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1st Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy March 13, 2022

Troparion – Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion – Tone 2

We venerate Thy most pure image, O Good One; and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ our God. Of Thine own will Thou wast pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh and deliver Thy creatures from bondage to the Enemy. Therefore with thankfulness we cry aloud to Thee: "Thou hast filled all with joy, O our Savior,// by coming to save the world."

Kontakion – Tone 8

No one could describe the Word of the Father; but when He took flesh from thee, O Theotokos, He accepted to be described, and restored the fallen image to its former state by uniting it to divine beauty.// We confess and proclaim our salvation in words and images.

Prokeimenon – Tone 4

Blessed are Thou, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever!

V. For Thou are just in all that Thou hast done for us!

1st Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy

The first Sunday of Great Lent is called the Sunday of Orthodoxy because it commemorates the restoration of the Holy Icons and the triumph of the Orthodox Faith against the terrible heresy of the Iconoclasts, i.e. those heretics who refused to honor the Holy Icons. For more than a hundred years the Church was disturbed by the evil doctrine of iconoclasm.

The first Emperor to persecute the Church was Leo the Isaurian, and the last was Theophilus, the spouse of Saint Theodora (February 11), who reigned after her husband's death and re-established Orthodoxy in the time of Patriarch Methodios (June 14). Empress Theodora proclaimed publicly that we do not kiss the Icons as a sign of worship, nor do we honor them as "gods," but as images of their prototypes. In the year 843, on the first Sunday of the Fast, Saint Theodora and her son, Emperor Michael, venerated the Holy Icons together with the clergy and the people. Since that time this event has been commemorated every year, because it was definitively determined that we do not worship the Icons, but we honor and glorify all the Saints who are depicted on them. We worship only the Triune God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and no one else, neither a Saint, nor an Angel. Originally, the Holy Prophets Moses, Aaron, and Samuel were commemorated on this Sunday. The Alleluia verses appointed for today's Liturgy reflect this older usage.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26; 32-12:2

By faith, Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trials of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: John 1:43-51

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Service Schedule for the week of March 13

Sunday March 13 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by a procession around the church, after which Lenten Coffee Hour will be held in Daria Hall

Wednesday March 16 – 5:30 PM Confession, 6:30 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession

Friday March 18 – 8:30 AM Confession, 9:30 AM Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by Confession

Saturday March 19 – MEMORIAL SATURDAY 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy; 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday March 20 – 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Lenten Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Weekly Giving

March 6 – 72 adults, 16 youth, \$6,114

Parish Announcements

Please remember to properly fast before partaking of Holy Communion at Divine Liturgy or Pre-Sanctified Liturgy.

Today we are once again collecting monetary donations to send to the Ukraine victims of war. Father Volodymyr's fellow Seminarian in Kyiv, Protodeacon Peter, serves at Golden Michael Cathedral in Kyiv and is also in charge of their church school. Many of the Cathedral parishioners are unable to work and have no money for food, baby supplies, insulin, and drugs. The monies we collect will be wired directly by Father Volodymyr to Protodeacon Peter, who will be able to distribute the money to the people in need. Cash or checks payable to St Vladimir Orthodox Church may be left in the basket behind the last pew in church. Thank you for aiding our fellow Christians in Ukraine as they endure this horrible invasion of their country. God Bless the people and country of Ukraine.

The Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM this Tuesday, March 15.

There will be a FOCA Club meeting next Sunday, March 20, during Coffee Hour.

The FOCA Club will host a beadmaking class today during Coffee Hour, taught by Anne Cheslock. All attendees will learn to assemble a faux pearl bracelet. Cost is \$10 per person with a maximum of 10 people in the class. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Easter candy sale: Brochures and order forms are available in Daria Hall – please see a member of the FOCA Club. **All orders are due TODAY.** If you cannot turn in your order today, please call Darice (267-987-5156) by this evening with your order information. No orders will be accepted after tonight. The candy will be delivered the week of April 3 and available for pick-up in Daria Hall on April 10. Thank you for your support of the FOCA Club!

Our parish is hosting a Lenten Mission Service at 5:00 PM on Sunday March 27. The service will be followed by a Lenten potluck supper in Daria Hall. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Oil, wine, and fish are permitted. We anticipate 30-40 people will remain for supper.

For anyone who may want to send a card or give a call, Dottie Lovchuk is now living at Kressonview Center, 2601 E. Evesham Road, Voorhees, NJ 08043. Her phone number is 856-414-4169. I'm sure she would appreciate hearing from our parishioners!

Youth and adults of the parish are invited to Bible Study classes during Coffee Hour. The classes are taught by Alan Berck.

Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend. Please remember to move your clocks **FORWARD** one hour sometime Saturday evening (March 12).

If you have not yet turned in your 2022 Pledge Card, please do so as soon as possible. The Parish Council uses the information for financial planning throughout the year. Thank you!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

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Have a blessed birthday and God grant you many years!

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE – Coffee Hour Preparation Instructions are available in the Daria Hall kitchen

Mar. 13 **FAST DAY** Betty Kavchok
Mar. 20 **FAST DAY** Awet Tesfa & Nebiat Tesfa
Mar. 27 **FAST DAY** Madeleine Sekulich & Mark McDevitt
April 3 **FAST DAY** John Cassar
April 10 **FAST DAY** Christine Waite, Alla & Perry Strauss
April 17 **FAST DAY** Fiyori Habatesilasse
April 24 **PASCHA** – No coffee hour
May 1 Anne Cheslock
May 8 Nina Schmidt
May 15 Tiberiu & Mihaela Milosav
May 22 Nina Laushell
May 29 Mimi & Alan Berck
June 5 Virgiliu & Gabriela Plesa
June 12 Ekaterina & Stanislav Uritsky
June 19 Christina DiDonato
June 26 **FAST DAY** Nancy Mitsos
July 3 Walter & Tanya Tribbey
July 10 Darice Keyes
July 17 Boryana Dorvil
July 24 Nadja Nowicki & Melody Stavisky
July 31 Svetlana Sosedov
Aug. 7 Mary Reiling
Aug. 14 Corneliu & Ilonica Balosa
Aug. 21 Viktorya Baranova
Aug. 28 Nana & Matthew Barrett
Sept. 4 Vera Pschenychny
Sept. 11 Karina Kotelnicki
Sept. 18 Nina Shafran