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February 25, 2018 Clergy: Protopriest Paisius McGrath, Pastor Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Attached

Parish Board President: Karen Sheptak

Choir Director: Eric Prokopchak

<u>Today's Commemorated Feasts and Saints</u>: 1st Sunday of Great Lent/ Sunday of Orthodoxy- Tone 5; Saint Tarasius of Constantinople

Today, Sunday, February 25, 1st Sunday of Great Lent/Sunday of Orthodoxy, 3rd Hour 9:45 Divine Liturgy 10 am Procession of Holy Icons Coffee Hour: Patty Prokopchak (Youth)

Monday, February 26, Parish Executive Board Meeting 7:30 pm Wednesday, February 28, Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts, 6 pm at Saint Anthony's followed by Lenten Potluck Meal

Thursday/Friday, March 1 and 2, Parish Pirohi Sale, Thursday: 8-12, Friday:8-4 Sunday, March 4, 2nd Sunday of Great Lent/ Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas Pro-Liturgy with Holy Communion 10 am(served by Deacon Seraphim Truckley) Coffee Hour:Mary McCarthy and Barbara Lesney(Church)

For Healing and Good Health: Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Pani Sonia Diakiw, Father John Harvey, Father Nestor Kowal, Panimatka Lillian Hnatko, Mary Keffalas, Kathryn, Brian, Orycia Hammerschmitt, Stephen Sheptak, Gregory Prokopchak, Jessica Burka, Amanda Burka, Tanner Noble, Nick and Arianna Coyle, Jean Markiw, Kathryn Tymkiw, Jack Povlick, Mary Ann Jurysta, Sherri Burka, Emil Russo, Helen Burka, Michael Romanyshyn, Eva Bilowich, Patty Hnatko, Rose Hnatko, Sherri Markiw, Ethan Rock, Scott Cygan, Metrophan Martin, Ronna Frenchak Pindel, Lovie Tymkiw, Donna Grey, Helen Olenic, our brothers and sisters suffering in Ukraine, Syria, Iraq and Egypt

Memory Eternal: Helen Zentz

This morning being the 1st Sunday of Great Lent we commemorate the Triumph of Orthodoxy with this day referred to as the Sunday of Orthodoxy. On this day our Holy Church commemorates the final ending of the Iconoclast Controversy and the restoration of Holy Icons by the Empress Theodora- this event took place on the first Sunday of Great Lent in 847 AD and it was decreed that from that day on the 1st Sunday of Lent each year was to be devoted to this commemoration.

As a part of this commemoration and to celebrate the Restoration of Holy Icons, at the end of Divine Liturgy we participate in a procession with Holy Icons and recite together the common Orthodox Faith that we hold together. Another way of celebration this day is to gather this afternoon and evening at one of the local celebrations of the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers. The closest one for us here will be the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City at 4 pm. We encourage everyone to join us for the continuation of this celebration!

This morning we as a parish extend our best wishes and congratulations to Bryce Radio as he celebrated his birthday this past week on Friday, February 23. May the Lord our God grant to His servant, Bryce, many more blessed and happy years!

During Great Lent we will also have the special Memorial or Sorokousty services as we remember all the faithful departed of our parish and our families. We ask that each family submit the names of your loved ones to be remembered at these special services and join us as we commemorate these special Lenten Memorial services as a parish community.

We wish to offer a reminder to all members to please submit your pledge forms for 2018 if you have not already done so. As a parish community we rely on each member to be faithful in supporting the parish in this way so that we may continue the ministry of our parish community not only for ourselves but to our larger community as we seek to be a witness of our faith in the community.

We wish to announce today that our next monthly Parish Basket Raffle will consist of a "Luck of the Irish" basket donated by Helen Olenic and an anonymous donor. This exciting basket is made up of Irish Coffee ingredients: Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey, Starbucks Morning Coffee; 2 Decorative Irish mugs; Irish Doll Figurine, 5 \$2 Instant Lottery Tickets and "Gold" Chocolate Candy. Tickets are available at Coffee Hour for \$ for each ticket and the drawing will be held on Sunday, March 11 with all proceeds to benefit our Parish General Fund.

We invite everyone to come out to help with the next Pirohi Sale this week on Thursday and Friday, March 1 and 2 as we work together for the good of our parish in this way.

MAY CHRIST OUR GOD GRANT TO HIS SERVANTS ALL OF THE FAITHFUL OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ALL OUR VISITORS TODAY, PEACE, HEALTH AND SALVATION AND MAY HE SAFEGUARD AND KEEP US ALL FOR MANY YEARS!