



THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS



St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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Sunday March 5th 2017

Sunday of Orthodoxy

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-30, 12:1-2

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Glory be to Jesus Christ!!!



If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the work of the people and that means that all of your prayers are necessary! We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the atrium. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May God's blessings be upon all of you!

Tropar Tone 4– Blue Book pg. 90 Red Book pg. 106

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Weekly Schedule: First Week of Lent

Tuesday 3/7 6:30AM– Daily Lenten Matins

Wednesday 3/8 7 PM– Moleben to the Cross *followed by Orthodoxy Class*

Friday 3/10 7PM- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts *followed by potluck dinner*

Saturday 3/11 9AM– Divine Liturgy– *All Souls Saturday*

Sunday 3/12 10AM– Divine Liturgy– *Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas*



THE AFFIRMATION OF THE ORTHODOX FAITH As the Prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught, as the Church has received, as the Teachers have dogmatized, as the universe has agreed, as Grace has shown forth, as Truth has revealed, as falsehood has been dissolved, as Wisdom has presented, as Christ has awarded: thus we declare, thus we assert, thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor His Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshiping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all, and accordingly offering them veneration. This is the Faith of the Apostles; this is the Faith of the Fathers; this is the Faith of the Orthodox; this is the Faith which has established the universe!

Evelyn Melnikoff, Fr. John and Pani Betty Jean Baranek, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining, Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack, Angela, Tyler, Maria, Jeff, Lesley, Page Family, Stephen (Blessed Repose), The Blonar Family, Anna (Blessed Repose), Louise, Emma Rae, The Floyd Family, Phillip (Blessed Repose), Zachary, George, Fred and Helen Mileschko, Robin, Michael, Dean, Margaret, Jenny (Blessed Repose) and Keith, Peter (blessed repose), Bishop Gregory and his family, Bryan +(Blessed Repose), Rick, the James Family, Fr. Scott, Rebecca Cooper (Blessed Repose), Fr. Paul Herbert (Blessed Repose), Joseph, Boris, Maria+ (Blessed Repose), Maria Starcova, Ernie +(Blessed Repose), Fr. Hazuda, Janis, John Haddad, David Novak, Suzette Gardenhour, Bob, David, Michelle, Stephen, James, Brian Paul, George Smisko+ (Blessed Repose), Kathy, Mike Through the prayers of the Birthgiver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, St. Elizabeth, The Holy Fathers, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!

Sunday of Orthodoxy

The Sunday of Orthodoxy is the first Sunday of Great Lent. The dominant theme of this Sunday since 843 has been that of the victory of the icons. 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. Ever since, this Sunday has been commemorated as the "Triumph of Orthodoxy."

Orthodox teaching about icons, as defined at the Seventh Ecumenical Council of 787, is embodied in the texts sung on this Sunday.

From Vespers: *"Inspired by your Spirit, Lord, the prophets foretold your birth as a child incarnate of the Virgin. Nothing can contain or hold you; before the morning star you shone forth eternally from the spiritual womb of the Father. Yet you were to become like us and be seen by those on earth. At the prayers of those your prophets in your mercy reckon us fit to see your light, "for we praise your resurrection, holy and beyond speech. Infinite, Lord, as divine, in the last times you willed to become incarnate and so finite; for when you took on flesh you made all its properties your own. So we depict the form of your outward appearance and pay it relative respect, and so are moved to love you; and through it we receive the grace of healing, following the divine traditions of the apostles."*

"The grace of truth has shone out, the things once foreshadowed now are revealed in perfection. See, the Church is decked with the embodied image of Christ, as with beauty not of this world, fulfilling the tent of witness, holding fast the Orthodox faith. For if we cling to the icon of him whom we worship, we shall not go astray. May those who do not so believe be covered with shame. For the image of him who became human is our glory: we venerate it, but do not worship it as God. Kissing it, we who believe cry out: O God, save your people, and bless your heritage."

"We have moved forward from unbelief to true faith, and have been enlightened by the light of knowledge. Let us then clap our hands like the psalmist, and offer praise and thanksgiving to God. And let us honor and venerate the holy icons of Christ, of his most pure Mother, and of all the saints, depicted on walls, panels and sacred vessels, setting aside the unbelievers' ungodly teaching. For the veneration given to the icon passes over, as Basil says, to its prototype. At the intercession of your spotless Mother, O Christ, and of all the saints, we pray you to grant us your great mercy. We venerate your icon, good Lord, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God. For you freely willed in the flesh to ascend the cross, to rescue from slavery to the enemy those whom you had formed. So we cry to you with thanksgiving: You have filled all things with joy, our Savior, by coming to save the world."



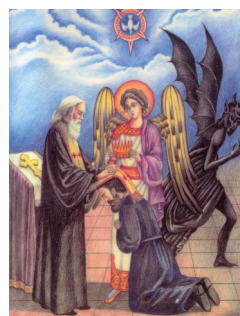
Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers– 6PM Today at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Atlanta

Coffee Hour signup for all of 2017 is still available. Please remember the importance of our fellowship time together and sign up! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e45a4ae29aa8-coffee>

Bishop Gregory Will be in Atlanta on Wednesday March 15th for a Presanctified Liturgy and Lenten Presentation at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral starting at **5pm**

National Jr. ACRY supporting Lenten Mission Project for the St. John the Compassionate Mission in Toronto, Canada. Information on How you can help will be posted on the bulletin board and presented by Nicole Bezerra during coffee hour.

See The Bulletin Board For Info About... Orthodox Catholic Ecumenical Gathering 7PM Monday, March 6th at Catholic Cathedral of Christ the King....Camp Nazareth 2017 Registration Now Open! **Altarboy Retreat will take place in Johnstown, PA from June 25-28.**



YOUTH LENTEN PROJECT 2017

A Lenten Outreach Initiative - For All Diocesan Youth

*Little children, Let us not Love in word or talk but
in deed and in truth. - I John 3:18*



If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. -Isaiah 58:10



St. John the Compassionate Orthodox Mission
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Needs: St. John's Mission serves the poor of Toronto through meals, job training, spiritual counsel and education.

Challenge: To raise funds to help the Mission in its outreach to those in need.

How YOU Can Help: Work with your parish Jr. ACRY or Church School to raise funds to help St. John's continued efforts to shine light into a darken world.

The John C. Kulis Charitable Foundation Will Match Dollar For Dollar On Every Donation Made To This Project

Please Send Your Parish's Donation By June 01, 2017 To:

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Church

141 Hoffman Farm Road, Windber, PA 15963

Please make checks Payable to: Saints Peter & Paul ACRY Chapter 13

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Reverend Fathers; Sunday School Teachers; Parish Councils; and Parish Organizations.

RE: Lenten Project 2017

The National Junior ACRY calls upon all to aid in the Mission of our Diocesan Apostolate of Saint John the Compassionate, in the inner city of Toronto, Ontario. The National Junior ACRY hears the call from the words of Saint John and invites everyone to help fulfill command to love in action.

Members of the Junior ACRY had the opportunity to visit the Mission this past summer and witness Christ's love, which labors through the Mission to minister to the needs of many. Last year's donation from the National ACRY along with a matching grant from the John C. Kulis Charitable Foundation was hand delivered by Vice-president Nicole Fitzgerald to Fr. Roberto on behalf of all who donated to the Lenten Project. The Project with the aid of the Kulis Foundation raised \$11,530.00 for the Mission last year.

The Very Reverend Father Roberto Ubertino who leads the Mission along with the staff and volunteers help to provide assistance to those in need in the inner city. The Mission has continued to provide meals, job training, spiritual counsel and education to all those in need in part because of the generous contributions made by individuals and organizations. This mission continues to grow with the expansion of a drop in center in the Scarborough area last year. Helping to maintain and grow this expansion can be accomplished with your contributions made during this time of the Great Fast.

Our support is needed to insure that the programs of the Mission can continue to help transform the lives of those in need and to expand in areas that are not being aided. You can visit the Mission's website for detailed information on its many ministries: www.stjohnsmisson.org.

The National Juniors invites individual chapters, parishes, church school classes and other parish organizations to aid in this endeavor of providing for the needs of others through this Diocesan Mission during this season of Lent. Once again the John C. Kulis Charitable Foundation is offering matching funds up to \$10,000 to this project. So please help as best as you are able.

You can help by holding an event or fund-raiser to provide funding for the Mission. You can also have a collection box in the parish hall for use during your social time. Special collection containers can be given out to families to have in their homes to use during Lent. Funds will be coordinated through Saints Peter & Paul ACRY in Windber, Pennsylvania. Checks can be made out to Saints Peter & Paul ACRY Chapter 13, and sent to 141 Hoffman Farm Road, Windber, PA 15963. Please call Fr. Miles at 814.467.7444 if you have any questions. Funds can be sent in throughout the Great Fast until June 01. By God's mercy a trip will be planned to the Mission for this summer, so that the funds raised by the project will be hand delivered to the Mission.

We pray you will join us in this ministry. May the good Lord assist you in all the work you do in His name so that your love brightens the world.

Very Rev. Fr. Miles Paul Zdinak

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