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Educational Prayer Corner:

Wisdom from the Optina Elders.
"Do not allow yourself to be overly concerned with the judgements of fate. Just have an unwavering desire for salvation and, standing before God, await His assistance until the time comes" St. Ambrose.

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January Celebrations and Observances:

4th: Tom Evans-Birthday. 6th: Joanie Setzer & Joe Schlasta-Birthday. 12th: Andrew Capalong-Birthday; Jane Stuchlak-Memory Eternal! 14th: Ella Cohen-Birthday. 17th: Kathy Stankiewicz; Janet Gima-Birthday. 20th: Sonia Lopatofsky-Birthday. 21st: Fran Meholic-Birthday. 27th: John Puthorosky; Violet Jenevieve-Birthday. 31st: Michael Stuchlak, Sr.-Memory Eternal!

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See Fr. Paul if you would like to donate toward altar candles in memory or the health of a loved one.

Coffee Hour Schedule for January, 2016:
1/31: Monthly Potluck. (Non-fasting). Please share a favorite dish with the community!
2/7: Stafursky Families (Steve, Pat & Ken). All are welcome!
2/14: Rolls only (vacant). All are welcome!
2/21: Rezenka and Carelli Families: Special Coffee Hour Send-Off for Nadia Nelko as she travels to Romania on her Spring Break to work as a Christian Missionary. Please keep Nadia in your daily prayers for her safety while there and safe return.

In Memory Of (IMO):
January bulletin IMO of Michael Sr. & Jane Stuchlak offered by the Stuchlak family.
May their Memories be Eternal!

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New Martyrs of Russia

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SUNDAY – January 31st, 2016
EPISTLE: Col. 3: 12-16
GOSPEL: Mt**. 25: 14-30**
Saints of the Day: New Martyrs of Russia

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS who are visiting and worshipping with us this morning. Your presence has blessed us, and we pray that you also have been blessed by God and will return to visit again. A schedule of our services and special events is posted on our website along with many other interesting items and links. Please visit us there as well (www.alsaintsolyphant.org).

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The following Troparia and Kontakia are sung after the Little Entrance:

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(Resurrectional Troparion--Tone 2) When Thou didst descend to death, O Life Immortal, Thou didst slay hell with the splendor of Thy Godhead! And when from the depths Thou didst raise the dead, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, Glory to Thee!

(All Saints Troparion) As with fine porphyry and royal purple, Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy bounties on Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to our souls.

(New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia Troparion--tone 4) Today the Church of Russia joyfully forms a chorus, praising her new martyrs and confessors; hierarchs and priests, royal passion-bearers, right-believing princes and princesses, venerable men and women, and all Orthodox Christians. Having laid down their life for faith in Christ during the days of godless persecution, they preserved the truth by the shedding of blood. By their protection, O long-suffering Lord, preserve our land in Orthodoxy till the end of the age.

(Resurrectional Kontakion--Tone 2) Hell became afraid, O Almighty Savior, seeing the miracle of Thy Resurrection from the tomb! The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with Thee! And the world, O my savior, praises Thee forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: (New Martyrs and Confessors of Russian Kontakion--Tone 3) Today the new martyrs of Rus' stand in white robes before the Lamb of God, and with the angels they sing to God the hymn of victory: "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and praise, and honor, and power, and strength be to our God unto the ages of ages. Amen."

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. (Steadfast Protectress--Tone 6) Steadfast Protectress of Christians, Constant Advocate before the Creator; despise not the **entreating**

Schedule for the week:

TODAY January 31st: 9:30 Divine Liturgy. Followed by Coffee Hour (Non-fasting).

Monday February 1st: Presentation of Our Lord. Vespers w/Litya, 6:30PM.

Tuesday February 2nd: Divine Liturgy and blessing candles, 9:30AM.

Saturday, February 6th: Confession: 3:30 PM. Vespers 4 PM.

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Announcements

Please Celebrate the Feast! Try to come to one or both services.
Monday February 1st: Presentation of Our Lord. Vespers w/Litya, 6:30PM. Tuesday February 2nd: Divine Liturgy and blessing candles, 9:30AM.

There is a Home Blessing sign up list on candle desk. Please provide the date and time. Fr. Paul will be in contact with you!

Bulletin sponsorships are needed for August & September 2016. Please see Fr. Paul or Ken.
Perogies: Available on Friday from 9-11:30 a.m. and Sunday 11-12. Thank you to all those for all your hard work in making them! Try some tasty Pierogis!

We pray to the Lord in His great mercy to visit and heal our brothers and sisters who are in need: Matushka Mary. Subdeacon Will. Claudia. Yelena and the child, Pavel, who was born of her on Sunday, Jan. 3rd, congratulations! Justin. Liam. Marguerite. Matushka Patricia.
Please continue to keep Matushka Patty in your prayers! She is looking for work now in the Scranton or nearby area. If you know of any leads, please let her or Fr. Paul know.

The Orthodox Teaching on Cremation from the OCA Clergy Guidelines:

1. The practice of cremation is not a Christian one and is to be discouraged. Cremated remains are not to be brought into the temple for a burial service or for any other reason. 2. Although cremation is not encouraged, and the Funeral Service over cremated remains is denied, the remains may be buried only with the hymn Holy God… (Taken from OCA Clergy Guidelines).