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Divine Services and Events for March 2013

Sunday, March 3rd, Commemoration of the Prodigal Son (Tone #6)

Saints of the Day – Martyr Eutropius of Amasea and with him, Martyrs Cleonicus and Basiliscus

Matins Gospel Lesson – St. Luke 24: 36-53

Epistle Lesson – I Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel Lesson – St. Luke 15: 11-32

-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

-11:00 AM – Church School in the church hall

Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the souls of our departed **Vetetima-Women's Society** members. (Annual Commemoration)

Fellowship is in the church hall hosted by the society in memory of their departed sisters. Each member is asked to bring a dessert for fellowship.

The **Annual Meeting** of the **Vetetima-Women's Society** will convene following fellowship to elect officers for 2013 and conduct any necessary business. Members are asked to stay for this meeting. New members are welcome.

Note – Today is the last day to purchase your ticket for the Valentine Dinner Party, which was postponed last month due to weather conditions.

Tuesday, March 5th, A monthly parish council meeting will be held in the church hall beginning at 6:30 PM

Saturday, March 9th, Memorial Saturday

Epistle Lesson – I Thessalonians 4: 13-17 Gospel Lesson – St. John 5: 24-30

Note – **The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom will begin at 9:00 AM**

followed by a Memorial Litany for the repose of the souls of all the departed members of our church. Please contact Fr. Joseph by calling the church office before Friday, March 8th, if you wish to update your list of family names.

Valentine Dinner Party in the church hall beginning with a meet and greet at 5:30 PM followed by the dinner party.

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 AM, Sunday, March 10th. Remember to set your clock ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night!

Sunday, March 10th, Sunday of the Last Judgment and Meat Fare Sunday (Tone #7)

Saints of the Day – Martyr Quadratus and those with him

Matins Gospel Lesson – St. John 20: 1-10

Epistle Lesson – I Corinthians 8: 8 – 9: 2

Gospel Lesson – St. Matthew 25: 31-46

-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

-11:00 AM – Church School in the church hall

Fellowship in the church hall

Sunday, March 17th, Cheese Fare Sunday–Forgiveness Sunday

Commemoration of the Expulsion of Adam from Paradise (Tone #8)

Saints of the Day – Venerable Alexius the Man of God and St. Patrick, Bishop of Armagh, Enlightener of Ireland

Matins Gospel Lesson – St. John 20: 11-18

Epistle Lesson – Romans 13: 11-14: 4 Gospel Lesson – St. Matthew 6: 14-21

-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

-11:00 AM – Church School in the church hall

Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul Julia H. Christie (Three Years) offered by The Christie Family.

-Fellowship in the church hall is in memory of Julia H. Christie hosted by The Christie Family.

Monday, March 18th, is the first day of the Great Lenten Period in the Orthodox Church. This period lasts for forty days. Sincere prayer, fasting, repentance, and forgiveness should be the focus of every Orthodox Christian's life, especially during Great Lent.

Friday, March 22nd,

-7:00 PM – Salutations to the Mother of God (Salutation I) hosted by our church. His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON will preside and the Massachusetts Deanery Clergy will participate. A special offering will be taken at the conclusion of the service for the spiritual work of the Massachusetts Deanery Clergy.

A Lenten meal will be served by the ladies of our church in the church hall following the service. Gloria Estey is the volunteer coordinator for this meal. Contact Gloria if you wish to donate a food dish or assist with the set up or serving the meal.

Saturday, March 23rd, The First Saturday of Great Lent – Commemoration of St. Theodore the Tyro (The Recruit)

Epistle Lesson – II Timothy 2: 1-10 Gospel Lesson – St. John 15: 17-16: 2

-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom and the Blessing of Koliva

Sunday, March 24th, First Sunday of Great Lent – Sunday of Orthodoxy and the Commemoration of the Annunciation of the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary the Patronal Feast Day of our Church (Tone #1)

Matins Gospel Lesson – St. Luke 1: 39-49, 56

Epistle Lessons – Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32-12: 2 & Hebrews 2: 11-18

Gospel Lessons – St. John 1: 43-51 & St. Luke 1: 24-38

-9:30 AM – Greeting His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON

-10:00 AM – The Hierarchal Divine Liturgy followed by the procession with Holy Icons by our church school teachers and students.

Fellowship is our Patronal Feast Day Brunch in the church hall

Note – No church school at 11:00 AM. Our teachers and students will prepare to process with the Holy Icons. A table will be reserved for our church school students to sit with His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON during the brunch.

A special welcome to His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON, Archbishop of Boston, New England, the Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in America and Locum Tenens of the Diocese of the South, during his Archpastoral visit to our church as we commemorate the Annunciation of the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, the Patronal Feast of our church. **MANY YEARS MASTER!**

Sunday, March 31st, Second Sunday of Great Lent–Commemoration of St. Gregory of Palamas (Tone #2)

Saints of the Day – Repose of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow and St. Hypatius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gangra

Matins Gospel Lesson – St. John 21: 1-14

Epistle Lesson – Hebrews 1: 10-2:3 Gospel Lesson – St. Mark 2: 1-12

-9:30 AM – Preparation Prayers followed by General Confession

-10:00 AM – The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

-11:00 AM – Church School in the church hall

Memory Eternal – A Memorial Litany for the repose of the soul of William S. James (40th Day) offered by The James and Mandozzi Families.

-Fellowship in the church hall is in memory of William S. James hosted by The James and Mandozzi Families.

A Thought

“As I ponder in my wretchedness the many evil things I have done, I tremble for the fearful day of judgment. But trusting in Thy merciful compassion, like David do I cry to Thee: Have mercy on me, O God, in Thy great mercy.”

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee Matins Verse

Welcome to all visitors joining our church community for Sunday Divine Liturgy. Fr. Joseph, the members of our Parish Council, and our church community wish to thank you for praying with us and we hope you will return again. Please sign our guest book located in the rear of the church, and join us for fellowship following Divine Liturgy in our church hall.

Congratulations To Our Church Members Celebrating Their Patronal Saint Name Day Of St. Theodore Tyro (The Recruit) – March 23rd, Blessed Prince Daniel of Moscow – March 4th, The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste – March 9th, St. Patrick, Bishop of Armagh, Enlightener of Ireland – March 17th, St. Theodore Tyro (The Recruit) – March 23rd, Annunciation of the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary – March 25th, **May God Grant You Many Years!**