick

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King.
Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King.

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 9 West Railroad Street, Nesquehoning is holding their 2024 Annual Theme Basket Raffle. The drawing date is on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 2:00 pm. Hours are Thursday & Friday, February 29th & March 1st from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday, March 2nd 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Church Hall phone number: 570-669-6036.

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Luke 24:12-35 (5th Matins Gospel)

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?"

So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see." Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 4 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee! Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears! Let us cry to our Savior: "Have mercy on us, // O only merciful One!"

Tone 3 Prokeimenon (Resurrection)

V. I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to generation.

V. For You have said: Mercy will be established forever; Your truth will be prepared in the heavens.

1 Timothy 3:10-15 (Epistle)

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Tone 3

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

V. Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth!

V. For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity.

Silent Prayer before the Gospel:

Illumine our hearts, O Master Who lovest mankind, with the pure light of Thy divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our mind to the understanding of Thy gospel teachings. Implant also in us the fear of Thy blessed commandments, that trampling down all carnal desires, we may enter upon a spiritual manner of living, both thinking and doing such things as are well-pleasing unto Thee. For Thou art the illumination of our souls and bodies, O Christ our God, and unto Thee we ascribe glory, together with Thy Father, Who is from everlasting, and Thine all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Luke 18:10-14 (Gospel)

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'

And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."



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Frackville Deanery Lenten Mission Services

- **Sunday, March 31: 4:00 pm** (St. Gregory Palamas)
St. Michael, Mt. Carmel
- **Sunday, April 7: 4:00 pm** (Ven. of the Holy Cross)
St. Mary's, St. Clair
- **Sunday, April 14: 4:00 pm** (St. John of the Ladder)
St. Mary's Church, Coaldale
- **Sunday, April 21: 5:00 pm** (St. Mary of Egypt)
Holy Apostles Church, Mechanicsburg
- **Holy Wednesday, May 1: 6:00 pm** (Holy Unction)
Holy Ascension, Frackville



Lenten Fellowship will be offered after the services. Please join us!