

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH
OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY, MARCH 4, 2012

Saint Gerasimos of the Jordan, St. Prince Daniel of Moscow



Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 (Epistle): 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 trial 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.

John 1:43-51 (Gospel): 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

Sunday, March 11

Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Mission Vespers:

4:00 p.m. St. Michael, Jermyn

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===== ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PIEROGIES WILL BE MADE THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 9AM; POTATOES WILL BE PEELED ON FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 A.M.

LENTEN FOOD SALE COMING: FRIDAY, MARCH 23 NOON-5PM. FOOD PREPARATION WILL BEGIN WITH PIEROGIES ON MONDAY, MARCH 19, AND CONTINUE TUESDAY, MARCH 20-THURSDAY, MARCH 22. There is a sign-up sheet on the candle desk for the Lenten Food Sale for orders.

Please remember in your prayers all of the parishioners of All Saints, their families, neighbors, and friends, especially Michael, Justin, Liam, Andrew, Allen, Cory Joseph, Michael, George, all those serving in the Armed Forces, all missionaries (especially Christina), all clergy, monastics, and seminarians, the sick and suffering, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for those for whom we have been asked to pray, **and all the newly departed:** (among them the Archpriest Joseph Kreta, Archpriest Michael Romanchak, Matushka Barbara Pavelchak, Matuska Joanne Pianovich, Matushka Eleanor Krell, Ann Peregrim, Olga Paulishak , Lieutenant General John Yeosock, Susan Scochin). If you would like Fr. Gabriel to remember the living or the departed at the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Fr. Gabriel to remember at the Proskomedia.

WHITE ALTAR COVERS NEEDED. Please give your donations to Joni Rezanka. Thank you for the \$60 donation made by the Scochin Family.

PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR! PLEASE FORM A NEW COFFEE HOUR TEAM OR JOIN A COFFEE HOUR TEAM! This is an important part of our parish outreach. See Julie Cohen. Thank you to the Cohen, Witek & Stuchlak for coffee hour today and to the Scochin & Skorupa families for coffee hour next week.

T SHIRTS (ALL SAINTS) AVAILABLE \$10 EACH & RECONSECRATION ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE \$3 OR 2 FOR \$5.

Lottery ticket winners 2/24-25: Pat Stafursky, Dale; Lottery drawing every two weeks: \$100 to church, \$50 each Saturday and Sunday.

SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletin (\$30): Ruth & Brian Brown , Web-Site (\$25): George & Mary Ann Scochin, Shut-in mailings (\$25): Linda Stuchlak --Thank you to all of our Donors and Sponsors!

SAMPLE PLEDGE CARDS: Please prayerfully consider handing in your pledge card as soon as possible to help us with budgeting for 2012.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: 2/26/12: \$1,376.00; LOOSE: \$16.00; 2nd Collection (Chrissy Semon): \$100. Donation in memory of Carmen Leon. Donation in memory of Susan Scochin.

Lenten Synaxarion: The Triumph of Orthodoxy Sunday

On this first Sunday of Great Lent, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the Church of Christ celebrates the restoration of the holy and venerable icons by the Em-

peror Michael, the holy and blessed Empress Theodora and the Holy Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople. (*Synaxarion*).

Today hath appeared, a day full of joy, because the splendor of true doctrine shineth forth brilliantly, and the Church of Christ now sparkleth, adorned by the elevation of the Icons of the saints and their illustrating pictures, and believers attain there a unity rewarded of God.--Orthros of the Feast, Tone 4

On the first Sunday in Lent, we commemorate the decision of the Seventh Ecumenical Council in 787 A.D. upholding the use of holy icons in Orthodox worship. We also commemorate today the unity of Orthodox belief and the oneness of our Faith throughout our various jurisdictions, nations and languages and across the continents and the centuries. *As the prophets beheld, as the Apostles have taught,...as the Church has received... as the teachers have dogmatized,...as the Universe has agreed,... as Grace has shown forth,...as Truth has revealed,...as falsehood has been dissolved,...as Wisdom has presented,...as Christ Awarded,...thus we declare,...thus we assert,...thus we preach Christ our true God, and honor as Saints in words, in writings, in thoughts, in sacrifices, in churches, in Holy Icons; on the one hand worshipping and reverencing Christ as God and Lord; and on the other hand honoring as true servants of the same Lord of all and accordingly offering them veneration. This is the Faith of the Apostles, this is the Faith of the Fathers, this is the Faith of the Orthodox, this is the Faith which has established the Universe. -- Confession of faith of the Day of Orthodoxy. (Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese Website: www.Antiochian.org)*

This Sunday commemorates the return of the Icons into the churches, according to the decision of the Seventh Ecumenical Synod (787). The Church determined that this celebration would take place each year on the first Sunday of Lent, as the Sunday of Orthodoxy, starting March 11, 843. On this Sunday every year the triumph of the faith of Orthodoxy is celebrated with ceremony. The Icon of Christ, according to St. John Damascus, is a distinct affirmation and a reminder of the fact of His Incarnation, which has a vital significance for the salvation of the faithful, an affirmation which prevails to this day in the Orthodox Church. The celebration of the day includes the procession with the Icon of Christ around the inside of the church with pomp and reverence. The Sunday of Orthodoxy calls upon the people to rededicate themselves to the deep meaning of their faith and to declare in unison, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all". (*Greek Orthodox Archdiocese website: www.goarch.org*)

Traditional Orthodox Fasting Rules for Great Lent (Clean Monday, February 27-Pascha, April 15, 2012)

Weekdays: Fasting from Meat, Poultry, Dairy, Eggs, Fish, Olive Oil, Wine.

Saturdays & Sundays (also February 29, March 9, March 26, 28, 29, 30, & Holy Thursday, April 12): Wine and Olive Oil Permitted.

Annunciation, March 25 & Palm Sunday, April 8: Fish, Wine & Olive Oil Permitted