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February Council Highlights

- ✘ January's Operating Income was \$21,460.52 and Operating Expenses were \$15,204.73, resulting in a net of \$6,255.79 for the month of January.
- ✘ Proposed 2022 Operating Budget of \$196,800 and proposed slate of officers approved to be presented at Annual Meeting.
- ✘ Please turn in your 2022 Pledge form to the Church Office.



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Peak Week of Spiritual Potential

Fr. Vladimir Berzonsky

"Forgive me my sins." "God forgives. Forgive me as well." (Exchange after Forgiveness Vespers)

"Simple inseparable consubstantial Trinity; holy unity, lights and light, holy three and holy one, we praise God the Trinity" (From Great Canon, St. Andrew of Crete, Seventh Ode, Glory)

We begin the awesome soul-transforming experience of the Great Lent with two services specifically for this time: Forgiveness Vespers and the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete. One is dedicated to the cleansing of consciences, the other to elevate our minds to an ever-greater unity with the Holy Trinity. The two are bound together. St. Maximus says that a bird tied to the earth cannot fly, and a person held by passions cannot aspire to union with God. All issues with others must be ended before the soul can be pure and open to spiritual growth. Even if ninety nine percent of the forgiveness exchange is perfunctory - nothing untoward between the two - even one person can be a hindrance to a wholesome life in the Spirit. Better to be sure. Even our Lord Jesus forgave everybody not only for their sake, but for His own as well.

The second service is usually broken into four parts because of its length and served on the evenings of the first week of Great Lent. We have begun the journey to the Kingdom of God. Some expect to get to heaven and ignore the fact that heaven is called by Christ "Kingdom," and what is a kingdom without a king? To follow Jesus Christ to the Kingdom of God is to know the King. Notice that we assume the Person Jesus calls Father is apparently the King, yet Jesus when He was crucified, wore the title "King of the Jews." And when we say Father and Son, we know that God is Trinity, and where the Father and Son are, there also is the Holy Spirit. He too shares kingship. Orthodox Christian theology is the revelation of God in Trinity. Notice how the Divine Liturgy begins: *"Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit..."* All three Persons have a part in our salvation. We are saved by the Holy Trinity.

We are cleansed, forgiven and purified so that we are better able to grow in the knowledge of the Holy Trinity, and that involves not just our minds but our innermost selves, our souls or nous. We are invited and urged to open ourselves to the Trinity. We are given a

foretaste of what heaven will be like, which will be an ever greater comprehension and assimilation of the glory of the Holy Trinity. And there will always be more to be revealed as we develop the capacity to praise the Lord for what is offered and to mature in the ways of the Spirit.

St. Andrew's Canon interweaves several salient themes. The most obvious is the plumbing of the Bible, both covenants, to lift up those persons who are positive role models to emulate, and the ones who were spiritual failures, types to be imitated and types to be avoided on our journey through this lifetime. Another is the theme of constant self-cleansing; St. Andrew uses terms like *penthos*, the deep sorrow and lamentation, often for the living dead, as when the bridegroom leaves (Matthew 9:15), or over fallen Babylon (Revelation 18). Third is the glorious invitation to contemplate the Holy Trinity and the revelations offered to the Church for our spiritual nourishment, as in *"Trinity without beginning, without separation, indivisible unity, receive me the penitent"* [Third Ode, Glory]; *"I am the simple inseparable distinctly personal Trinity, and I am the unity united by the substance"* [Sixth Ode, Glory].

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Rector's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again, the Lord has granted us to enter the penitential period of Great Lent. This special season of grace, a 40-day period of the Church's year, is also known as the **Great Fast**. Indeed, it is fasting and abstinence which mark our observance of this season in a vital way. Fasting and abstinence have the greatest external impact on our daily lives during these weeks. While we spend more time in prayer, attend more of the Church services, and reach out in charity to those in need, it is fasting of which we are most conscious in the day-to-day of life. But fasting from the foods (i.e. limiting the amount we eat and drink) and abstinence from many types of food (i.e. not consuming any animal products and foregoing most alcoholic beverages) is not an exercise we perform for and of itself. Rather, the fasting discipline which the Church offers us is meant to help us focus on our spiritual lives so that we might grow in holiness as we prepare to renew within us the Paschal Mystery of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saint John Chrysostom, addressing the subject of fasting in one of his most memorable sermons, makes it clear that fasting is not just about eating and drinking less or abstaining from certain foods. He states, "I have said these things, not that we may disparage fasting, but that we may honor fasting; for the honor of fasting consists not in abstinence from food, but in withdrawing from sinful practices; since he who limits his fasting only to an abstinence from meats, is one who especially disparages it. Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works! *Is it said by what kind of works? If you see a poor man, take pity on him! If you see an enemy, be reconciled to him! If you see a friend gaining honor, envy him not! If you see a handsome woman, pass her by! For let not the mouth alone fast, but also the eye, and the ear, and the feet, and the*



hands, and all the members of our bodies. *Let the hands fast, by being pure from loose living and avarice. Let the feet fast, by ceasing from running to the unlawful spectacles. Let the eyes fast, being taught never to fix themselves rudely upon handsome countenances, or to busy themselves with strange beauties."*

Saint John, the preacher with the "golden mouth," speaks to us today just as powerfully as he spoke to those who were present to hear him preach in the second half of the fourth century. He counsels us to not only embrace fasting, but, as we embrace it, to look beyond the spiritual practice of fasting and realize that, if our fasting is to have any merit, if it is to make any difference in our lives, it must have an impact on all the areas of our life.

We are only at the very beginning of the Fast and the weeks ahead may become more challenging and more tedious with each passing day- but, despite frustration or even boredom with the fast, we strive to remain faithful to it, nonetheless. So, as we strive to be faithful to the Church's discipline, let us also reflect upon the impact that our daily and Lenten fasting has in our daily lives. If we are more loving, if we are caring for those around us, if we reach out to those in need, if we are curbing our tongues, if we are less tempted by the world and its enticements, we will see the fast at work within us.

Also, as we fast and pray, we are reminded that our brothers and sisters in Christ, in our parish, and families, and among our friends are walking the Lenten journey with us. This year, however, we also have in mind all our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine, along with all who love and support them, regardless of citizenship. They are also taking part in this Lenten journey with us in a very challenging way.

They are sacrificing daily, suffering deprivation not only of peace, but also of daily necessities. Through all of this, they continue praying and professing their faith, hope, and trust in God. Let us pray for them all: especially those in special need. Let us fast for those whose food supply is limited and who daily needs are scarce and, thus, cannot fast. Let us offer alms on their behalf and in support of them all. The tragedy in Ukraine reminds us that none of us is alone; we all need one another's support. May that mutual support encourage us in our common effort so that together we may arrive at the bright and joyous day of Pascha, and in the Kingdom of heaven, that bright haven of peace.

With love in the Lord,

+Bishop Daniel

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ✘ Operating Income for 2021 was \$205,866.67 and Operating Expenses were \$182,596.70, resulting in a net positive balance of \$23,269.97.
- ✘ Proposed 2022 Operating Budget of \$196,800 presented and passed.
- ✘ Auditors report that financial records are "accurate and free from major errors."
- ✘ Slate of officers and vacant trustees positions for 2022 presented and elected.

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| Andy Evans | President |
| Nick Bock | Vice President |
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| John Hecht | Financial Secretary |
| Nicholas Enoch | Recording Secretary |
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| Luka Radjenovich | Auditor |
| John Blischak | 5-year Trustee |
| Heather Pfeiffer | 4-year Trustee |
| Bill Weiss | 3-year Trustee |
| Carlos Gregory Taliaferro | 2-year Trustee |
| Sbdcn Michael Wagner | 2-year Trustee |
| Stephanie Homyak | 1-year Trustee |
| Alex Dolotov | 1-year Trustee |

The Annunciation

Fr. Lawrence Farley St. Ignatius of Antioch, martyred in Rome in about the year 107, wrote that along with the death of the Lord, the virginity of Mary and her giving birth were mysteries that were hidden from the ruler of this age, and were accomplished in the silence of God (*To the Ephesians*, 19.1). That is, their full significance were not immediately perceived by the world. This was certainly true, for when news of Mary's pregnancy became known in her small town home in Nazareth, no one there suspected that the Child she was carrying was about to change the world forever. Most young mothers can expect to be showered with congratulations and good wishes when they share the news of their pregnancy. But not Mary. At that time she was only betrothed to her fiancé Joseph, and the wedding itself was still some months away. It was clear enough that Joseph was not the father of her baby, and the wagging tongues of Nazareth would assume the obvious and the worst.

It is easy for us to forget this. Elizabeth her cousin greeted her with joy and pronounced her blessed among women, but Elizabeth was something special. She was the mother of the one chosen to be the Forerunner, and when Mary entered her home to visit with her during her ad-

vanced pregnancy, Elizabeth's baby leaped up inside her, and she was filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The old biddies in Nazareth, it is safe to say, were *not* so filled with the Holy Spirit, and they did *not* pronounce Mary to be blessed among women. As far as they were concerned, the young adolescent (the normal age for betrothal then being about thirteen) was an immoral woman.

That meant that when Gabriel came to Mary in Nazareth and brought the good news that she had been chosen to be the mother of the Messiah, the news was not all good. In the long term, all generations of those who served the Messiah would call her blessed (Luke 1:48), but in the short-term, all her neighbours would call her something else, and small town Nazareth very quickly became a very unfriendly place. How else could one explain why Mary was willing to accompany Joseph for a long journey to Bethlehem in Judea when she was nine months pregnant? Better to brave the hardships of a journey like that than to stay at home among the slanderous tongues of Nazareth.

We traditionally think of Mary as a meek woman, adorned with the long robes of humility. And indeed she was. But her meekness might lead us to miss the fact of her indomitable courage as well, thinking

meekness and courage were somehow mutually exclusive. (The example of Moses proves that they weren't; see Numbers 12:3.)

Despite her tender years, Mary was smart enough to realize the full consequences of Gabriel's announcement, and the damage to be done immediately to her reputation when she was found to be pregnant before she was married. Yet she assented anyway, bowing her head and saying, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word". This took tremendous courage. If her Son would later set His face to go to Jerusalem knowing what awaited Him there (Luke 9:51), Mary similarly must have set her face to go into the markets of Nazareth each day, knowing what awaited her there. Mary was just a young girl when she decided to face down the cold stares of Nazareth. Her utterance, "Let it be to me according to your word" was not simply a word of submission. It was also a word of towering strength and courage. Let us follow her, and let the Mother of God teach us to be brave. These days, we have need of such bravery.

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SS Peter and Paul Pascha Card

Name(s) : _____

Name(s) to appear on card:

Mailing Address:

Amount of Donation: \$100 \$50 \$25 \$10 Other _____

Deadline: April 10, 2022 *Return completed form to Stephanie Homyak or the Church Office.*

PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT UKRAINIAN ORPHANAGES



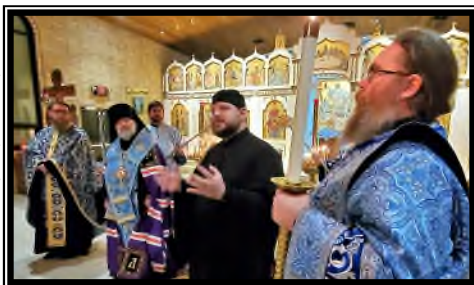
Myrrh-streaming Hawaii-Iveron Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos

On Thursday evening, 17 February, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish welcomed the Myrrh-streaming Hawaii-Iveron Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos. After a brief delay, the icon arrived at an almost full church.

His Grace, Bishop Daniel, along with all the clergy, received the icon from Deacon Nectarios, the icon's guardian, as the icon entered the church. The icon was reverently carried down the center aisle and into the Altar and then placed on an analogion specially decorated with flowers. After this, the ancient service of devotion, the Akathist Hymn, began. This service, which sings the praises of the Holy Theotokos, was sung by the clergy and the choir.

Upon conclusion of the service, His Grace blessed Deacon Nectarios to address the congregation. The Deacon spoke of how he and his wife began to smell the myrrh permeating their home and how they discovered that the icon, which sat atop a wooden bookcase was the source.

He explained how the myrrh had saturated the wooden bookcase and how the top of the bookcase began to bow due to moisture. He further explained that the icon was studied by Church authorities for many months before being returned, with origins of the myrrh undetermined. He also informed those who were gathered that the icon has traveled to many countries and has been in over 2000 churches.



A very touching moment was when the Deacon spoke of the healing power that God has shown through the icon and its miraculous myrrh. He related this power in a story about a little girl he had met in Oxford, England. He spoke of how she suffered from psoriasis, was in constant

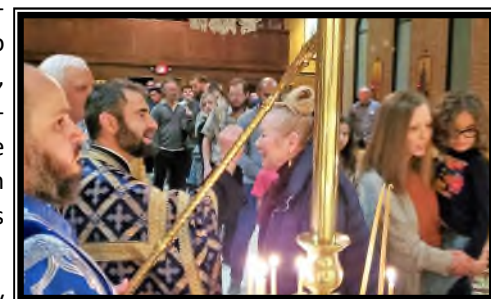
pain and when her sores burst, they seemed to burn her. Upon being anointed with the myrrh, she screamed in agony and was taken home. The next morning while traveling back to London, the Deacon, who was riding with Bishop Iriney of London, said the bishop received a phone call from the girl's parents. The bishop related to him that the parents stated, upon their awakening, they both heard their daughter giggling in her room and talking. When asked who she was speaking to, she stated "the Lady." There was no one else in the room. Then the parents discovered that her psoriasis had healed.

The Deacon then concluded his words by talking about miracles. How every day we have an opportunity for a miracle. Yes, the icon may be considered a miracle, but the real miracle is when we receive the body and blood of Christ and what that means and offers to Christians.

After the Deacon's address, the faithful that had gathered had an opportunity to venerate the myrrh-streaming icon. This was done prayerfully and in a solemn manner. All who approached, after venerating the icon, were anointed with myrrh and received an icon print that had been blessed and anointed with myrrh from the Miracle-working Myrrh-streaming Hawaii-Iveron Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

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THANK YOU FROM DEACON RODION AND MAT. ELIZABETH We were very blessed by the outpouring of love and



generosity at the baby shower held on February 20. It is our joy to serve in this community and we look forward to the day we get to bring our son into the church and share him with this family. In addition to our thanks, we would like to remind everyone of the wonderful presentation provided by Fr. Nicholas



about Project Mexico. Not every child is welcomed into the world or lives in a world of such love and programs like Project Mexico are excellent ways to share that love around the world. We encourage our community to continue sharing the love by supporting the current Project Mexico drive or finding other ways to support this or other Orthodox Missions around the world.

FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS Did you know you can support SS Peter & Paul E Orthodox Church just by shopping at Fry's? It's easy when you enroll in Fry's Community Rewards!

Go to www.frysfood.com. Go to ACCOUNT DASHBOARD, scroll down to COMMUNITY REWARDS. Click on CHANGE ORGANIZATION or ENROLL under COMMUNITY REWARDS.

Under FIND YOUR ORGANIZATION enter SS PETER & PAUL E ORTHODOX CHURCH and then select SEARCH. Then simply ENROLL.



TYAL Saturday, March 19th, at 3pm, Anne and Eli will be hosting a TYAL event for ages 13-25 at SS Peter and Paul Cultural Center. We will have games, food and we will be watching a documentary on Romanian Priests, Fr. Roman Braga and Fr. George Calciu, and their journey towards God's Mercy during imprisonment in the Romanian Gulag. This will be followed by a discussion and vespers together. Please RSVP at eaferbrache@gmail.com or (602) 999-5179 .

CONGRATULATIONS to Dylan Arango! Dylan had a great gymnastic meet at Southwest Jr. Cup on February 12, 2022. He placed 1st in All Around, Mushroom, Vault, Parallel Bars, and High Bars, 2nd on Rings, and 3rd on Floor.

NO CHURCH SCHOOL Sunday, March 6th and Sunday March 13th. Classes have been cancelled so students can participate in the Rite of Forgiveness following Liturgy on Forgiveness Sunday, and to participate in the Procession of Icons on the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

Project Mexico Pantry Partners Project

On Sunday, 6 February, Fr. Nicholas Andruchow, CEO of Project Mexico, visited Saints Peter and Paul. During his homily at the Divine Liturgy and afterwards during coffee hour, he spoke to us about the work and ministry of Project Mexico and Saint Innocent Orphanage. I would like to follow up on his visit with positive action that would benefit this charity.



After receiving a blessing from His Grace, Bishop Daniel, I am initiating a program that Project Mexico calls **Pantry Partners Drive**. I am doing this in conjunction with Great Lent, as a way to assist in almsgiving to a very worthwhile cause, a cause to which we contribute every month. We

have also had and have had representatives, of Saints Peter and Paul assist in construction. This drive is an affirmation that during this Lenten period, we are thinking about and supporting fellow Orthodox Christians who are doing God's work.

On the Project Mexico website are two pages of items on their needs list. I encourage everyone to look these items over. (www.projectmexico.org). Many items are items we use daily. It must be difficult to not have many of these convenience items available, items that you and I use and take for granted.

I am asking for your assistance. Would

you be willing to donate? I have witnessed what this parish can do and extend a Lenten challenge to the Sunday School, the members of the Choir, FOCA, MBA's, the Parish Council, Priests, Deacons, Altar Servers and all others. Can we, as a Parish, fill the minimum **20** boxes required for pick up? With the faithfulness of this community, I bet we could fill 40 boxes... one for each of the 40 days of Lent.

I will be the point of contact for this drive and I'll be willing to respond and discuss all inquiries. If you would like to correspond via email, I can be reached at: bock_nick@yahoo.com

Yours in Christ,

Nicholas Bock

First Week of Great Lent - 2022

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| Sunday, March 6 | Forgiveness Sunday, Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m. Rite of Forgiveness to follow Liturgy |
| Monday, March 7 | Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete, 6:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 8 | Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete, 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, March 9 | Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, March 12 | Memorial Saturday, Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m. |
| Sunday, March 13 | Sunday of Orthodoxy, Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m. |



Around SS Peter & Paul

MARCH BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

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| March 7 | Lauren Hecht |
| 9 | Mara Contes |
| 10 | Stephanie Homyak |
| 11 | Nicholas Bock |
| 12 | Elizabeth McDonald Sophie Behnen |
| 14 | Elizabeth Michel |
| 15 | Vera Therese Taliaferro |
| 17 | Mike Wagner Junia Febrache Carlos Eugene Taliaferro Jacob Sieckman |
| 19 | Christi and David Sourk |
| 25 | Trish Sieckman |
| 29 | Tania Booriakin Judy Bushko Isaac Eugene Taliaferro |
| 30 | Alexander (Sasha) Keck |

Many Years! Mnogaya Leta!

CONGRATULATIONS

Many years to the newly-illuminated children of God, Gregory Bennet and Elizabeth Barker! Congratulations, as well, to their parents, sponsors, families, and friends.



PRAYER LIST

"May Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician of our souls and bodies, reach out his healing hand and bless these, His servants.

We offer prayers to all of our parishioners who are ill or unable to attend services:

+Metropolitan Herman

Sandra Hoff

Elena Kerr

Sue Bieber

Jamie Arango

Antonia Adams-Clement

Rose Kurowski

Tammy Horton

The suffering people of Ukraine

If you know of anyone else in need of our prayers, please contact BISHOP DANIEL.

...and Pieces

PRESANCFIED LITURGY is celebrated very Wednesday evening of Great Lent at 6:00 p.m. After the Presanctified Liturgy, the faithful gather for a Lenten meal and a brief presentation or period of discussion. The Myrrh Bearers Altar Society is looking for volunteers who are willing to bring 8 quarts of lenten/vegan soup, salad, bread, and/or fruit each week Wednesday. This is a great way to share in fellowship after this special liturgy. Please see Irina Zinchenko, who is coordinating the meals this year.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PROCESSION

Youth will participate in the annual procession of icons on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 13, 2022. Icons will be provided for all youth to carry in the procession around the church. Children are also welcome to bring their own favorite icon from home to carry in the procession. *We ask that families with children sit in the front pews on either side of the church.*

CONFESSIONS As we begin our Lenten Journey, we have our minds focused on being prepared to celebrate the Lord's triumph over sin and death through His glorious Resurrection. Our celebration of Christ's Paschal Victory has greater spiritual meaning and brings more joy when we have received the Lord's forgiveness through the Mystery of Repentance. **CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE EVERY SERVICE AND BY APPOINTMENT.** Please plan on making your Easter Confession in a timely manner and to avoid the "rush" so that your confession may be made peacefully and prayerfully.

CHEESEFARE SUNDAY, MARCH 6 In celebration of Cheesefare and Forgiveness Sunday, the Russian-speaking members of our community will serve a Blini Luncheon after the Divine Liturgy. There will be cheese- and spinach-filled blini as well as blini/crepes that can be filled with a variety of sweet toppings and many other goodies. Come and celebrate the beginning of lent and enjoy this traditional food. The suggested donation is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child and all of the proceeds support special projects at the church.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION On Friday, March 25th, we celebrate the Great Feast of the Annunciation. On this feast, we recall the announcement made by the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary in Nazareth that she had been chosen by God to be the Mother of the promised Savior (Luke 1:26-38). Vespers and Divine Liturgy of the Feast will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

LENTEN RETREAT This year's Lenten Retreat will be led by His Grace, Bishop Daniel. It will be held in our parish hall on Saturday, March 26, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The theme of the retreat is *"As the Prophets Foretold: the Passion of Christ in the Old Testament."* Mark your calendars now. These few hours are intended to be a time of special preparation for the celebration of Holy Week and Pascha.

PARISH PASCHA CARD Instead of sending individual Pascha greetings, why not list your name(s) on a beautiful Orthodox Pascha card and support a worthy cause (Ukrainian orphanages) at the same time? Please participate by filling out the form at the bottom of page 3 and return to Dave or Stephanie Homyak by April 10, 2022.

PASCHA FLOWERS Please participate in beautifying our church for the celebration of Holy Week and Pascha by donating towards the purchase of flowers.

MEMORIAL SATURDAYS As we approach and enter the season of the Great Lenten Fast, beginning our journey to Holy Pascha, we pause to remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us in hope of the Resurrection. See Vladyka DANIEL to provide a list of names you would like commemorated or if you otherwise need to update your current list. Please check the calendar for dates.

FROM THE BOCKS Very Blessed and Grateful to be celebrating our 20th anniversary 16 months late...but we made it to Bora-Bora!



PASCHA BREAD BAKE Each year the Myrrh Bearers Altar Society bakes mini Pascha rolls that are handed out after the Paschal liturgy. This year the breads will be baked on Saturday, March 12, and Saturday, April 2. If you would like to help and/or learn about baking a Pascha bread, please see Rita Mudrenko-Christensen or one of the Myrrh Bearers.


SUPER SOUP SALE – SUNDAY, APRIL 3 To help with the journey through lent, especially the fast, the Myrrh Bearers Altar Society will be selling a variety of Lenten soups on Sunday, April 3. The soups will be sold as one quart for \$8 and two quarts for \$15. You can freeze most of the soups to last through the remainder of lent and make quick lunch or dinner options. Proceeds from fundraisers like this have allowed the Myrrh Bearers to purchase the new gold, white, and purple altar covers in the church. We appreciate the continued support of the church community in these efforts.

BOOKSTORE 2022 Orthodox Pocket Planners published by St. Tikhon's are in stock. \$8 each. Limited supplies! Stop by the bookstore for your Lenten reading needs! Presanctified Liturgy services books are available as well.

FOCA Thank you for your help and support with the pierogi sale. Our prayers are with those in harms way and in the path of war. As we enter Great Lent please let us take time to reflect and be humble and thankful for the many blessings bestowed upon us.

LOOKING AHEAD: VESPERS OF PASCHA – It is an annual tradition in our parish to continue the celebration of the Pascha Midnight Liturgy with Paschal Vespers, this year on Sunday, April 24, at 12:00 p.m. The Vespers service is followed by an "Easter Egg Hunt" for the children as well as by a festal pot-luck. We are always happy to welcome new guests and make new friends with those who attend this service. Mark your calendars now!

March 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 27 Meatfare Sunday Sunday of Last Judgment Kursk Root Icon 9:00am Divine Liturgy | 28 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Czestochowa Icon Memorial for Monastics 4:45pm Panikhida 5:00pm Vespers |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Sunday of Orthodoxy Procession of Icons Sunday, March 13, 2022 Following Divine Liturgy  </div> | | | | | | |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; background-color: #e0f2f1;"> MEAT FAST </div> | | | | | | |
| 6 Cheesefare Sunday Forgiveness Sunday 9:00am Divine Liturgy Rite of Forgiveness CHEESEFARE LUNCHEON FOCA MEETING | 7 BEGINNING OF GREAT FAST 6:00pm Canon of St Andrew of Crete | 8 6:00pm Canon of St Andrew of Crete 7:30pm Council Meeting | 9 Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste 6:00pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Lenten Meal | 10 | 11 St. Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem | 12 Memorial for Those Fallen on the Field of Battle PASCHA BREAD BAKE 4:30pm Panikhida 5:00pm Vespers |
| 13 Sunday of Orthodoxy 9:00am Divine Liturgy <i>Procession of Icons</i> MBAS MEETING | 14 St. Benedict of Nursia | 15 | 16 6:00pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Lenten Meal | 17 St. Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland | 18 St. Nikolai, Bishop of Zicha | 19 Memorial Saturday 3:00pm TYAL Event Cultural Center 4:30pm Panikhida 5:00pm Vespers |
| 20 St Gregory Palamas 9:00am Divine Liturgy CHURCH SCHOOL | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; background-color: #e0f2f1;"> LENTEN RETREAT with Bishop DANIEL Saturday, March 26, 2022 <i>"As the Prophets Foretold: the Passion of Christ in the Old Testament."</i> </div> | | 23 6:00pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Lenten Meal | 24 Forefeast Annunciation | 25 ANNUNCIATION Most Holy Theotokos 9:00am Vespers and Divine Liturgy | 26 Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel Leavetaking Annunciation 10:00AM-2:00PM LENTEN RETREAT with BISHOP DANIEL 5:00pm Vespers |
| 27 Veneration of the Cross 9:00am Divine Liturgy CHURCH SCHOOL | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; background-color: #e0f2f1;"> TYAL Event Saturday, March 19, 2022 3:00pm—Vespers SS Peter & Paul Cultural Center Activities, food, documentary Details on page 7 </div> | | 30 Ven. John Climacus of Sinai 6:00pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Lenten Meal | 31 St. Innocent of Alaska | 1 Ven Mary of Egypt | 2 Memorial Saturday PASCHA BREAD BAKE 5:00pm Vespers |