

SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE

12 FEBRUARY, 2012



Welcome to our Visitors: We are happy and honored to have you come to worship with us. You may find the worship of the Ancient Church very different. If you are unfamiliar with the worship of the Byzantine Church, simply listen to the Liturgy and allow the rest of the congregation to carry you in worship. Please participate to whatever degree you feel comfortable. We invite you to join us for Coffee hour, held in the fellowship hall, immediately after the Divine Liturgy and ask that you make yourself known to our pastor, who would be happy to answer your questions. Since we understand Communion to be an act of the unity of our Faith and, while we work towards it, this unity regrettably does not now exist. Therefore only baptized Catholic Christians, in the State of Grace, are permitted to participate in the Holy Communion.

Liturgy Schedule

11 February—19 February, 2012

SUNDAY OF MEAT FARE

Sat. 02/11 11:00 am 1st All Souls Liturgy and Panachida
5:00 pm Living and Deceased of Parish and Mission
Sun. 02/12 10:00 am + Esther Schwiesow (Mother of Letha Flint)

Mon. 02/13 6:00 pm VENERBLE MARTINIAN Safe Return of Samantha Koenig (Anna Gage)
Tue. 02/14 DEATH OF CYRIL APOSTLE TO THE SLAVS
Wed. 02/15 6:00 pm APOSTLE ONESIMUS + Roberta Klacik (Steve & Cris Vrabel)
Thur. 02/16 MARTYRS PAMPHILIUS & OTHERS
Friday 02/17 6:00pm GREAT MARTYR THEODORE THE RECRUIT Good health Mary Lincoln

SUNDAY OF CHEESE FARE

Sat. 02/18 5:00 pm Blessings on Dave & Judy Bich (Dave & Judy Bich)
Sun. 02/19 10:00 am Living and Deceased of Parish and Mission
1:15 pm Forgiveness Vespers

(Angelina Sovovich)

WEEKLONG CANDLE INTENTIONS

(Heller Family)

ETERNAL LIGHT: St. Nicholas Parishioners
THEOTOKOS: In honor of St. Valentine & the Death of Cyril
CZESTOCHOWA: Personal Intention

WEEK OF FEB. 5TH

TITHES	\$ 1,285.00
YOUTH	6.96
PRESENTATION	55.00
BISHOPS APPEAL	500.00
CANDLES	43.16
TOTAL:	\$1,890.12

O Lord, Bless the Sacrificial Worship & Stewardship of Your Servants for St. Nicholas for:

Att.: 02/04-26 souls, 02/05-39 souls

BIBLE STUDY: Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9 am for an inspiring look at Sacred Scriptures. Dean Mandrell is our facilitator. Dean asks that you read Rom. 13:11-14:4 & Mt. 6:14-21 for Sunday, February 19th.



HEAL AND GRANT PEACE AND SALVATION TO ALL THE INFIRMED, O DIVINE PHYSICIAN: Fr. James Lane, Joe & Betty Bich; Evelyn Bodnar, Franklin M. Morri (grandfather of Wil Hostman), Aimee Francis Heller; Carol Hugar, Francine Armandariz, Ray Barrand, Wanda Griffin, (Marie Trueblood's mother), Rosemary Dunn (friend of parish), Kyra Koeff (daughter of Korine Leyden), Alice Lanning (mother of Tim Main), Holy Rosary Academy & Lumen Christi, and all our Service Men and Women.

CHANGE OF PLANS: Marti Gras will take be a Pot-Luck . Please bring a dish to pass next Sunday morning after the 10 AM Liturgy. Please don't bring a dessert, the church will provide. Forgiveness Vespers will start at 1:15 pm. It will be a wonderful way to begin the Great Fast.

THE GREAT FAST BEGINS MONDAY, Feb.20th Forgiveness Sunday (Feb. 19th), as a proper gateway into the period when we seek reconciliation with the Lord God, we will be given an opportunity to be reconciled to one another by mutually asking forgiveness from them. In ancient times in Eastern monasteries a beautiful custom existed in which the rite of mutual forgiveness on Cheesefare Sunday was performed. This rite of forgiveness was carried out in the evening, following a modest repast. All the monks in the presence of the faithful asked pardon of one another for past offences, then embraced, and gave each other the kiss of peace. The faithful did the same among themselves. In some places, while this rite of forgiveness was being carried out, the stichera of the Pasch (Resurrection) was sung: "Today the sacred Pasch has been shown forth to us ... " The last stichera ends with an appeal for mutual forgiveness: "and let us embrace one another and say: 'Brethren' even to those who hate us, and let us forgive all things..." The singing of the sticheras of the Pasch was to signify that just as during the season of the Easter, so now at the threshold of the Great Fast we should mutually ask pardon for offences for the sake of Christ who fasted, suffered and rose for our sake. So plan on joining us next weekend after the Divine Liturgies for the morning Vespers Service.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **SNOW DAYS:** We will follow the lead of the Anchorage school district to determine if the roads are unsafe for travel for weekday events (Liturgies, meetings, etc.); i.e., if school is cancelled events at Church are cancelled. However, you must use your best judgment whether it is safe to be on the roads to come to Church.
- **Cantors for February 18th & 19th:** Sat.—Tim Main; and Sun. Ron Kirchura
- **PROPERS FOR THE DAY:** Troparion Tone 2 p. 130; Kontakion, Prokeimenon & Alleluia Sunday of Meat Fare p.517-218.

Let us help you with your Lenten fast; pre-order your periogies! Sign up sheet in the parish hall!! Tentative pick-up dates March 3/4th

Saint Cyril, Equal to the Apostles and Enlightener of the Slavs (869) Cyril was librarian at the Hagia Sophia in Constantinople; then he became a monk. He and St Methodius, the elder brother, first missionary work was not among the Slavs: When the king of the Khazars (a Mongol people who then inhabited much of what is now Russia) petitioned the Emperor Michael to sent teachers to instruct his people, the Emperor chose Cyril and Methodius as his emissaries. They converted the Khazar king to the Christian faith, along with many of his nobles and commoners. When King Rostislav of Moravia likewise sought teachers of the Christian faith, Cyril and Methodius were again sent forth. This time they devised an alphabet for the Slavic language (based on Greek but adding characters to indicate sounds particular to Slavonic), and used it to translate many of the Greek service books into the language of the people. (In theory, the Orthodox people have always been privileged to hear the Church's services in their own tongue, though often attachment to dead languages has prevented this ideal from becoming reality.) Both brothers were repeatedly attacked by Germanic priests of the region, who opposed the use of the common tongue in the liturgy. At different times, both brothers were forced to appeal for exoneration and protection to the Pope of Rome, who supported them warmly each time.