

February 15, 2009
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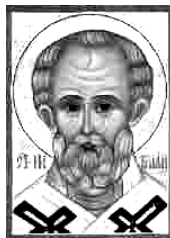
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Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Schedule of Services and Activities

Saturday, February 21st – 5:00 PM

Great Vespers

Sunday, February 22nd – 10:00 AM

Divine Liturgy

Congratulations to Robert and Teresa Robes on the baptism of their daughter, Anna. May God grant her many years!

Next Sunday we will celebrate the baptism of Vaughn Hollowood, son of Jeff and Juliana Hollowood. Everyone is cordially invited next Sunday to a luncheon served by the Yewisiak and Hollowood families in honor of the baptism of Vaughn after the Divine Liturgy.

Our Annual Blini Luncheon will be held on Cheesefare Sunday, March 1st, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Cost is Adults \$5 / Children 12 and under \$2. There will be no advanced ticket sales – Cash or checks accepted at the door! Everyone is welcomed for this wonderful annual event. Please make every effort to attend.

Our next Hoagie/Wrap Sale will be this Wednesday/Thursday, February 18/19. Order forms are at the Kiosk. Orders may be placed by phone 412 771-0176, faxed to 412 771-2444 or emailed to m.bittner@comcast.net by 7 p.m. Monday, February 16. Thank you.

St Nick's Corner now has the newly revised and published Orthodox Prayerbook from St Tikhon's Seminary. This is the standard prayerbook used by Orthodox Christians in the OCA translation, but has been out of print for several years. Only 7 available! \$14 each. Come and browse our entire selection for your Lenten reading!

The dates for the 2009 Paschalion are as follows: *(A full Lenten schedule will be published next week.)*

Cheesefare (Forgiveness) Sunday – Sunday, March 1st

Beginning of Great Lent - Monday, March 2nd

The Holy Pascha (Resurrection) – Sunday, April 19th (Western Easter is April 12th)

Ascension – Thursday, May 28th

Pentecost – Sunday, June 7th

Ancient Faith Radio brings you the best in Orthodox music and teaching. Download podcasts from some of the best Orthodox teachers and speakers in America or listen online, on demand at <http://ancientfaith.com>. Timeless Christianity 24 hours a day!

Our parish will host the Deanery Mission Service on Sunday evening, April 5th at 5:00 PM (St Mary of Egypt Sunday).

The Young Adult Group is making plans for a pre-Lenten outing. Please see Melissa Graff for more info and to make your choice!

Fr Tom will be heard on WORD-FM 101.5 FM (the largest Christian radio station in Pittsburgh) on Tuesday, February 24th from 5:00-6:00 PM on the Afternoon Show with John Hall. Fr Tom was interviewed previously by Mr Hall on the subject of the Feast of Epiphany in Russia and was soon after invited back for a lengthier interview about Orthodox Christianity. Time will be given for callers to ask questions about the Orthodox Church. Tune in and listen!

The next Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, February 28th.

The next Church School will be held on Saturday, March 14th (second Saturday in March).

An Orthodox Conference on Homeschooling will be held at Antiochian Village Thursday, March 26th through Sunday, March 29th. For more information and to print a registration form, go to <http://antiochianvillage.org>.

An Icon painting class will be held at St George Ukrainian Catholic Church, 3455 California Ave in Pittsburgh where students will learn the techniques of painting authentic Byzantine icons. Leeann Lunak, an iconographer for 14 years, will lead the class every Tuesday evening in March beginning at 6:30 PM. First class will be held Tuesday, March 3rd. No prior experience necessary. Fee \$150.

Fr Tom will lead a Lenten retreat at St Michael Orthodox Church in Broadview Heights (near Cleveland) OH on "An Orthodox Perspective of Suffering" and "Servant Leadership" on Saturday, March 7th.

Vigil Light Donations (Please remember the following people in your prayers): **From Marsha Wasilko** for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the health of Raymond & Cora Wasilko on their birthdays. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents), Charles & Mary; for the health of (brother) Raymond and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Darius Walat; for the health of George, Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen March Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servant, Mat. Olga Soroka; for the health of Michael Lopez, Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, George Shaytar and David Zeronski. **From Marina Petrov** for the health of family & friends and Mom—Happy Birthday! **From Tom & Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, George, Johanna and Beverly Porvaznik and Victor Robes; for the health of baby Anna Elizabeth and Great Granny Robes; for Granny's 88th birthday and Anna's chrismation. **From Mat. Joni Soroka** for the departed servant, Fr. Vladimir Soroka; for the health (mother) Barbara Naiser for a speedy recovery; special intention. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants, Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank, Nicholas, Nicholas, Fr. Paul~Memory Eternal; for the health of (children) Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, Carol, Nancy, Reader Michael, Steve, Violet, Joyce, John, Theodore, Donya (on her birthday); community of St. Nicholas Parish; men & women serving our country; special intentions.

