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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022 ~ GODPARENT/GODCHILD SUNDAY

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:26-28; 8:1-2 Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

The Gospel according to Matthew 15:21-28 At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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Trisagions:
† Linda Mourtacos 6 years
† George Vince Yamalis 38 years

Join us after Divine Liturgy in the Community Center for Godparent + Godchild Luncheon and Acolyte Fundraiser

THIS WEEK:

<i>Monday, February 7</i>	<i>St. Parthenius</i> 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy 6:30pm Paracletis
<i>Tuesday, February 8</i>	
<i>Wednesday, February 9</i>	4:30pm Greek School 6:30pm GOYA Basketball/7:30 Pizza and snacks 7pm Bible Study
<i>Thursday, February 10</i>	<i>St. Haralambos</i> 8:30am Orthros/9:30am Divine Liturgy
<i>Friday, February 11</i>	GOYA Basketball Tournament, Steubenville, OH
<i>Saturday, February 12</i>	GOYA Basketball Tournament, Steubenville, OH 5pm Vespers, Opening of Triodion

To schedule a House Blessing, please call the church office.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS

THEMES / GOSPEL READING

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Fast - Free Week
FEBRUARY 13th



TRIODION WEEKS

Publican and the Pharisee

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15
Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14

Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.

Normal Fast Week
FEBRUARY 20th



The Prodigal Son Returns!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20
Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32

Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble."
Use up/freeze meats this week.

Meatfare
FEBRUARY 27th
FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY



The Last Judgement

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9:2
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him!
Use up/freeze dairy this week.

Cheesefare
MARCH 6th
FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY



Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

Epistle: Romans 13: 11-14:4
Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.

1st Sunday of Lent
MARCH 13th



GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2
Gospel: John 1:43-51

Bring an icon to church for a procession.

2nd Sunday of Lent
MARCH 20th



ST GREGORY PALAMAS

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today!
Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.

3rd Sunday of Lent
MARCH 27th



VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

HALF WAY TO PASCHAI

Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14-5:6
Gospel: Mark 8: 34-9:1

Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!

4th Sunday of Lent
APRIL 3rd



ST JOHN of the LADDER

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20
Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31

Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!

5th Sunday of Lent
APRIL 10th



ST MARY of EGYPT

Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-14
Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45

Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.

FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY!
APRIL 17th
GREAT WEEK BEGINS



GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-9
Gospel: John 12: 1-18

Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY
APRIL 22nd



GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE

Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.

FEAST OF FEASTS!
APRIL 24th
NO FASTING!



BRIGHT WEEK

HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: Jan 1:1-17

Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!