

February 23, 2020

1 Corinthians 8:8 - 9:2
Matthew 25: 31 - 46

Upcoming Services:

- Sun. Feb. 23, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours 8:45 am
- Sat. Feb. 29, 5:00 pm. - Great Vespers
- Sun. Mar. 1, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours 8:45 am
- Mon. Mar. 2, 7:00 pm. - St. Andrew's Kanon for Clean Monday
- Wed. Mar. 4, 6:30 pm. - Presanctified Liturgy
- Fri. Mar. 6, 9:30 am. - Presanctified Liturgy

Vespers: Vespers will be starting at 6 pm beginning March 14

Sunday of the Last Judgement - Meat-Fare Sunday:

When we think about Lent we think about giving up. We think about how difficult fasting is going to be during the weeks ahead. We talk about our fasting, and very often we think about fasting as being something negative. In reality fasting is not just about giving something up, but it should also be about giving - giving of ourselves. If you want proof of this just listen to what our Lord has to say in the Gospel of Saint Matthew 25:31-46.

Then the Lord will say to those on His right hand side: "Come, you who are blessed of my Father, for when I was hungry you gave me something to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me something to drink, when I was a stranger you took me into your house, naked and you covered me, sick and you come to visit me, and when I was in prison you come to see me."

Then the just ones will say unto Him: "Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and give You something to wear, or see You sick or in prison, and come to You?"

And answering them the King will say unto them, "Amen I say to you, as long as you did to one of these, you did this unto me!"

Now you may hear from some of your friends that they are so lonely, that they feel so alone, that they feel like they have nothing to live for, or that there is no meaning to life. "My phone never rings; the grandchildren never visit; I never get asked out to dinner; no one seems to care about me."

Well, Our Lord has given us a way to change all of these negative feelings. If we want to have a great day we must stop thinking about what we think we don't have and think about what we do have, and what is that? It is the love we hold inside of ourselves, the love that we should be giving to those in need. It is the reaching out to others.

Let all of us start thinking about lent as giving and receiving. May we think about Great Lent as something positive. When we do for others the reward is wonderful within itself. And when we fast because we do it out of love for our Lord, and also for our need to grow spiritually, our savior will give us so much happiness in return, because we will be doing everything for the right reason.

The bottom line of this homily is LOVE. We must always remember that when we give with a pure heart our God will give us so much more in return.

Reader Schedule:
 Sun. Feb. 23 - Kurtis Lauser
 Sun. Mar. 1 - Jim Hamer
 Sun. Mar. 8 - Wesley Hatch
 Sun. Mar. 15 - Greg Kuzmenchuk

Birthdays:

- February 23 - Michael Euler
- February 27 - Josh Domsohn

Upcoming Events:

- March 2, Mon. - Great Lent begins
- March 4, Wed. - Lenten Potluck Dinner
following liturgy in the church hall
- March 8, Sun. - Daylight Saving Time begins
Don't be late for church.
- March 9, Mon. 7 pm- Spring Bazaar meeting
- Mar. 24, Tue. - 7:00 pm. Executive Board Mtg.
- April 4, Sat, 9am - noon - Spring Bazaar
- April 4, Sat, all day - Lenten Retreat

Notices:

Preparing for the Spring Bazaar

The Holy Ghost Spring Bazaar is on April 4, 9am - Noon. "Carry Out Food" only - Religious Items - Church Tours. Volunteers are needed the day of the bazaar to help with sales, greeting people, and clean up. Preparation starts at 7:30 am.

Spring Bazaar Cooking Schedule

- Mar. 6, Fri. - Nut Roll prep., 6:30 pm
- Mar. 7, Sat. - Nut Roll making, 8:30 am
- Mar. 15, Sun. - Fruit Pierogies, making 12pm
- Mar. 21, Sat. - Nut roll making, 8:30 am
- Mar. 27, Fri. - Potato prep., 6:00 pm
- Mar. 28, Sat. - Pierogies, 8:30 am

Foods for Sale

Pierogis - potato/cheese, Sweet potato, Sauerkraut, or mushroom, Halushki (noodles & cabbage), Rolls - Pumpkin, Apple, Apricot, Smoked Kielbasa, & Borscht soup

Food Sales

Food sales will be suspending on March 1 until the Spring Bazaar.

Anniversaries:

None this week

Notices:

2020 Church Dues

Holy Ghost annual dues (\$200) are being collected. Renew your membership in the church, envelopes are included in your packet. Special arrangements can be made, with Fr. Nick or Greg.

Lenten Retreat

UOC of USA Lenten retreat "Humility in the 21st Century" April 4 - all day. At St. Frances Center for Renewal, Bethlehem, PA. Speakers - Fr. Anthony Perkins & Dr. Natalie Bilynski details at website - uocofusa.org

Coffee Hour Hosts

We need families to host our Coffee Hour February 23 - Jayme & Lauren Houck

February Charity

Handicrafters

March Charity

CYWA (Community, Youth, and Women's Alliance), Coatesville

For bulletin additions contact Wesley Hatch by Friday 6 pm

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Avelino Tejaro, Sherry Estes, Carol Bentley, Nancy, Rose, Toby Seip, Erin Bove, Richard Ziegler, & Karen