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—Schedule of Divine Services—

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST—(SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS—IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCHES) (Tone 2)

OUR HOLY FATHER PATRICK, ENLIGHTENER OF IRELAND

- Saturday Mar. 16** 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
- Sunday Mar. 17** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
9:30AM Third Hour
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil and the Mystery of Christian Initiation of Victoria Sogja
Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 & Romans 6:3-11; Mark 2:1-12 & Matthew 28:16-20
11:20AM General Moleben for Roberta Kopmar & Family by Christopher Lievano & Family
11:45AM ECF

Wednesday Mar. 20 OUR VENERABLE FATHERS OF THE ST. SABBAS MONASTERY,

KILLED BY SARACENES (796) (simple abstinence from meat)

- 7:30PM Scripture Study on the Epistle to the Hebrews
8:30PM Great Compline for the Great Fast

Friday Mar. 22 THE HOLY MARTYR BASIL, PRIEST OF ANCYRA (simple abstinence from meat)

- 7:30PM Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
8:30PM Pot-luck dinner in the narthex

Saturday Mar. 23 THIRD ALL SOULS SATURDAY—THE HOLY MARTYRS NICON AND HIS STUDENTS

- 10:00AM Divine Liturgy for those Inscribed in Our Diptics

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST—VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS—PREFESTIVE DAY OF ANNUNCIATION (Tone 3)

- Saturday Mar. 23** 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for a special intention
- Sunday Mar. 24** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
9:30AM Third Hour
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Mark 8:34-9:1
11:45AM ECF/Adult Education classes continue

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment or before and after weekday services

During the month of March, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle
for a Special Intention by Alex Adekambi

Stewardship 3/03/2019	Total March:	\$7,231.00
Offertory \$3,384.00	March Operating Budget	
Stewardship 3/10/2019	\$13,255	
Offertory \$3,847.00		

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: James Murray, Deborah Deduck, Patricia Rabayda, and Catherine Garcia. May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.—Please let Fr. Lewis know if anyone should be added or taken away from this prayer list.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: The class on the prophets will resume on Sunday, March 24. Dcn. James is ill this week, please keep his recovery in your prayers.

HEBREW BIBLE STUDY: This week we will read chapters 6,7, & 8 and begin to talk about the High Priesthood of Jesus Christ. If you like, you may bring your own Bible and stay for a very beautiful service of Great Compline.

COURAGE AND ENCOURAGE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD

AT EPIPHANY: We are very happy to join the Legionaires of Christ by sponsoring a “Conference on a pastoral approach to those suffering from same-sex attraction in the light Christ’s merciful love” at 4:30PM on Sunday, March 31. The speaker of the conference will be Fr. Philip Bochanski, the executive director of Courage and EnCourage. These organizations are fully supported by the Catholic Church and embrace Catholic teaching in the areas of same sex attraction and for the family and loved one of those who experience same-sex attraction. If you are interested in learning about this important issue, please plan on attending.

THIRD HOUR DURING THE GREAT FAST: We will be continuing to pray the Third Hour before the Sunday Divine Liturgy on Sunday’s of the Great Fast. These will usually begin at 9:40AM and end just before the Divine Liturgy. However, this Sunday we will be having a Baptism, so the Third Hour will begin 10 minutes early so as to allow us to

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- Mar. 17 Rite of Christian Initiation of Victoria Sogja
Mar. 23 3rd All Souls Saturday
Mar. 25 Annunciation of the Theotokos (Solemn Holy Day)
Mar. 31 Courage & EnCourage Conference
with Fr. Philip Bochanski in the nave 4:30PM

begin the Baptisms a little earlier than 10AM. Please consider this little bit of extra prayer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SOGJA FAMILY! Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Sogja on the Baptism of their second child, Victoria Sogja! May God grant your newly enlightened child Victoria and your family many graces and many blessed years!

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS: There are still a few months available for offering the Sanctuary Lamp for special intentions and memorials for 2019. The suggested offering is \$50/month.

LENTEN DONATIONS: We will participate in the Baby Bottle Boomerang as an option for almsgiving outside of the parish during this Great Fast. There is often a complaint about Christians that in being Pro-Life they fight to defend the unborn child, but then seldom offer ways and means to take care of these previously unwanted children when the mothers do decide to bring them to term and allow them life. This is definitely one way in which we can all contribute to Life by offering the financial support that mothers in need require to choose life instead of death. I pray that we will be generous in our giving, so that in providing life, we too will experience an abundance of life. <https://supporttheopecenter.com>

ROSWELL DANCE THEATRE: Parishioners Elizabeth and William Parnaby will be performing with the Roswell Dance Theatre in their production of “Anastasia” on March 23-24 at the Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$20-28 and are available at SpringBalletConcert.com. The Atlanta

EVAGRIOS THE SOLITARY (345-399AD): ON PRAYER excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

32. Often when I have prayed I have asked for what I thought was good, and persisted in my petition, stupidly importuning the will of God, and not leaving it to Him to arrange things as He knows is best for me. But when I have obtained what I asked for, I have been very sorry that I did not ask for the will of God to be done; because the thing turned out not to be as I had thought.

Dance Theatre will perform “Peter Pan” as part of the same show, so it’s two ballets for the price of one.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE: This past summer we began to do our own lawn and grounds care which has saved us a huge amount of money. **We are looking for 2 additional volunteers to help with lawn maintenance this year.** We found last year that it takes two people per week to cut the grass which only takes a few hours. If we could get two additional people, the schedule would be for that person to dedicate a few hours once a month. If interested in donating your time for the beautification of our parish grounds, please contact Ed Klotz at Ed@trinitasgroup.net, or 404-901-0155.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY TO PROMOTE MOVIE ABOUT ABORTION: Our parishioner, Hannah Grace Fuchko, is in the process of beginning a Pro-Life young adult ministry and is asking for those who are interested to join. She is promoting the upcoming independent film Unplanned, which can be learned about at <https://www.unplannedfilm.com>.

FASTING REGULATIONS: Every person who receives Holy Communion and is a subject of the Eparchy of Passaic is obligated to participate in the prescribed Fast. This is: no meat or dairy on Monday, Mar. 4, & Friday, April 19. No meat on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast. Of course, Bishop Kurt Burnette and Father Lewis Rabayda encourage everyone to go further in their fasting regimen so that the celebration of Pascha is truly a joy and celebration of not only Jesus’ Resurrection, but also our own resurrection with Him! **Fr. Lewis also recommends taking off work on Good and Holy Friday, April 19 to fully enter into a day of prayer.**

NEW PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY NOW IN THE FALL: We have rescheduled our new parish photo directory for the fall with dates to be out soon. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we look forward to that in the Fall. We will have a new Parish phone directory coming out soon.

READER INSTALLATION ON PALM SUNDAY: Those who have been training to be new Readers will have more practices on the coming Sunday afternoons with Subdeacon John Reed, please see him for the schedule. However, we will be blessing our newly trained Readers on Palm Sunday, April 14 after the Ambon Prayer. They will then be equipped to participate in the many readings of the services of Great and Holy Week.

DAYS OF ALLELUIA & PROSTRATIONS: The weekdays during the Great Fast are called Days of Alleluia. One aspect of this is that the Divine Liturgy is specifically not to be celebrated. This is why we have the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts, because the Sacrifice of the Liturgy of the Eucharist is a joyous celebration, it cannot be done during a period of fasting and repentance. Also, during the weekday services we will have the opportunity to prostrate. These can be difficult with pews, but please do not feel unwelcome to enter into the aisles in order to make a full prostration. A full prostration is to make the sign of the cross, bend on both knees, place one’s hands on the floor and touch one’s forehead to the floor solemnly. Fr. Lewis will be leading these for anyone who may not be familiar.

FRIDAY PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY AND POTLUCK: We will be celebrating the Presanctified Divine Liturgy on Friday’s of the Great Fast. This is a beautiful Lenten service where we sing about the austerity of the Fast and enter into its life-giving spirituality. We will also be holding a small pot-luck meal afterwards. In order to be prepared for it, we ask that those who wish to bring something sign up on the sheet in the narthex. See you there!

APOSTICA OF THE THIRD MONDAY OF THE GREAT FAST:

“Foolishly, I threw off my paternal guidance, and I have grazed my flock amid unruly thoughts. I have wasted all my life in recklessness; woe is me! Deprived of the food that strengthens the hearts, I have tasted the pleasures that satisfy for but a moment. O Father, in your goodness, do not close the door of your heart to me; open it to me, receive me as the Prodigal and save me.”