

taking a collection for his family for the next few weeks, please be generous. Thank you!

Donations for Great Lent

Paschal Candle \$275, please remember to bring in 100% olive oil for our oil lamps, wine for Holy Communion \$125, charcoal \$50, daffodils for third Sunday of Lent \$125, palms for Palm Sunday services \$125. We need the icon of the Bridegroom decorated for Palm Sunday evening \$50, and flowers for the kouvouklion of Holy Friday \$1,000.

Church School During Great Lent

On the following Sunday's, the Church School children will remain in the church:

- Sun. of Orthodoxy, Feb. 25
- Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross, March 11
- Palm Sunday, April 1
- Pascha, April 8

During Great Lent

Fasting: Orthodox Christians are called to abstain from all meat—(yes, *chicken is meat!*)—dairy products i.e. eggs, milk, etc., fish, wine and olive oil during Great Lent, which begins on February 23, Clean Monday (Καθαρά Δευτέρα). To strengthen ourselves, the Church asks us to increase our prayer life (attending the Lenten Services), flee from sinful behavior, and to give alms. Let us together keep the fast as strictly as possible, increase our daily prayers, approach the Mystery of Holy Confession and forgive one another any offenses that have caused division or anger. If we are unsure about fasting or confession please see Fr. Dennis. May God bless us; grant us strength and faith to complete the course of the fast.

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great: During the Great Lenten period we use the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great every Sunday and on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday mornings.

Services: We are called to abstain from certain foods during the Great Fast as we are to abstain from sin. This cannot be achieved without an increased prayer life. The Church in Her wisdom has not only called for us to fast, but gives us more services that will aid us in our Lenten journey. The Great Compline will be offered every Monday evening, the Presanctified Liturgy every Wednesday evening and the Salutations to our Theotokos every Friday evening.

Coffee Hour/Dinners During Lent: When bringing treats for the coffee hour during the Great Lenten Fast, please remember we must maintain the fasting practices of the Orthodox Church. While each may not be able to keep the fast as strictly as prescribed, let us nonetheless, keep it when we gather as community and people of God.

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February 25, 2018

Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

Apostolic Reading: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Gospel: St. John 1:43-52

Services: *Sunday*-9 a.m. Orthros and 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, *Weekdays* 8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy when scheduled.

Saints of the Day: Sunday of Orthodoxy. Tarasios, archp. of Constantinople; Hieromartyrs Reginos, bishop of Skopelos, and Markellos, bishop of Apamea in Syria; Martyr Alexander of Markianopolis.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 5

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection. *Page 85 in the green book.*

Apolytikion: Sun. of Orthodoxy Tone 2

We worship Your immaculate icon, O Good One, asking the forgiveness of our failings, O Christ our God; for of Your own will You were well pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, that You might deliver from slavery to the enemy those whom You had fashioned. Wherefore, we cry to You thankfully: You did fill all things with joy, O our Savior, when You came to save the world.

Apolytikion of the Archangels Tone 4

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, we, the unworthy, implore and beseech You that by Your supplications You encircle us in the shelter of the wings of Your immaterial glory, guarding us who now fall down and cry to You with fervor: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

Kontakion Hymn to the Theotokos

To You, the Champion Commander, I, Your City, inscribe victorious anthems of thanksgiving, For deliverance from sufferings, Theotokos. In

as much as you have power unassailable, from all manner of dangers set me free; that I may cry out to you, Rejoice Bride unwedded.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ Στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, ἀναγράφῃ σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἄλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθερωσον, ἵνα κράζῃ σοι· Χαῖρε, Νύμφη ἀνυμφευτε. (Page 98 in the green book.)

Instead of “It is truly right...Axion Etin”

In you rejoices all creation, O you who art full of grace, the hierarchy of the angels, and all mankind, O consecrated temple and paradise endowed with speech, glory of virginity, of whom god, who is our god before the ages, was incarnate and became a little child.

Επὶ σοί χαίρει, Κεχαριτωμένη, πάσα κτίσις. Ἀγγέλων τὸ σύστημα καὶ ἀνθρώπων τὸ γένος, ἡγιασμένε ναέ καὶ παράδεισε λογικέ, παρθενικόν καύχημα, ἐξ ἧς Θεός εσαρκώθη καὶ παιδίον γέγονεν, οὐ πρό αἰώνων ὑπάρχων Θεός ἡμῶν, τήν γάρ σὴν μήτραν θρόνον ἐποίησε, καὶ τήν σὴν γαστέρα πλατυτέραν οὐρανῶν ἀπειργάσατο. Επὶ σοί χαίρει, Κεχαριτωμένη, πάσα ἡ κτίσις δόξα σοι.

Divine Services

•**TONIGHT:** Lenten Vespers at Holy Theophany Church 6pm, Lenten meal to follow.

•**Mon. Feb. 26:** Great Compline 6pm

•**Tues. Feb. 27:** Lenten Hours 8am

•**Wed., Feb. 28:** 9th Hour 5:30 pm and Presanctified Liturgy 6 p.m. *Those preparing to receive Holy Communion are to fast strictly from the noonday meal or sooner from all food and drink (12:00 p.m. for lunch and should eat very light Lenten meal).*

•**Thurs., Feb 29:** Lenten Hours 8am

•**Fri., March 2:** Salutations II to the Theotokos at 6p.m.

•**Sat. March 3:** Great Vespers 6pm

Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church

Holy Communion of the Orthodox Church is the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is “*With the fear of God, faith and love*” that we approach the Divine Mysteries. Therefore, Holy Communion is reserved only for those baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting, as prescribed by the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church. We ask that women, before approaching to receive from the Holy Cup, in respect of our Lord, to please remove lipstick.

Stewardship 2018

Stewardship Sunday for 2018 was held on **December 3**. Please see Ruxandra Georgescu for your packet.

Memorial Service

This morning we remember in our prayers the departed servant of God +Doina Haidau on the 9th year anniversary of her repose. *Everlasting be her memory!*

Christians Around the World

Please remember to keep Christians around the world in your prayers. Many are being persecuted and even killed for their faith in Jesus Christ. Remember also the two kidnapped Orthodox bishops from Syria.

Bookstore/Library

In order for the library to keep track of its inventory we ask that when purchasing an item you complete the receipt form. That way we can determine what may need to be reordered. Thank you for your continuing support and remember any suggestions are always appreciated. See you at the library.

Coffee Hour Signup

Please sponsor a coffee hour. Donations are welcome to help provide treats following services. **Feb 25:** Georgescu Family (Great Lent); **March 4:** Val Petrov (Great Lent) **March 11:** Leonard Family (Great Lent) **March 18:** Rainford Family (Great Lent); **March 25:** Jake Topakas and others (Great Lent, fish permitted). **April 1:** Palm Sunday Luncheon (volunteers needed).

Greek Dance Lessons/Group

We welcome your children, ages 4 to 21, to join our parish Greek dance group. Practices take place every two weeks. The goal is to have a group dancing for our Annual Greek Festival. Any interested adults with knowledge of Greek dances are welcome to help teach. Contact Constadina Vasiliades at: 808-373-0312 or constadina@shaw.ca if interested or for questions. Next dance practice will be after church on Feb. 18.

Capital Campaign

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Food for the Soul During Great Lent

We have a wonderful booklet available (26 pages), *A Worshiper's Guide to the Divine Liturgy*, by Fr. Steven Tsichlis.

Holy Week Books

If you are interested in purchasing parallel Greek/English books for \$25, please see Lynne Meister.

Collection for Fallen Deputy Sheriff †Micah Flick

We heard of the tragic shooting and death of Det. Micah Flick. Our parish is