

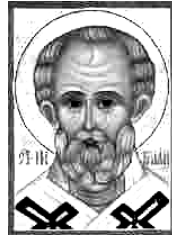
February 22, 2009
Martyrs at the Gate of Eugenius

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Sunday of the Last Judgment

Schedule of Services and Activities

Wednesday, February 25th – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 25th – 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 28th – 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 1st – 10:00 AM

Blini Dinner following Liturgy. See announcement below.

Sunday, March 1st – 7:00 PM

Daily Vespers

Bible Study

Great Vespers

Divine Liturgy

Forgiveness Vespers

Congratulations to Jeff and Juliana Hollowood on the baptism of their son, Vaughn Joshua. May God grant him many years! Everyone is cordially invited downstairs to a luncheon served by the Yewisiak and Hollowood families in honor of Vaughn after the Divine Liturgy.

Our Annual Blini Luncheon will be held next Sunday (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.

Please consider signing up to host the Lenten Fellowship following the Presanctified Liturgy any Wednesday during the Great Fast to provide a simple Lenten meal. The sheet is near the kitchen.

Our annual Lenten collection “Easter Baskets for Needy Families” will be underway soon. Please look for the insert in next week’s bulletin for needed items; however, monetary donations are also accepted for perishable items and for gifts for children. Please see Donya Yewisiak, project coordinator, for more information. Deadline is Sunday, April 5th.

The Young Adult Group is making plans for a pre-Lenten outing on Saturday, February 28th at 7:30 PM at the Melting Pot, Station Square. Please see Melissa Graff for more info. All Young Adults (and those young at heart) are welcomed to attend!

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!

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).

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!

From the Parish Council: Standing Committee sign-up sheets are located downstairs in the church hall. These committees function as ways in which members of St Nicholas can be actively involved with the direction and mission of the parish. Parishioners are encouraged to sign-up so they can use their talents for health and growth of the Church. These committees include the Financial Committee, the Maintenance Committee, Membership Services, and Long Range Planning. In addition, since the parish has expressed a near term goal of updating the church building to have bathrooms, a better kitchen, etc. the "Church Building Renovation Committee" has been formed by the Parish Council. This committee also has a sign-up sheet available downstairs and will work on plans to submit to the parish in the near future.

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

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.

Thank you to everyone who made the February Hoagie/Wrap Sale a success. With your help and support, our profit for February was \$490.36. Our next Hoagie/Wrap Sale will be held on March 18/19, 2009.

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 Carol Kowalcheck, Helen March Shancey, (sisters) Doris & Marsha; Many Years to Anna Elizabeth Robes on her baptism. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants (parents), Charles & Mary; for the health of the Wasilko family 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 (grandson) Michael Lopez, Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, George Shaytar and David Zeronski. **From Marina Petrov** for the health of my family. **From Tom & Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, George Porvaznik and Victor Robes; for the health of Ron Robes and Georgiann; for the chrismation of Anna Elizabeth. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa and Frank & Anna Namisnak; for the health Helen Shancey, Carol Kowalcheck, Edward Belfiore, Wilbert Jester and Marsha. **From Chuck Conrad** for the health of Barb Fitzgerald. **From Jeff and Juliana Hollowood** for their newly baptized son, Vaughn Joshua, and for his godparents, Aaron Soroka and Tatiana Yewisiak.

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Welcome to our visitors!

While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting, non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service. Please join us downstairs for coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy.

Tone 3

Troparion of the Resurrection

Let the heavens rejoice!
Let the earth be glad!
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm!
He has trampled down death by death!
He has become the first born of the dead!
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,
and has granted to the world great mercy.

Tone 1

Kontakion of the Triodion

When Thou, O God, shalt come to earth with glory,
all things shall tremble
and the river of fire shall flow before Thy judgment seat;
the books shall be opened and the hidden things disclosed;
then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,
and make me worthy to stand at Thy right hand, O righteous judge.

Tone 3

Prokeimenon (Psalm 146)

Great is our Lord and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure!

Epistle (1 Cor 8:8-9:2)

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of

your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Gospel (Matthew 25:31-46)

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’

“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’

“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

“Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the Heavens. Praise Him in the highest. Alleluia!

The dates for the 2009 Paschalion are as follows:

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