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—Schedule of Divine Services—

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY; MEMORY OF THE HOLY PROPHETS—TONE 5

- Saturday Feb. 25** 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for Daniel Malakauskas by David & Sarah Malakauskas with Procession of Icons for the Sunday of Orthodoxy (**don't forget to bring your icons!**)
- Sunday Feb. 26** 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 & Gospel: John 1:43-51 with Procession of Icons for the Sunday of Orthodoxy (**don't forget to bring your icons!**)
11:30AM Panachida for the repose of +Daniel Cunningham by Jane Cunningham
11:45AM ECF & Adult Education Ezekiel Ch 25-30
- Wednesday Mar. 1** **Our Venerable Martyr Eudoxia** (abstinence from meat)
6:30PM Great Compline
- Friday Mar. 3** **Holy Martyr Eutropius & His Companions Cleonicus & Basiliscus** (abstinence from meat)
6:30PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Bragg Family with the **2nd All Souls Panachida** for those inscribed in our Dyptics

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST: GREGORY PALAMAS—TONE 6

- Saturday Mar. 4** 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the Malakauskas Family by Sandra Malakauskas
- Sunday Mar. 5** 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 & Gospel: Mark 2:1-12
11:30AM Panachida for the repose of Ukrainian +Bishop Emeritus John Bura by Mike & Irene Laschuk
11:45AM ECF & Adult Education Ezekiel Ch 31-36
- *Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

During the month of March, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for +Mykola & +Paraskevia Scheremeta by Mike & Irene Laschuk

CHANGES TO SUNDAY LITURGY: You may notice that during the Fast we replace the usual Sunday Antiphons with the Typical Psalms and the Beatitudes. This is a liturgical option for us, and some churches choose to pray them during fasting periods. The Beatitudes are some of the basic teachings of Christ, and it is beneficial

for us to contemplate these teachings during the fast, so we can once again apply them to our lives the whole year long. Blessed Fast to all.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY: Next Sunday will be the first Sunday of the Great Fast. The First Sunday was

historically dedicated to the Holy Prophets of the Old Covenant. But shortly after the Restoration of the Holy Icons on March 11, 843—after a long period of controversy over their use in religious worship and the Christian Faith—this First Sunday was then dedicated to the Orthodox (right belief) Faith. The orthodox faith of all Churches in communion with each-other and with Rome has taught that images or any representation are helpful aids in our catechism and worship, and any reverence does not reside in physical materials, but passes to the one being represented, while also maintaining that worship is proper to the Holy Trinity alone, but that veneration in itself, is not worship. We will celebrate this event by processing around the church after the Ambon Prayer with our favorite icons, and declare the decrees of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. **So, please don't forget to bring your favorite icons with you next Saturday & Sunday!**

SCREENING OF, "WHERE ARE YOU, ADAM?": We have



been invited by our Russian Orthodox neighbors to a screening of a Ukrainian documentary of life on Mount Athos, Greece. The film is in Greek with English subtitles, and appears to show life on the Holy Mountain, similar to (but possibly more dramat-

ic than) the film "Into Great Silence" featuring the Carthusian Monks in France—if you have seen that. Screening is at the Aurora Cinaplex on 5100 Commerce

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Fr. John Azar, Barbara Vincent, Stephanie & Bernie Pardee, Ihor Bilyy, Robin Cutcuin, Fr. Robert Stash, Patricia Reed, Mario Marione, Brenda Bryant, Ernie & Patricia Holewinski, John Gollner, Logan Camacho, John Rooth, Suzanne Pichnarcik, and Anna Cospelich. *May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.*

Also, our deployed military members: Pvt. Bryan Buck, Pvt. Michael Fuchko, Sailor David Russo, Sergeant Francis "Joseph" Fuchko, and Commander William Bridges. *May God's Divine Care and Mercy be given to them and may their Guardian Angels protect them from harm.—Please let Fr. Lewis know if anyone should be added or taken away from these lists.*

Parkway, Roswell on Sunday, Feb 26 at 6:00PM. One may need tickets beforehand.

2022 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: So far, 25 families have contributed \$10,695 towards our goal of \$10,800! If we reach or exceed our goal, the parish will receive a rebate of 40% of that total after the campaign has concluded.

PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE: Quotes are being procured for some work involved in the project based on survey questions. Survey will be approved after quotes received. There will be a meeting with the parish before we enter into the final stages of this project, as it has grown in size and will cover many sections of the property based on Roswell's requirements.

GIVING ENVELOPES DELAYED: Our printer said the envelopes will be sent to us sometime in February. **2023 Liturgical Wall Calendars are now available!**

A NOTE ON ALITURGICAL DAYS: The Great Fast officially begins on Clean Monday, Feb. 20. From the Typicon: "All days of the Great Fast are days of Alleluia [aliturghicals days], unless otherwise noted." This means that they are days on which we cannot "celebrate" the Divine Liturgy. However, we do have the opportunity to celebrate the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, or as some call it, the Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory, so that we can still be fed with the Bread of Life on our journey through the Great Fast.

Welcome to our parish!

We are glad that you have chosen to participate in the Divine Liturgy with us today and we pray that it has been a spiritually nourishing experience. If you would like to register as a parishioner or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

The Mysteries (Sacraments) of the Church are available for all Baptized Catholics in Good Standing. This means that a Catholic attends Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation, utilizes the Mystery of Repentance at least once a year, receives the Eucharist at least once a year, observes the church's penitential seasons and fasting regulations to include abstaining from meat or an equivalent penance on all Fridays except when mitigated, supports the Church in Her temporal needs through offering of time, talent, and treasure, and believes the Church's teachings on faith and morals.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 26 "Where Are You Adam?" Film Screening
- Mar. 3 Presanctified Liturgy with All Souls Panachida
- Mar. 19 Monthly Birthday Celebration & Picnic
- Mar. 15 Mid-Lent
- Mar. 22 Matins with Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- Mar. 25 Annunciation (solemn feastday)

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Stewardship 2/19/2023	Feb. Off. Total:	\$7,229.13
Offertory \$2,295	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$295
Online Giving \$392.18	Feb. Op. Budget	\$9,500
Capital Improvement \$75		

Changeable Parts of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil February 25/26 for the Teal Pew Book 1st of Fast, Sunday of Orthodoxy

Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil: p. 104
Propers Tone 5: p. 143

Typical Psalms 1&2 *simple form* A: p. 16
Hymn of the Incarnation: B p. 19

Beatitudes (in place of 3rd antiphon) p. 23

Tropar. T5 p.146 & Holy Icons p. 220 & Kontak. p. 220

Thrice Holy Hymn: A p. 27

Cherubikon: F p. 47

Creed: A p. 52

Holy, Holy, Holy: Basil Melody A p. 96

"We praise you, we bless you...": Basil Melody A p. 98

Our Father: Tone 4 Podoben p. 74

"We Have Seen": B p.83

"May Our Mouths Be Filled": B p.85

"Blessed be the Name of the Lord": B p. 88

Thanksgiving Prayers: p.95-96

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AFTER THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

—consider adding these to your daily prayers—

This week we will contemplate the prophets who foretold the Messiah. We also commemorate the restoration of the icons after a long period of iconoclasm, or icon smashing. The icons were triumphantly processed back into full veneration in the year 843.

APOSTICA OF VESPERS

T2 Glory: We who have turned away from the darkness of disbelief and have been enlightened by the light of knowledge, now sing our psalms of acclamation. May our praise and thanksgiving rise up to God! And let us bow with respect before the holy icons of Christ, the Mother of God and of all the saints. Let us reject the godlessness of those who do not follow the true faith. For Saint Basil has said: The veneration of icon passes over to the one who is represented. Through the intercession of your most pure Mother and all the saints, we implore You, O Christ, to grant us your great mercy.

Now and ever: We now behold a new wonder, greater than the wonders of old. For who has ever known a mother to bear a child without the help of man? Who has known a mother to hold within her arms the Source of all creation? It was God's own will to be born in this manner; and you, O most pure Virgin, carried Him as an infant in your arms. Because of this, you can approach God with the boldness of a mother. Therefore, we venerate you and ask you to always beseech Him to have mercy on us and save our souls.

KONTAKION

O Mother of God, through you, in the incarnation, the indescribable Word of God became describable; for through the divine goodness, the Word spoken from eternity became an Image. May we, who believe in salvation, clothe ourselves in the same image both in word and deed.

IKOS OF MATINS

The mystery of our salvation was announced in times of old by the divinely inspired prophets. They foretold this illumination for us who have come to these last days. Through this we come to the knowledge of God, one God and Lord, glorified in three Persons, the only One whom we serve. Having one faith and one baptism, we have been clothed with Christ. May we, who believe in salvation, clothe ourselves in the same image both in word and deed.

HYMN OF LIGHT OF MATINS

Glory: Let us exult in joy and clap our hands, and in joy, let us sing: How wonderful are your works, O Christ! Who can tell of our power, O Lord? For You gather your Church in peace and harmony.

Now and ever: The sword of heresy has disappeared and its memory has vanished; and when we see your temple, O Mother of God, adorned with the grace of the venerated icons, we are filled with joy and delight.

Fasting Regulations for the Great Fast

EPARCHIAL REGULATIONS: All who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast—there is no alternative penance. All adults who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat, eggs, and milk products on the first day of The Fast, Monday, Feb. 20, and on Great and Holy Friday, April 7.

FROM THE TYPICON (A GUIDEBOOK FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY AND DIVINE OFFICE): “In the Great Fast, abstinence from meat, fish, dairy products, alcohol and foods cooked in oil was prescribed for all days, except days of mitigation. All Saturdays and Sundays, February 24, March 9, Wednesday to Friday of the Fifth Week, the Prefestive Day and Leave-taking of Annunciation were mitigations for wine and oil. The Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday were general mitigations. The Ruthenian Metropolia prescribes strict abstinence (from meat and dairy products) on the First Monday of the Great Fast and on Good Friday,

and abstinence from meat on all Wednesdays and Fridays.”

DISPENSATION: Pastors and Administrators may, for a just cause, grant to the individual faithful and to individual families, dispensations or commutations of the fasting rules into other pious practices. Those who are pregnant or nursing, and those in advanced age may seek dispensations for health reasons.

POSSIBLE FASTING REGIMINES: Enclosed are a variety of fasting possibilities for those who seek the spiritual benefit of challenging themselves to a deeper participation in the Great Fast. One can start simple and increase the difficulty as the Fast progresses. **Either way, all are encouraged to do more than the minimum, except the elderly, pregnant, small children, and those with special medical issues.**

							Fasting Required by our Eparchy
		First Day of the Fast Strict Fast					
Sunday No Fasting	Monday No Fasting	Tuesday No Fasting	Wednesday Fast from meat	Thursday No Fasting	Friday Fast from meat	Saturday No Fasting	
						Good Friday Strict Fast	

							Option 1 Additional Fasting
		First Day of the Fast Strict Fast					
Sunday No Fasting	Monday Fast from meat	Tuesday No Fasting	Wednesday Fast from meat	Thursday No Fasting	Friday Fast from meat	Saturday No Fasting	
						Good Friday Strict Fast	

First Day
of the Fast
Strict Fast

Option 2 Additional Fasting

Sunday No Fasting	Monday Fast from meat	Tuesday Fast from meat	Wednesday Fast from meat	Thursday Fast from meat	Friday Fast from meat	Saturday No Fasting
					Good Friday Strict Fast	

First Day
of the Fast
Strict Fast

Option 3 Additional Fasting

Sunday No Fasting	Monday Fast from meat	Tuesday Fast from meat	Wednesday Strict Fast	Thursday Fast from meat	Friday Strict Fast	Saturday No Fasting
					Good Friday Strict Fast	

First Day
of the Fast
Strict Fast

Option 4 Additional Fasting

Sunday Fast from meat	Monday Strict Fast	Tuesday Strict Fast	Wednesday Strict Fast	Thursday Strict Fast	Friday Strict Fast	Saturday Fast from meat
					Good Friday Strict Fast	

Special Notes

The tradition also suggests that fish with a backbone is considered flesh and meat, however, any type of shellfish is permitted all days of the fast. It is also the tradition that both wine and oil are abstained from as well; this may have been because of their storage in animal skins, but either way, alcohol is good to abstain from during the Great Fast.