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February Council Highlights

- ✘ January's Operating Income was \$22,498.04 and Operating Expenses were \$15,131.56, resulting in a net of \$7,366.48 for the month of January.
- ✘ Operating Budget of \$211,000 for 2024 approved at Annual Meeting.
- ✘ Approved moving money from savings to renew CD at 4.75% interest.
- ✘ Please turn in your 2024 Pledge form.



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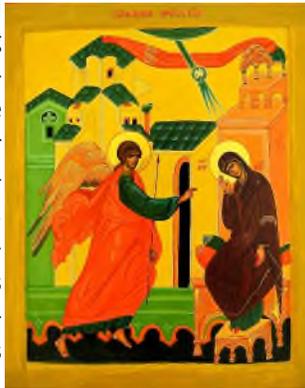
Annunciation: Exalting Those of Low Degree

Fr. Lawrence Farley
In most Orthodox churches, the image of the Mother of God towers over us—sometimes literally, as her icon fills the upper apse of the church temple, proclaiming there how she united heaven and earth by her willing assent to the Incarnation of the divine Messiah. In all her icons, she is a majestic figure—regal, composed, serene. Many icons of the Annunciation portray her as seated on a throne, and with a small footstool, as befits royalty. In all her images, she is a person of power.

This is as it should be, since icons portray the eschatological reality, and present not a naturalistic perspective, but a heavenly, hieratic one. An icon is not a painted photo or a portrait, but a proclamation of the person's heavenly glory. Thus, it is appropriate that Mary of Nazareth be presented as exalted by God to a place "more honourable than the cherubim and more glorious beyond compare than the seraphim."

But these heavenly images of her present power should not

blind us to the low degree and powerlessness that she had while she lived and walked in Palestine. At the time of the Annunciation, Mary was not a person of power, but a simple peasant girl in a small town in Galilee, far from the halls of the mighty in Jerusalem and further afield in Rome, and unconnected with the movers and shakers of the world. It would be hard to exaggerate her powerlessness as far as this world was concerned. She was a member of a despised race, the Jews, a nation that had lost the last bit of its national sovereignty when the Romans took over in 63 BC. In a world that respected age, she was young; in a culture that valued marriage, she was single; in a society that revered wealth, she was poor. She lived in Galilee, derisively called "Galilee of the Gentiles" by those in Judea, and the town of Nazareth was looked down upon even by others in Galilee. "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" was a proverbial



taunt uttered by Jews in neighbouring Cana (John 1:46). And we must remember that at the time of the Annunciation she was of the usual marriageable age—that is, about thirteen years old.

Later, loving devotion would adorn her story with other details, like tinsel on a beloved Christmas tree. The so-called *Protoevangelium of James*, written in the second century as a kind of devotional attempt to fill in the blanks of her life, supplies a number of biographical details not strictly historical. But the sober history of the Gospel preserves a picture of what we might expect—a young girl, unknown and poor, coming face to face one day with the eternal and the incalculable. Saint Luke's Gospel presents her as a young girl "betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph," and when the angel Gabriel informed her that she had been chosen to bear the Messiah and was about to conceive Him, she was naturally "greatly troubled," asking how this was possible since she had "never known a man" (Luke 1:27f). When it came time to offer the sacrifice required from those who had given birth, she and Joseph offered "the sacrifice of the poor" — two

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Rector's Message

As we begin the month of March, we are already in the preparation Sundays for the Great Fast. We tend to look at the Fasts as an inconvenience in our lives, but the Great Fast is supposed to disrupt our life, to make us realize how much we need to rely on Christ and not the things of the world. The season of the Great Fast and the Holy Week Fast is the time of preparation for the feast of the Resurrection of Christ. If we just go through the motions of the Fast, not really participating in it, and then approach the Resurrection of Christ as just another Sunday service then we will have missed the opportunity to work on our soul and purify it. Without this proper preparation, the deeper meaning of Christ's crucifixion and Resurrection is lost. This is a time we renew ourselves through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It is a time that



we take a deep look into ourselves, which should bring us to repentance, to a real changing of our minds, hearts, and deeds in obedience to Christ and his teachings. It is the time, most of all, of our return to the great commandments of loving God and our neighbors. In the Orthodox Church, Great Lent is not a season of morbidity and gloominess. On the contrary, it is a time of joyfulness and purification. We are called to "anoint our faces" and to "cleanse our bodies as we cleanse our souls." The very first hymns of the very first service of Great Lent set the proper tone of the season:

Let us begin the Lenten time with delight . . . let us fast from passions as we fast from food, taking pleasure in the good words of the Spirit, that we may be granted to see the

holy passion of Christ our God and his holy Pascha, spiritually rejoicing.

As St John Chrysostom tells us, the fast is not only abstinence from food but all sins. The fast should be kept not by the mouth alone but also by the eye, the ear, the feet, the hands, and all members of the body. The eye must abstain from impure sights, the ear from malicious gossip, and the hands from acts of injustice, it is useless to fast from foods, and yet to indulge in criticism and slander. It is our repentance that God desires, not our remorse. We sorrow for our sins, but we do so in the joy of God's mercy. We mortify our flesh, but we do so in the joy of our resurrection into life everlasting. We make ready for the resurrection during Great Lent, both Christ's Resurrection and our own. May we all have a spiritually beneficial Great Fast!

Fr. Mikel Bock

Annual Parish Meeting Highlights

In his introductory remarks, Fr. Mikel stated that the mission of every Orthodox Church is for people to learn the faith, live the faith, and to be able to



bring the Truth of the Gospel to all people in the community. In the Beatitude Verses it says *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled.* Most people who are coming in the door are looking to be fed the Bread of life, Who is Christ, and to have their spiritual thirst quenched with the Living water, but to give them this we must be prepared ourselves and then we need to fill them with the Truth of the

Orthodox Christian Faith, which means we must know and live the true faith to be able to teach that.

Fr. Mikel reminded us that we are not just laboring in the church for ourselves; we are laboring for Christ and for

those that come after us.

✘ Operating Income for 2023 was \$220,345.81 and Operating Expenses were \$210,666.75, resulting in a positive balance of \$9,679.06.

✘ Proposed 2024 Operating Budget of \$211,000 presented and passed.

✘ Auditors report that financial records are "accurate and free from major errors."

✘ Slate of officers and trustees positions for 2024 presented and elected.

John Bushko	President
Nick Enoch	Vice President
David Homyak	Treasurer
John Hecht	Financial Secretary
Luka Radjenovich	Recording Secretary
Katrina Delsante	Auditor
Robert Hoff	Auditor
Bill Weiss	5-year Trustee
Stephanie Homyak	4-year Trustee
John Blischak	3-year Trustee
Heather Pfeiffer	2-year Trustee
Lesley Zaremba	2-year Trustee
John Pat Rolston	1-year Trustee
Lydia Osolinsky	1-year Trustee

Congratulations to our newly elected Parish Council!

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young pigeons (Leviticus 12:8, Luke 2:24). Neither does Saint Matthew's Gospel present her as a celebrity: when Joseph receives news of her pregnancy, he considers divorcing her quietly (Matthew 1:18f). In neither of these accounts is Mary presented as famous or rich and powerful. And later in our Lord's ministry, when people stumbled at His claims, they invoked His family with no suggestion that they were special: "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?" (Matthew 13:55f). It is clear enough from the Gospel records that Mary was not considered a celebrity by the world around her.

This is her greatest boast, for her "low degree" was rooted in her invincible humility. She herself said it first and best: God's plan was to scatter "the proud in the imagination of their hearts," to "put down the mighty from their thrones, "and to "exalt those of low degree" (Luke 1:51f). Her Son echoed His Mother: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 18:14). Mary was humble, of low degree, powerless in this age. And because of this,

God exalted her, making her honourable and powerful — indeed, more honourable than the cherubim, and reigning with her Son in heaven: "The Queen stood at Thy right side, arrayed in golden robes all glorious" (Psalm 45:9).

Her exaltation from low degree was the first of many such exaltations. We find this divine delight in exalting the humble playing like a theme-song throughout the New Testament. "God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to nullify things that are" (1 Corinthians 1:27f). "Has not God has chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom?" (James 2:5). The world utterly misunderstands the nature of true greatness, and equates greatness with outward strength and self-assertion. In the world, the one in first place is the one who rules, who exerts his will, who makes a big splash. God overturns all this, for in His Kingdom the one in first place will be the one who serves as the slave of all (Mark 10:44). It is the humble, and self-effacing, and powerless servant who is truly great. God's Kingdom inaugurates a revolution, and the revolu-

tion began with the Annunciation.

Mary is an image of the Church, and her exaltation prophesies and prefigures ours. It is important therefore that we see and appreciate her humble estate and her powerlessness during her life, for they form the basis for her exaltation after her death. It is right that our icons dress her in the robes of royalty and place her upon a throne, for these images simply acknowledge in art what God has done for her in heaven. But as we venerate these images, let us not fail to appreciate the revolution they portray: that God took a humble, young girl from a small town, and exalted her to a place unmatched in the cosmos or the Kingdom. He exalted her who was of low degree, so that we and all generations may see His work, and call her blessed.

Reprinted from the "Reflections in Christ", Orthodox Church in America web site, <http://oca.org/reflections/fr.-lawrence-farley/annunciation-exalting-those-of-low-degree>*

CARE MINISTRY

Help us establish a care ministry at SS Peter and Paul to better support one another and help extend God's mercies when an illness or crises arises within our church family. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Mikel or Stephanie Homyak (602.432.7473).

SS Peter and Paul Pascha Card

Name(s) : _____

Name(s) to appear on card:

Mailing Address:

Amount of Donation: \$100 \$50 \$25 \$10 Other _____

Deadline: April 20, 2024

Return completed form to Stephanie Homyak or the Church Office.

Proceeds to benefit St. John the Baptist Monastery Building Fund.



2024 Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers

Please join our Brothers & Sisters at the host parishes for these
Sunday Evening Lenten Vespers Services

All Vespers Services Begin at 6:00 PM



The First Sunday of Lent—Great Vespers of Annunciation March 24, 2024

Host Parish: St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
4530 E. Gold Dust Ave., Phoenix (602) 953-1921

The Second Sunday of Lent—Gregory Palamas March 31, 2024

Host Parish: St. John the Baptist Romanian Orthodox Church
3749 W. Behrend Dr. Glendale, AZ 85308 (623) 582-3150



Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross April 7, 2024

Host Parish: St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church
4436 E. McKinley, Phoenix, AZ 85008 (602) 275-7360

Fourth Sunday of Lent – St. John of the Ladder April 14, 2024

Host Parish: St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church
2716 N. Dobson Rd., Chandler, AZ 85224 (480) 899-3330



The Fifth Sunday of Lent—St. Mary of Egypt April 21, 2020

Host Parish: SS Peter and Paul Orthodox Church
1614 E. Monte Vista Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85006 (602) 253-9515

What Should I Do During Great Lent?

Most of us realize that prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the three basic Christian and lenten necessities, but we often realize as well that we cannot keep the strictest lenten regulations of the Church which are, in fact, monastic rules. We know that we will not make a maximum effort and so we sometimes feel frustrated, lost, and without guidance.

DO WHAT YOU CAN

When seeking practical advice concerning lenten practices, the only realistic guideline is to do what you can. You know that the essentials are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Intensify your prayer. Fast as fully as possible. (More and more, people are finding that the total abstinence from meat for the entire lenten season is surely not out of the question, even for the laity!) Give to others, asking nothing in return. Know, as well, that all of your fasting, praying, and almsgiving must be exercised in secret. The only real goal and purpose of Great Lent is to enter into a deeper love for God and for those around us.

CERTAIN WEEKS

Another concrete, yet traditional suggestion, is to keep certain lenten weeks in a more careful and strict way than others. For example, the first and third weeks of Great Lent, in addition to Holy Week, can be set aside for a greater and more concentrated lenten effort. Very practically speaking, everyone can keep certain weeks, or at least one week, in a very special way. If this is done, there is no doubt that the result will be very positive and the time spent may prove to be the most inspiring and fruitful time of our entire life. We can only try it and see!

WHAT TO DO

Here are some concrete guidelines for taking Great Lent more seriously:

- Turn off the television, radio, and stereo for the entire lenten season, except for

news and serious or educational programs.

- Do not visit or engage in outside activities for their own sake. Keep useless talking to a minimum. Do only necessary business, good works, and acts of charity.
- Examine and measure every aspect of your life—family, work, society, politics, economics, values, and desires—against the model set forth by the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.

- Question yourself in regard to love, truth, honest, purity, humility, peace, forgiveness, justice, mercy, hungering, and thirsting for God, wisdom, and knowledge.

- In the name of Jesus Christ, forgive all who have offended you and seek forgiveness from those whom you have offended. If it will not be embarrassing or misinterpreted as an act of self-righteousness, express yourself as concretely as possible. Visit, make a phone call, and so forth.

- Set aside and give a sizeable portion of your resources to others; the parish, the poor, a social or educational agency. Tell no one what you have done. Ask no gratitude and forgo requesting a receipt. Do not advertise what you are doing.

- Fast strictly at all times. Eat no meat, as the basic minimum. Suit your fast to your work, but avoid luxury. Again, tell no one. Do not advertise or discuss your fasting with anyone and avoid judging others who may not be fasting with you.

- Pray at home at least at one fixed time each day. Choose a brief rule of prayer, but keep it faithfully.

- Read the scriptures in the same brief, yet regular way. You may wish to follow the Church's calendar, read a chapter of a given book on a daily basis, or simply read and reflect upon passages which you happen upon. In addition, meditate upon these: 1 John; Romans 12-14; Matthew 5-7, and John 14-17.

- Be faithful to Christ's gospel in every word, action, and thought—even the smallest or most insignificant.

- Participate in all of the weekly lenten services, especially the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, Saturday evening Great Vespers, and the Sunday Divine Liturgy, confessing seriously and receiving Holy Communion frequently.

PEACE AND JOY

If we do these things, not in a spirit of gloomy self-denial or irritated self-pity, we will gain an awareness of genuine peace and joy in communion with God and those around us. This is guaranteed, and, our participation in and celebration of the least of Our Lord's resurrection will be cherished forever!

[Taken from a brochure from the Department of Religious Education, Orthodox Church in America (OCA)]

Spiritual Inspiration

“Who is the greedy person? It’s him, who doesn’t content himself with what he has. And who [is] the thief? He who steals what belongs to others. And you think that you are not greedy, and that you do not rob others? What had been granted to you so that you might care for others, you claim for yourself.

He who strips a man of his clothes is to be called a thief. Is not he who, when he is able, fails to clothe the naked, worthy of no other title? The bread which you do not use is the bread of the hungry; the garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of him who is naked; the shoes that you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot; the money that you keep locked away is the money of the poor; the acts of charity you do not perform are so many injustices that you commit.”

Basil the Great (330-379), Bishop of Caesarea in On Avarices.

Bits . . .

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) is looking for an assistant teacher for the 2024-2025 school year for our 3-6 yr olds. Please contact Lesley Zaremba or Stephania Homyak if you are interested.

RIGHT: Deacon Rodion reviews the articles of the altar with Irina.

BELOW: John Henry works with the Adoration of the Magi materials.



BASKET OF SUNSHINE Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Basket of Sunshine for Matushka Lisa. Featuring all things sunny, cheerful, and yellow, the basket contained gardening items, sunflower seeds, an eye mask, a fleece sunflower blanket with biblical references, a sweater, a scarf, chamomile tea, cheery mugs, soaps, lotions, potions and more. Church School students made cards to accompany the baskets.



ST. MACARIUS MONASTERY gave a presentation on the status of their building project. They have purchased a large parcel of land in Casa Grande, AZ to build their permanent monastery. On this property, they plan to establish a special, well-organized city for service with a special focus on the young generation through prayer, fasting, inspiration, and pastoral care. Thanks to your generous donations, our Church School students were able to present the nuns with checks totaling \$2,200, \$2,000 of which was raised from our parish's Nativity card.



Around SS Peter & Paul

MARCH BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

- March 7 Lauren Hecht
- 10 Stephanie Homyak
- 12 Sophie Behnen
- 17 Mike Wagner
- 19 Christi and David Sourk
- 29 Tania Booriakin
- Judy Bushko
- 30 Alexander (Sasha) Keck

Many Years

Mnogaya Leta!



CONGRATULATIONS!

To Cristian and Michel Tellez on the birth of their daughter, Olivia, on January 2, 2024.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who gave gifts to our newborn baby, Olivia. We are grateful for your friendship and kindness, and for taking part in our journey.

Sincerely,
Christian and Michel Tellez

PRAYER LIST

"May Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician of our souls and bodies, reach out his healing hand and bless these, His servants."

We offer prayers to all of our parishioners who are ill or unable to attend services:

- John Bushko*
- Matushka Lisa Bock*
- Barbara Peterson*
- Ann Carroll*
- Antonia Adams-Clement*
- John Adams-Clement*
- Walter Booriakin*
- Jamie Arango*
- Tammy Horton*
- The suffering people of Ukraine*

If you know of anyone else in need of our prayers, please contact Fr. Mikel Bock.

... and Pieces

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY MEALS After the presanctified liturgies on Wednesday evenings during lent, a light meal of soup, salad, and bread is offered in the church hall. This is a shared meal and we ask those who are attending to consider signing up to bring an item on one or more of the evenings: March 20, March 27, April 3, April 10, April 17, and April 24. If you are able to bring something for the dinner, please sign-up in the church hall or see Heather Pfeiffer or Stephanie Homyak.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY PROCESSION Youth will participate in the annual procession of icons on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, March 24, 2024. Icons will be provided for all youth to carry in the procession around the church. Children are also welcome to bring their own favorite icon from home to carry in the procession. *We ask that families with children sit in the front pews on either side of the church.*

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION On Monday, March 25th, we celebrate the Great Feast of the Annunciation. On this feast, we recall the announcement made by the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary in Nazareth that she had been chosen by God to be the Mother of the promised Savior (Luke 1:26-38). Vespers will be held on Sunday, March 24th following Coffee Hour (around noon), and Divine Liturgy of the Feast will be celebrated Monday, March 25th at 9:00 am.

PARISH PASCHA CARD Instead of sending individual Pascha greetings, why not list your name(s) on a beautiful Orthodox Pascha card and support the Monastery of St. John the Baptist's Building Fund. Simply fill out the form on page 3 and return to Stephanie Homyak or the Church Office by April 20, 2024.

PROJECT MEXICO PANTRY PARTNERS DRIVE continues through March 24th. Flyers are posted in the Cultural Center hall with lists of items that are needed. You can also see the list at <https://www.projectmexico.org/pantry-partners>. Bill Weiss is the point of contact for this drive and can be reached at wcw.weiss@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

PASCHA FLOWERS Please participate in beautifying our church for the celebration of Holy Week and Pascha by donating towards the purchase of flowers.



MEMORIAL SATURDAYS As we approach and enter the season of the Great Lenten Fast, beginning our journey to Holy Pascha, we pause to remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us in hope of the Resurrection. See Father Mikel to provide a list of names you would like commemorated or if you otherwise need to update your current list. Please check the calendar for dates.

LOOKING AHEAD: VESPERS OF PASCHA It is an annual tradition in our parish to continue the celebration of the Pascha Midnight Liturgy with Paschal Vespers, this year on Sunday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m. The Vespers service is followed by an "Easter Egg Hunt" for the children as well as by a festal pot-luck.

PIROGHI WORKSHOP The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA) would like to thank everyone who helped make and purchase pierogi. In all, we made 125 dozen potato and cheese pierogi. The proceeds go toward providing essential items to newly ordained priests in Alaska. *Pat Starkey*



FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS Did you know you can support SS Peter & Paul just by shopping at Fry's? It's easy (and free) to enroll in Fry's Community Rewards at www.frysfood.com. We currently have 15 families enrolled. Last quarter, we earned \$36.70. Please support the church and enroll!

THE ALL AMERICAN COUNCIL will be held July 14-18, 2025 at the Arizona Grand Resort. His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and the Preconciliar Commission visited Saint John the Evangelist Church in Tempe, AZ, where it had a productive meeting with local clergy and lay leadership. The meeting addressed initial questions around the many committees necessary for an All-American Council to be a success.



LENTEN SOUP SALE Get ready to stock your refrigerator and freezer with lenten soups that can be enjoyed throughout the fast. The Myrrh Bearers Altar Society will hold a lenten soup sale during coffee hour on Sunday, March 31st. Most soups will be freezer friendly. Soups will be \$8 a quart or \$15 for two quarts.

PASCHA BAKE DAYS MBAS will be baking little Pascha rolls and larger Pascha Breads on Saturday, April 6th and April 13th. The rolls are distributed after liturgy on Pascha. If you would be interested in learning about baking Pascha bread and would like to help, please join us at 8:00am on either day in the church hall. To learn more or sign up, please see Heather Pfeiffer or Rita Mudrenko.



MEATFARE LUNCHEON Join us as the Russian Community prepares a feast of crepes with an assortment of fillings for Meatfare Sunday. Proceeds support SS Peter and Paul and St. Macarius Monastery. See Svetlana Tanner for more information.

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>25 Publican and Pharisee 8:40am Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>CHURCH SCHOOL PLAY</p> <p>NUNS FROM ST MARY OF EGYPT SALES TABLE</p>	<p>26 St. Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza</p>	<p>27 St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn</p>	<p>28 Ven. Basil the Confessor</p> <p>6:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>29 Ven Father and Confessor John Cassian</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:00pm Vespers</p>
FAST-FREE WEEK						
<p>3 PRODIGAL SON 8:40am Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy Procession with Icons</p> <p>CHURCH SCHOOL</p>	<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday of Orthodoxy Procession of Icons Sunday, March 24, 2024</p> 		<p>6</p> <p>6:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">February 25, 2024 The nuns of St Mary of Egypt Monastery will be here with items for sale.</p>	<p>9 Soul Saturday Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste 8:40am Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>5:00pm Vespers</p>
<p>10 MEASTFARE SUNDAY Last Judgment 8:40am Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>CHURCH SCHOOL</p> <p>MEASTFARE LUNCHEON</p> <p>MBAS MEETING</p>	<p>11 St. Sophronius</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00pm Council Mtg</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00pm Bible Study</p>	<p>14 St. Benedict, Nursia</p> 	<p>15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEATFARE LUNCHEON Sponsored by the Russian Community Sunday, March 10, 2024.</p>	<p>16 Holy Ascetic Fathers</p> <p>5:00pm Vespers</p>
MEAT FAST						
<p>17 CHEESEFARE SUNDAY FORGIVENESS SUNDAY 8:40am Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy Forgiveness Vespers</p> <p>CHURCH SCHOOL</p>	<p>18 BEGINNING OF GREAT FAST St. Nikolai of Zicha</p> <p>6:00pm Compline & Great Canon</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00pm Compline & Great Canon</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30pm 9th Hour 6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Meal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00pm Compline & Great Canon</p>	<p>22 8:40am 9th Hour & Typica 9:00am Presanctified Liturgy</p>	<p>23 Theodore Saturday</p> <p>5:00pm Vespers</p>
<p>24 SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY 8:40am Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy Procession of Icons</p> <p>No CHURCH SCHOOL</p> <p>12:00pm Vespers!!!!</p> <p>6:00 Pan Orthodox Vespers St George Antiochian OC</p>	<p>25 ANNUNCIATION 8:45am 9th Hour 9:00am Vesperal Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>26 27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Join us for a light lenten meal following Wednesday evening Presanctified Liturgy. Please contact Stephanie Homyak or Heather Pfeiffer to sign-up to bring soup, fruit, or bread.</p>		<p>28</p>	<p>29 8:40am 9th Hour & Typica 9:00am Presanctified Liturgy</p>	<p>30 Soul Saturday Ven. John Climacus 8:40am Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>5:00pm Vespers</p>
<p>31 St Gregory Palamas St. Innocent of Alaska 8:40am Hours 9:00am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>CHURCH SCHOOL</p> <p>6:00 Pan Orthodox Vespers St John the Baptist ROC</p>	<p>1 Ven Mary of Egypt</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">LENTEN SOUP SALE March 31, 2024 \$8 a quart or \$15</p>		<p>3</p> <p>5:40pm 9th Hour 6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Meal</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Ven Mary of Egypt 8:40am 9th Hour & Typica 9:00am Presanctified Liturgy</p>	<p>6 8:00am PASCHA BAKE</p> <p>5:00pm Vespers</p>