Schedule for the Week

SUNDAY - 05 February - SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE - The Holy Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra
2 Timothy 3:10-15 Luke 18:10-14

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

Monday; 06 February - The Venerable Xenia of Rome

Tuesday; 07 February - The Holy Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople
2 Peter 2:9-22 Mark 13:14-23

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE - St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church 1836 Kenmore Ave. Bethlehem

Wednesday: 08 February - The Holy Xenophon and his wife Mary and their two sons Arcadius and John of Constantinople
2 Peter 3:1-18 Mark 13:24-31

9 AM - Divine Liturgy for the repose of Fr. Dan Gurovich requested by the Lehigh Valley Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy.

Thursday; 09 February - Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom
1 John 1:8-2:6 Mark 13:31-14:2

Friday; 10 February - The Venerable Ephraim the Syrian
1 John 2:7-17 Mark 14:3-9

Saturday; 11 February - Translation of the Relics of St. Ignatius the God-Bearer

SUNDAY - 12 February - SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON - The Three Holy Hierarchs: Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom
1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Luke 15:11-32

Announcements

• THEOPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS - House blessings will continue until 14 February. A form for this purpose is included in today’s bulletin. If you would like your house blessed this year, please just fill out the form and place it in the collection basket or email Fr. Richard fatherrichard@pokrova-allentown.org House blessings will continue until February 13th.

• FAST FREE WEEK - As we prepare to enter the season of Great Lent, the Church sets before us the week of the Public and and the Pharisee as a week where no fasting is necessary. Therefore, all foods may be eaten this week, including Wednesday and Friday. No fasting this week.

• COFFEE HOUR SIGN - UP SHEET: The new coffee hour sign-up sheet is now posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday.
SAVE THE DATE: Annual General Parish Meeting Sunday; 26 March 2023 immediately after Divine Liturgy.

UPDATE ON OUR AID TO UKRAINE! EMERGENCY REQUEST RECEIVED!
We have received word from Ukraine, asking us to help volunteers from the city of Oleksandra in Central Ukraine, in setting up an emergency hospital and trauma center for the wounded from Bakhmut, Soledar and Dnipro. They are asking for twin size bed sheet sets, bed pillows, blankets, bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths, dark men's warm clothes, dark sweatshirts and sweat pants, dark long sleeve men's shirts, thermal underwear sets, underwear, men's warm socks, pain relieve medicine, beef jerky, tuna in pouches and other non-perishable food items. As you know these areas are under recent and UNRELENTING AND HORRIFIC ATTACK by Russia. Our help is NEEDED.

SOROKOUsty Commemoration - As we have begun the 5 week preparation for the coming of Great Lent, as a reminder, we will celebrate the commemoration of the deceased on the five designated Sorokousty Saturdays. if you wish to have Father Richard commemorate your deceased family members, please utilize the Sorokousty envelope provided in today’s bulletin and place it in the collection basket with your regular offering.

MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER AND OTHER ILLNESS - The next special monthly prayer service for those suffering with cancer and other illness, to the Mother of God “Queen of All” will take place Monday; 20 February. If you would like to remember anyone in prayer, please submit their names on the list available in the Chapel and deposit it in the chapel near the icon of the Mother of God, Queen of All. Donations can also be placed in the same receptacle.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES - Classes continue every Saturday at 10 AM. Our own choir director, John Koretski leads the class. Anyone interested is welcome.

Adult Ukrainian Language Classes - Classes continue every Thursday at 6 PM. Mr. Ihor Mirchuk is the instructor. Anyone interested is welcome.

Today’s Liturgical Proper

(At the Divine Liturgy)

Tone 1 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews,
while the soldiers were guarding Your most pure body,
You rose on the third day, O Savior,
granting life to the world.
The powers of heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life:
“Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!
Glory to Your Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of mankind!”

Tone 4 Kontakion (from the Lenten Triodion)

Let us flee from the pride of the Pharisee!
Let us learn humility from the Publican's tears!
Let us cry to our Savior:
“Have mercy on us!//
O only merciful One!”
Tone 3 Parish Theotokian

Today the Virgin stands in the church, / and with hosts of Saints invisibly prays to God for us. / Angels worship with Hierarchs, / and Apostles rejoice with Prophets, / for the Birth-Giver of God prays for us/ to the Pre-eternal God.

Prokeimenon  (Resurrection)

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us /as we have set our hope on You! (Ps. 32:22)

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

Epistle
2 Timothy 3:10-15

Tone 1
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

V. God gives vengeance unto me, and subdues people under me. (Ps. 17:48)

V. He magnifies the salvation of the King and deals mercifully with David, His anointed, and his seed forever. (Ps. 17:51)

Gospel
Luke 18:10-14

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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The Five Saturdays of the Deceased (Sorokousty)

Every year the Church Typikon designates five Sorokousty/ Saturdays of the Deceased during Great Lent. In addition the first Saturday for this purpose actually occurs before Great Lent on the Saturday before the reading of the Gospel of the Last Judgement. For 2023 these Saturdays are February 18th; March 8th, 18th, and 25th; and April 1st. It is a tradition of our Holy Church to
commemorate the memories of our beloved deceased at Divine Liturgy on these five Saturdays of the year. Please utilize the Sorokousty envelope included in today’s bulletin and either place it in the collection basket with your regular offering or send it into the church through regular mail. NOTE: If you have additional names to be remembered, you may print them on a separate sheet of paper and include it in the envelope. PLEASE ONLY LIST FIRST NAMES!