

Educational Prayer Corner:

Wisdom from the Optina Elders.

"When a man acquires a courageous spirit, then in times of all infirmities and physical ailments he can be peaceful and content with his situation." St. Anthony.

September Celebrations and Observances:

4th-Michael Gresh-Birthday. 5th-Henry Zarnoski. Memory Eternal! 7th-Novice Christina Semon; Katie Beaver-Birthday. V. Rev. Stephen Adamcio-Memory Eternal! 9th-Clarise Bandru-Namesday. Jeanne Holowach-Memory Eternal! 11th-Michael Miller-Memory Eternal!. Veronica Sleyo-Birthday. 12th-Daniel & Susan Stafursky-Wedding Anniversary. 14th-Thomas Puhalla-Memory Eternal! 16th-Bill & Dianne Hepplewhite-Wedding Anniversary. 20th-Claudia Mikulak & Susan Stafursky-Birthday. 22nd-Buddy Kuzmiak-Birthday. 23rd-Joni Rezanka & Samantha Stafursky-Birthday. 24th-Bill Hepplewhite & Nancy Mazur-Birthday. 27th- Peter & Joni Rezanka-Wedding Anniversary. Marguerite Puthorosky-Birthday. Stephen Stafursky-Memory Eternal!

What is Orthodox Christianity? This PowerPoint multimedia presentation completed by St. Tikhon's graduate Fr. Daniel Mackay is available to view. It is a three part slideshow that aims to: 1) Answer the question for a contemporary American audience with some familiarity of Christianity and 2) offer some basic orientation for those who may be exploring Orthodox Christianity.

Part One: "The Teachings of Christ" (running time 40 minutes): https://vimeo.com/133268270

Part Two: "Falling Away From Christ" (running time 45 minutes): https://vimeo.com/132086893

Part Three: "The Life in Christ" (running time 40 minutes): http://vimeo.com/132791183

Coffee Hour Schedule:

September 20: Regular Coffee Hour (non fasting). Stuchlak & Naughton. Everyone welcome!

September 27: Regular Potluck. (non fasting). Please bring a favorite dish!

~Bulletins for September IMO . ~



All Saints Orthodox Church September 20, 2015

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SUNDAY – September 20, 2015

EPISTLE: 2 Cor. 6: 1-10 **GOSPEL:** Matthew 25: 14-30

Saints of the Day: Greatmartyr Eustathius and others

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS... We are pleased to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your experience in our services. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is a mark of membership in the Church. Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism and Chrismation, are permitted to partake of Holy Communion. However, all are welcome to share in the blessed bread at the end of the service.

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

(Resurrectional Troparion--Tone 7) By Thy Cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open paradise! For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

(Exaltation of the Cross Troparion--Tone 1) O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: (Resurrectional Kontakion--Tone 7) The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the prophets rejoice and cry: The Savior has come to those in faith. Enter, you faithful into the resurrection.

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. (Exaltation of the Cross Kontakion--Tone 4) As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

We pray to the Lord in His great mercy to visit and heal our brothers and sisters who are in need:

Archpriest David. Subdeacon Will. Yelena and the child to be born of her. Justin.

Schedule for the week:

TODAY **Divine Liturgy

**Regular Coffee Hour and Fellowship downstairs after Liturgy. All welcome!

Saturday, September 26th Confession 3:30 p.m.; Vespers, 4 p.m. Followed w/Lecture by Dr. Paul Witek. Refreshments available.

Announcements

Today: Church School begins today. We will have a special prayer for our children today. There is also a gift bag for each child. The church school needs another teacher for the Church School program. See Fr. Paul.

Note of thanks to David Prestys for donating and bringing topsoil for the front yard of Rectory. It looks great! Several helped to arrange the soil.

200th **Anniversary concert in honor of Church composer M. Verbytsky**. Concert today at 3PM St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre. **Sunday, Oct. 18**th at St. George Orthodox Church in Taylor. **Sunday Nov. 1**st at SS Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Greek Food Festival. Wed. Oct. 7th-Fri. Oct. 9th. 11AM-8PM. 32 East Ross St. Scranton.

Banns of Marriage announced for Chelsea N. Specht & Michael J. Mertz Jr. The wedding is set for October 3rd, 2015.

October Food Festival, with the start of our Basket raffle. The dates are Oct. 9th-10th. Start thinking about a theme basket to make and bring! Our baskets last year were very beautiful and creative. Cash donations being accepted for Ethnic Food Sale. Please see Ann Schlasta or Ann Naughton. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Baked goods needed, so please help out.

Looking ahead: Monthly Fall Education Lecture series with Will Cohen (10/17) & Fr. Dan in November. We need someone to help with refreshments.

Canned Food Collection: Please bring in canned goods and non-perishables. We currently have some community families who are in need. Food collection is located near entrance to social hall.

Perogies: Available for purchase Friday 9-11:30 a.m., Sunday 11-12.