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March 17, 2019

Clergy: Protopriest Paisius McGrath, Pastor
 Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Attached
 Parish Board President: Karen Sheptak
 Choir Director: Lydia Rudolf

Today's Commemorated Feasts and Saints: 1st Sunday of Great Lent/Sunday of Orthodoxy- Tone 1; Saint Patrick of Ireland

*****PARISH SCHEDULE*****

Sunday, March 17, 1st Sunday of Great Lent/Sunday of Orthodoxy/ Saint Patrick of Ireland, Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil 10 am Procession with Holy Icons
 Coffee Hour: Ron and Rose Frenchak(Ladies Guild)

Monday, March 18, Parish Executive Board Meeting 7 pm

Wednesday, March 20, Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts, 6 pm at Saint Anthony's with Lenten Potluck

Thursday/ Friday, March 21/22, Parish Pirohi Sale, Thursday:8-12, Friday: 8-3

Friday, March 22, Compline and Akathist to Theotokos, 5 pm at Saints Peter and Paul

Saturday, March 23, Memorial Saturday/Sorokousty, Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Memorial Service

Sunday, March 24, 2nd Sunday of Great Lent/ Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas /Pre-Feast of Annunciation, Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil 10 am Coffee Hour: Mary McCarthy and Barbara Lesney

*****PRAYER CORNER*****

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

*****PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES*****

This morning on the 1st Sunday of Lent we celebrate the Triumph of Orthodoxy or the Sunday of Orthodoxy. In the 8th and early 9th century there arose a controversy over whether the Orthodox "worshipped" icons which would be a violation of the Ten Commandments where we are told that we are not to make any graven image to worship it. This controversy led to the Iconoclast Movement which took a false understanding that icons were being worshipped, led to the removal and destruction of all icons from the churches except the image of the Cross, and led to the persecution, exile and martyrdom of bishops, clergy and the faithful who rejected this false teaching. In 787 A.D. the 7th Ecumenical Councils rejected this false teaching and declared that Icons were venerated and not worshipped and that through the Incarnation Christ had come to sanctify all matter and so returned the right teaching about icons as an important part of the practice of our Orthodox Faith. But shortly after that, Iconoclasm arose again and with it another time of persecution of many. Finally at a local Council in Constantinople in 843 A.D. the proper understanding of icons was restored and on the 1st Sunday of Lent that year a great procession was made with the Holy Icons back into the Cathedral of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople. It was further decreed that from then on the 1st Sunday of Great Lent would be designated as the Triumph of Orthodoxy or the Sunday of Orthodoxy. So in imitation of this today we also affirm our Orthodox Faith the Procession of Holy Icons.

This morning during Divine Liturgy-between the Gospel Reading and the Sermon- we administer the oath of office to the new and returning members of our Parish Executive Board. Let us all pray together for our Executive Board as it works together with each of us to guide the ministry and work of our Parish community!

During Great Lent an integral and important part of our Lenten journey is the celebration Memorial Saturdays, special days give to us by our Holy Church to commemorate the faithful departed of our parish communities and our families. We will offer this special service during Great Lent on Saturday, March 23, Saturday, March 30, and Saturday, April 6. Let us all submit the names of our departed loved ones and family members that they can all be commemorated in this special way.

Everyone is invited to come out to help again with our next Parish Pirohi Sale on Thursday/Friday, March 21/22. Let us all join together as we work for the good of our Parish in this way.

We encourage everyone to continue to give generously to our Capital Improvements Fund as we continue to work on the different projects of maintaining and updating our Parish buildings.

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!