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Stephen Kelsey - Church School

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.).

Epistle:

Gospel:

1 Cor. 8:8-9:2

Matt. 25:31-36

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

******* Today is the last day before Lent for eating meat. It is permitted to eat milk, cheese and eggs on every day of this week including Wednesday and Friday. *******

Thursday, Feb 11

Daily Vespers, 5:30 pm

Saturday, Feb 13

Great Vespers for the Resurrection, 6 pm

Sunday, Feb 14, **SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE - Tone 3. Forgiveness Sunday. The**

Expulsion of Adam from Paradise. St. Auxentius of Bythunia (ca. 470).

Repose of St. Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs (869).

Sixth Hour, 9:50 am

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

Epistle:

Gospel:

Rom. 13:11-14:4

Matt. 6:14-21

Blini (Pancake) Brunch, during coffee and fellowship

Forgiveness Sunday Vespers, following coffee and fellowship

(followed by the Rite of Forgiveness)

PREPARATION FOR GREAT LENT

This week our lenten preparation continues. We say farewell to meat today. During the entire week, even on Wednesday and Friday, we are allowed cheese, eggs, milk and other meat products. We try to wind down, using them from our refrigerators, just as we try to wind down on those "little excesses" we allow ourselves. Then, next Sunday, with the Blini Brunch, we symbolically "use them completely up," and we are ready to enter into that Bright Sadness of Great Lent. Also, our inclination to prayer is intensified as our thoughts are directed to the Last Judgement, and our own last hour.

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.

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!

LOOKING AHEAD

Feb 21	Sunday	Annual Parish Meeting
Feb 27	Saturday	Parish Clean Up Day
Mar 7	Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar 20	Saturday	Parish Clean Up Day
Mar 21	Sunday	Installation of Parish Council Parish Council Meeting
Mar 25	Thursday	Holy Annunciation, Maynard, MA Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am
Apr 4	Sunday	Holy Pascha - The Resurrection of Our Lord