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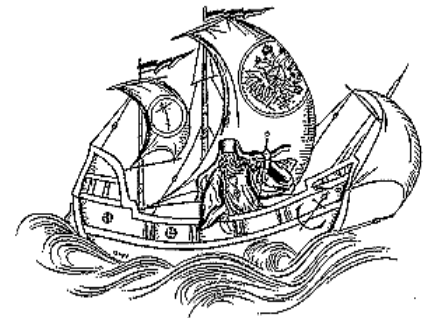
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SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2013

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 2. Repose of St. Innocent, Metropolitan of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to the Americas (1879). St.

Gregory Palamas. Synaxis of the Venerable Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra. St. Hypatius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gangra (ca. 336). Repose of St. Jonah, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1461). Ven. Hypatius the Healer, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Apollonius, Ascetic, of Egypt (4th c.). Hieromartyr Abdas, Bishop of Persia, and Martyr Benjamin the Deacon (418-424). Ven. Hypatius, Abbot of Rufinus in Chalcedon (ca. 446). Appearance of the "IVERON" (IBERIAN) Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos.



Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



Confessions: Following Vespers on Saturdays
Also by appointment

Vespers: Saturdays at 6pm
Vigil Eve of Feasts at 7pm

Divine Liturgy: Sundays at 9:30am
Feast Days at 9am

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

- Sun, Mar 31:** **St. Gregory Palamas.** Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, **Parish Health Inventory Session with Parish Council and all those interested in Parish Renewal – 12pm**, Deanery Lenten Mission Service at Holy Trinity Romanian Church, Philadelphia – 4pm
- Wed, Apr 3:** Presanctified Liturgy – 9:15am followed by Adult Education
- Fri, Apr 5:** Presanctified Liturgy – 7pm – *For those communing, Fast from Noon*
- Sat, Apr 6:** **Memorial Saturday.** Hours, Divine Liturgy for the Departed – 9am, Grounds Cleanup, Great Vespers and Confessions – 6pm
- Sun, Apr 7:** **Sunday of the Cross.** Divine Liturgy – 9:30am, Scrip Program during Coffee Hour, Deanery Lenten Mission Service at St. Herman Church, Gradyville – 4pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Grounds Cleanup: We are still receiving donations for Liberty Tree payment for removal of downed trees. NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 6 WE WILL HAVE A SPRING CLEANUP. PRIORITIES ARE PICKING UP BRANCHES SO GRASS CAN BE CUT, SHOVEL STONE PILES FROM SNOW PLOW ONTO THE DRIVEWAY, FILL HOLES, RAKE FLOWER BEGS, A/C UNITS, WEEK WHACK PERIMETER. HELP NEEDED, PLEASE COME FOR AS LONG AS YOU CAN. WILL BEGIN AFTER DIVINE LITURGY, @ 10:45AM.

Food Donation: Please bring a non-perishable item of food when you come to Lenten services. All items will be donated to a local food pantry.

Lenten Mission Schedule: The Lenten Mission Schedule of 2013 is available. All Services at 4pm.

- o 3/31 – Holy Trinity Romanian Church, Philadelphia
- o 4/7 – St. Herman Church, Gradyville
- o 4/14 – Holy Trinity Church, Pottstown (His Grace, Bishop Mark will preside)
- o 4/21 – St. Michael the Archangel Russian Church, Philadelphia
- o 4/28 – Bridegroom Matins • St. Stephen Cathedral, Philadelphia

Parish Revitalization: As mandated by our Diocesan Assembly in 2011, we will begin our parish revitalization by using the Parish Health Inventory Model adapted by the Diocesan Revitalization Committee. This will be an ongoing process of parish self-assessment, discernment, planning and renewal of our parish life in deeper fulfillment of our mission to evangelize and sanctify as the Body of Christ, bringing light, healing, and peace to all. The PHIM will be reviewed, chapter by chapter (8 in all) on the last Sunday of each month, **beginning TODAY at**

Noon for one hour. This will be done by the Parish Council, but all are encouraged to participate. You can review the PHIM here:

[http://www.doepa.org/files/Revitalization Committee/PHIM-with-revisions-ver1.5.pdf](http://www.doepa.org/files/Revitalization%20Committee/PHIM-with-revisions-ver1.5.pdf)

Parish Lenten Retreat: Saturday, April 20, **A Guide on The Way: St. Nikolai of Zhica.** The Retreat will offer the life and teaching of this 20th Century saint as a guide for living the Orthodox Faith in the 21st Century, focusing on Lenten and Paschal Themes from his writings. Akathist to the Theotokos at 9:15AM followed by Coffee Break. Session 1: 10:30 -12:15 Movie Nikolai the Serb. Lunch 12:15-1. Quiet Time 1-1:30. Session 2:1:30-2:45. Session 3: 3-3:45. 4PM 9th Hour followed by Great Vespers and Confessions.

Lenten Retreats: Saturday, April 13, St. Philip Antiochian Orthodox Church in Souderton and St. Michael the Archangel in Wilmington DE, both on themes of hospitality. See bulletin board for fliers on both.

The Scrip Program: Orders will be taken on Sunday, April 7 during Coffee Hour.. Please continue to use this program and encourage others to try it. If you have any ideas to make it easier/more efficient, constructive suggestions are always welcome. Please take a list of vendors, see who you patronize and place and order with Larissa Ravetto. **Phone 215-766-1220 or Email ravetto2001@gmail.com.**

Temple Maintenance: If you are available to help clean the Church please speak to Nancy Letzo who is coordinating teams. Weekly, monthly or any availability would be welcome for Friday mornings. **Nancy can be reached at 215-946-3259.**

THE GREAT FAST

Young and old bodies are nothing more than new and old garments of the soul. Either of these garments can conceal a healthy or a sick soul. Our goal is a healthy and clean soul. St. Nikolai of Zhica. The Prologue. March 28.

YOUTH INFORMATION:

❖ Be a rebel – **Be an Orthodox Christian!**

VIGIL LIGHTS:

From the Moser Family:

In Memory of

Deacon John, Veronica, Rebecca, Charles, John, Elizabeth

For the Health of

Archpriest Alexander, Archpriest John, Protodeacon Peter, Mary Ann

From the Swan Family:

In Memory of

Margaret Zervos

For the Health of

Mary Anne Swan

From the Peridikis Family:

In Memory of

Evangelia, Ekaterini

For the Health of

Archpriest Theodore, Archpriest Thomas, Arthur Sr., Patricia, Angelo

From the Pitra Family:

In Memory of

Pelageia and Iwan Kwasow, Julia and Julius Pitra

From the Sedor Family:

For the Health of

Raymond Pierre, Mary Ann

WINE AND INCENSE

For the Health of Andrew, Theodora, Sergius, Melody and Sophia

From Sonya Lengel