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Philip Grayton - Choir Director

Basil Safchuk - Protodeacon 01/31/10

Stephen Kelsey - Church School

Sunday, Jan 31, **SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON - Tone 1. New Martyrs and**

Confessors of Russia. Holy Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries Cyrus and John, and with them Martyrs Athanasia and her daughters (311).

Epistle: Gospel:

1 Cor. 6:12-20

Luke 15:11-32

******* This is a Normal Fasting Week *******

Monday, Feb 1

Great Vespers for the Meeting of the Lord, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Feb 2, **THE MEETING OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST,**

Festal Divine Liturgy, 9 am

IN THE TEMPLE

Thursday, Feb 4

Daily Vespers, 5:30 pm

Saturday, Feb 6, Sts. Barsanuphius and John

Great Vespers for the Resurrection, 6 pm

Sunday, Feb 7, **SUNDAY OF MEATFARE - Tone 2. Sunday of the Last Judgment.**

Afterfeast of the Meeting. St. Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus on the Hellespont (4th c.).

Sixth Hour, 9:50 am

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, **10 am**

Epistle: Gospel:

1 Cor. 8:8-9:2

Matt. 25:31-36

One-Year Panikhida for +Mary Rabchenuk, followed by a memorial meal

PREPARATION FOR GREAT LENT

We continue our "winding down" toward Great Lent. With the Parable of the Prodigal Son, we are confronted with the proposition of Repentance, of turning around, of return. We are also exposed - and then join into - the great pre-lenten lament (Psalm 137):

By the waters of Babylon,

there we sat down and wept,

when we remembered Zion.

On the willows there we hung up our harps.

For there our captors required of us songs,

and our tormentors, mirth,

Saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem,

let my right hand wither!

Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,

if I do not remember you,

if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy!

When we sing this, it represents the captivity in which we find ourselves - our own sins. And like the Israelites, we yearn to remember and to return to that life which-was-meant-to-be. The stage for our lenten journey is continually being set.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 21, following Divine Liturgy. At the annual meeting, we will review the status of our Church for the past year and plan for activities in the coming year. We will approve our annual budget and elect officers for the coming year. Please pray for and plan to attend the meeting. The snow date for the meeting is Sunday, February 28.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR PARISH COUNCIL

A nominating committee of Suzanne Kenney, Protodeacon Basil Andruchow and Reader Chuck Thornhill has been appointed to recommend parish council members for election at our Annual Parish Meeting. If you are interested in serving in one of the positions of the Parish Council, please see either of the members of the nominating committee.

PLEASE SET ASIDE THESE DATES:

1. Special Parish Council Meeting - Either Friday, Feb 12, or Saturday, Feb 13, to meet His Grace Nikon's selection for our new priest. Parish Council meetings are open, and any parishioners may attend. This meeting is tentative and will be announced by our email list. If you wish to be notified and are not on our email list, please see Bob Popadic or Suzanne Kenney.
2. Parish Clean Up Days - Saturday, Feb 27, and Saturday, Mar 20. Please plan to attend. Many hands make light work!