

March 8, 2020
Orthodoxy Sunday

Hebrews 11: 24-26, 32 - 12:2
John 1: 43 - 51

Upcoming Services:

Sun. Mar. 8, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours @ 8:45 am
Wed. Mar. 11, 6:30 pm. - Presanctified Liturgy
Fri. Mar. 13, 9:30 am. - Presanctified Liturgy
Sat. Mar. 14, 6:00 pm. - Great Vespers, Soul Saturday
Sun. Mar. 15, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours @ 8:45 am
Wed. Mar. 18, 6:30 pm. - Presanctified Liturgy
Fri. Mar. 20, 9:30 am. - Presanctified Liturgy
Sat. Mar. 21, 6:00 pm. - Great Vespers

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

First Sunday of Great Lent - Sunday of Orthodoxy:

Today we commemorate the first Sunday of Great Lent as the "Triumph of Orthodoxy". The dominant theme of this Sunday since 843 is the restoration of the holy icons in the reign of the holy Empress Theodora. In that year the iconoclastic controversy, which had raged on and off since 726, was finally laid to rest, and icons and their veneration were restored on the first Sunday in Lent. They were no longer considered optional devotional extras, but an integral part of the Orthodox faith and devotion. Icons are considered by Orthodox Christians to have a sacramental character, making present to the believer the person or event depicted on them. However, the Orthodox always make a clear distinction between the word veneration, paid to icons, and the word worship, which is due to God alone.

Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian:

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of indifference and despair, the desire to control other people, and the craving for idle gossip.

Give me instead the spirit of self-restraint, a humble mind, patience and love.

Yes, my Lord and my King! Give me the grace to be aware of my own sins and not to judge my brothers and sisters, for You are blessed now and forever, and unto Ages of Ages. Amen.

Sticheron, said at Matins, from the Lenten Triodion

Open to me the doors of repentance, O Life-Giver; for my spirit hastens early towards Your holy temple, bearing the temple of my body all defiled; but in Your compassion purify me by Your gracious mercy. Amen.

Reader Schedule:

Sun. Mar. 8 - Wesley Hatch
Sun. Mar. 15 - Greg Kuzmenchuk
Sun. Mar. 22 - Kurtis Lauser
Sun. Mar. 29 - Jim Hamer

Birthdays:

March 8 - Valerie Crescenzo, Mary Eckman
March 10 - Helen Domsohn

Upcoming Events:

March 9, Mon. 7 pm- Spring Bazaar meeting
Mar. 14, Sat. - Soul Saturday, Commemoration
of the dead, following Vespers
March 15, Sun. - Sisterhood meeting following
liturgy in the church hall
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 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.
Snow date: April 5, 1:00 - 4:00pm

Foods to be sold at the Bazaar are:

Pierogies, Nut Rolls, Kielbasa, Halupki, Paska bread loafs, Baked Goods

Spring Bazaar Cooking Schedule

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

Food Sales

Food sales are suspended until the Spring Bazaar.

Anniversaries:

March 10 - Darryl & Sharon Perry

Notices:

Lenten Potluck Dinners

Every Wednesday during Lent there will be a potluck dinner following presanctified liturgy in the church hall. Bring a Lenten dish.

Cemetery Request

The church requests that you remove any Christmas wreaths and decorations that were placed in the cemetery. Thank you.

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

Panahyda

Today for John Bruno, in memory of one year
March 22 for Olga Ward - 40 days

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, Lewis, Carol Bentley, Nancy, Toby Seip, Erin Bove, & Richard Ziegler