

March 10, 2019

Upcoming Services:

- Sun. Mar. 10, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Forgiveness Sunday
Mon. Mar. 11, 7:00 pm. - St. Andrew's Kanon for Clean Monday
Wed. Mar. 13, 6:30 pm. - Presanctified Liturgy
Fri. Mar. 15, 9:30 am. - Presanctified Liturgy
Sat. Mar. 16, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers
Sun. Mar. 17, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for Orthodoxy Sunday
Wed. Mar. 20, 6:30 pm. - Presanctified Liturgy
Fri. Mar. 22, 9:30 am. - Presanctified Liturgy

Romans 13:11 - 14:4

Matthew 6: 14 - 21

Reader Schedule:

Sun, Mar. 10 - Cynthia Neff
Sun, Mar. 17 - Kurtis Lauser
Sun, Mar. 24 - Greg Kuzmenchuk

Sunday of Forgiveness - Cheese-Fare Sunday:

In the Orthodox Church the last Sunday before Great Lent is the day on which Lent is liturgically announced and inaugurated. It is called Forgiveness Sunday. On the morning of that Sunday we hear the words of Christ, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." [Mark 6:14-15]

Why is it that the Church wants us to begin Lenten season with forgiveness and reconciliation? For many people Lent means primarily a change of diet. They understand fasting as a good deed required by God. But the Church reveals that fasting is but a means towards a higher goal of man to return to God, true repentance, and reconciliation. The Church warns against a hypocritical and pharisaic fasting, reducing religion to mere external obligations. As a Lenten hymn says: "In vain do you rejoice in no eating, O soul! For you abstain from food, but from passions you are not purified. If you persevere in sin, you will perform a useless fast."

Forgiveness stands at the very center of Christian faith and of Christian life because Christianity itself is the religion of forgiveness. God forgives us, and His forgiveness is in Christ, His son, whom He sends to us, so that by sharing in His humanity we may share in His love and be truly reconciled with God. Christianity has no other content but love. And it is primarily the renewal of that love, a return to it, a growth in it, that we seek in Great Lent, in fasting and prayer, in the entire spirit and the entire effort of that season. Thus, forgiveness is both the beginning of and the proper condition for the Lenten season.

Birthdays:

March 10 - Helen Domsohn

Upcoming Events:

- Mar. 10, Sun. - Adult Religious Education
during Coffee Hour
Mar. 11, Mon. Great Lent begins
Mar. 13 Wed. - Lenten Potluck Dinner
following liturgy in the church hall
Mar. 17 Sun. - Sisterhood meeting
following liturgy in the church hall
Mar. 19 Tue. - Executive Board Meeting
in the church hall. (7:00 pm)
Mar. 20 Wed. - Lenten Potluck Dinner
following liturgy in the church hall

Spring Bazaar Cooking Schedule

- Mar. 22, Fri. - Sauerkraut prep., 8:30 am
Mar. 23, Sat. - Sauerkraut Pierogies, 8:30 am
Mar. 24, Sun. - Fruit Pierogies, 12 noon
Apr. 1 & 2 - Fruit roll making

Bulletin Additions

Provide bulletin additions to Wesley Hatch by Friday at 9 pm

Anniversaries:

March 10 - Darryl & Sharon Perry

Notices:

No Foods Available

All food sales are suspended until the Spring Bazaar, April 6.

Giant Gift Cards

Giant gift cards are an easy way to help support our church, as sales from them endorse credits back to the church. See Janet Flocco or Greg to purchase.

Preparing for the Spring Bazaar

Holy Ghost is having a Spring Bazaar on **April 6, 9am - Noon.** "Carry Out Food" only - Religious Items - Church Tours. Volunteers are needed the day of the bazaar to help with bulk order sales, greet arriving people, and clean up afterwards.

March Charity

Priest's Discretionary Outreach Fund

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Sandy Knisley, Erin Bove, Florine, Charline Ene, Linda, Salwa, Richard Ziegler, Karen, Donna & Bill Brown