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MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSION: Before & after Saturday evening Vespers. Other Sacraments by appointment.

GOING TO THE HOSPITAL? Please notify Father when you are admitted if you want him to visit. Kindly notify Father also when you are discharged.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM
YOUR CROSS WE ADORE, O MASTER,
AND YOUR HOLY RESURRECTION WE GLORIFY!

CROSS VENERATION SUNDAY (3rd Sunday of Great Lent): Antiphon “Bless the Lord, O my soul,” on p. 8 and the Beatitudes. Tropar for Tone 7 on p. 99. Tropar & Kondak of Cross Veneration Sunday and all remaining Propers can be found on pp. 182-183. The *Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great*, with its special melodies, is served on the Sundays of Great Lent.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 4:14-5:6. **GOSPEL:** Mark 8:34-9:1.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES
For the week of March 11, 2018:

Sun., March 11: (After Liturgy) **Panachida** in memory of +Charles Morris. Requested by Virginia Polinsky.

THIS AFTERNOON:

- 3:00 PM: **Confessions** with Father George Ellis.
- 4:00 PM: **MISSION SERVICE**. *Lenten Vespers* HERE followed by a lenten repast in our church hall.

Mon., March 12: (6:30 PM) Moleben to the Holy Cross. (*Confessions 5:30 — 6:15 PM and after.*)

Wed., March 14: (6:30 PM) Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. *Please keep at least a 3-hour fast!* (*Confessions 5:30 — 6:15 PM and after.*)

Fri., March 16: (6:30 PM) Parastas with Panachida for the *4th All Souls' Saturday*, with the *Reading of the Diptychs* of the Departed. (*Confessions 5:30 — 6:15 PM and after.*)

NO Services or Confessions on Saturday, March 17. Father Michael, Pan'i and other parishioners will be attending the *Diocesan Lenten Retreat* at Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church in Homestead, PA.

Sunday of Saint John Climacus, March 18:

9:30 AM: Preparation Prayers for Holy Communion.

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for the *Commemoration of Saint John of the Ladder (4th Sunday of Great Lent)*. Antiphon "Bless the Lord, O my soul," on p. 8. and the Beatitudes. Tropar for Tone 8 on p. 102. Tropar & Kondak of Saint John Climacus and all remaining Propers can be found on pp. 183-184. The *Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great*, with its special melodies, is served on the Sundays of Great Lent.

5:00 PM: Lenten Mission Vespers at *Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Church* in Steubenville, OH. (*Serbian Deanery.*)

THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy Birthday* to Dad. Requested by *Ethan and Sophia*.

THE LEFT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Prothesis) burn with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy Birthday* to Owen. Requested by *Ethan, Sophia, Will and Brodi*.

THE RIGHT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Diakonikon) burn with prayers for Laney & Anna Ross. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.

THE TETRAPOD LAMPS burn with prayers for *Special Intentions*. Requested by *Theresa Reese*.

TODAY'S SUNDAY BULLETIN is sponsored with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy 2nd Birthday* to Owen Nicholas. With love from *Mommy & Daddy*.

NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY. The church hall is set-up for the dinner after *today's Mission Service*. Please come back later for the Lenten dinner.

OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet *this coming Thursday, March 15* at 6:30 PM.

DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT. The Central Region Lenten Retreat will be held *next Saturday, March 17, 2018* at *Saint Nicholas Church* in Homestead, PA. Let Pan'i Kelley know **TODAY** if you want to attend. *LAST CHANCE!* Sponsored by the National A.C.R.Y. Everyone welcome!

OUR MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held *next Sunday, March 18* after the Coffee Hour. Let's try for a *short meeting*, for the sake of those going to the Mission in Steubenville.

FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT PLEASE HELP YOUR CHURCH!

Instead of our bi-annual church cleaning, we are asking families to pick a cleaning task. A list of tasks can be found on the bulletin board. Please complete your chosen task before Palm Sunday.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS can be heard on Saturday afternoons from 5:00 til 5:45 PM; and again *after Vespers*. Confessions can also be heard from 5:30 PM til 6:15 PM before & immediately after most other evening Lenten services. Please don't wait til the last minute!

ORDERS for CHOCOLATE 3-BAR CROSSES for your Easter Baskets from Sarris Candies are now being taken. Please submit your order to Theresa Reese by phone at **740-695-5254**; or text to **740-359-0646**. Orders must be placed **no later** than **March 18**,

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES have been included with today's bulletin. Please use these envelopes if you wish to donate an Easter Flower (or Flowers) in memory of a departed loved one and/or with prayers for the health & salvation of the living. Names and donors will be published in the Easter bulletin. **\$15.00 per flower.**

COLERAIN TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP. The annual Colerain Township Clean-Up will take-place on Saturday, March 24, from 9 AM to 1 PM at RST Excavating Garage on St. Route 250 (across from CR-14 Farmington Rd.) We will accept most old household junk, appliances, house and lawn furniture, carpeting, small and large household electronics, plastic riding and climbing toys, fixtures, mirrors, windows, doors, household batteries, car batteries, etc. **NO** mattress or box springs, paint, ballasts, liquids, fluorescent tubes, hazardous waste, food waste, diapers, leaves, tree & brush trimmings, insulation, concrete, block or brick. Standard car or light truck tires will be taken. No large truck tires. For more information, call the Garage at **740-695-5430**; or the JB Green Team at **740-296-5376**.

OCMC LENTEN MISSION BANKS are now available to all of our church school children. Parents are asked to encourage their children to contribute their loose change to the Missions. The banks will be collected at the end of Lent, and the donations will be forwarded to OCMC.

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH for a Lenten Service! This is a wonderful time to share your Faith! Our young people will get an **additional stamp** for their passports every time they bring a friend to church. The rest of us will be blessed by sharing the pearl of great price!

PERSONALIZE your Lenten Journey by stopping by our parish bookstore soon! Maybe find a good Lenten book to enrich your soul. The bookstore also has several items on hand to promote family focus, growth and reflection. Suggested items include mealtime prayer cubes, 'The Narrow Path' board game, several children's books and much more. Stop by and get focused for Great Lent!

PARISH DIRECTORIES are now available in the back of church.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday Vespers (3/3) — 7


Sunday Divine Liturgy (3/4) — 78

Mission Vespers in Martins Ferry (3/4) — 21

Presanctified Liturgy (3/7) — 18

Paraklis (3/9) — 14

3rd All Souls' Saturday Liturgy (3/10) — 5



Whoever is righteous
has regard for the life of his beast,
but the mercy of the wicked is cruel.

Proverbs 12:10

**Our parish youth will be extending their Lenten
Outreach efforts this year to
The Belmont County Animal Shelter
Please join us in collecting the following items:**

Bleach

Dish Soap

Laundry Detergent

Can Food for Cats/Dogs

Purina Dry Dog food

Cat Litter

Purina One Dry Cat Food

Toys for Cats/Dogs

Old Blankets

Old Sheets

Old Towels

Old Washcloths

Please bring donations to church by **Sunday, March 25**
and place in the box located in the basement.



Every year during Great Lent our church school children are asked to collect coins and place them in an offering box to benefit OCMC. The following article highlights one of the many ways these funds are used to help those mission parishes in other countries. It is taken from the Facebook page of our Diocesan Parish in Rockaway, NJ. and written by Fr. Matthew Stagon who previously served at our deanery parish of St. Mary's in Morgantown, WV.



Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Christian Church: Rockaway, New Jersey March 5

On Wednesday evening a few from our community took part in the beautiful Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at Saint John the Baptist Church in Rahway. It was a powerful Lenten experience for all those present.

It was made especially beautiful through the prayerful participation of His Grace, Bishop NEOFYTOS of Nieri and Mount Kenya (pictured above). He has been a bishop of the Orthodox Church in Kenya for four years now, and he spoke at the conclusion of the Liturgy about how when he started his ministry as bishop in Kenya, he started with nothing. Nowhere to live, no office, no cathedral, no nothing.

Upon his assignment to his newly-formed Diocese he went to the Patriarch of Alexandria having prayed that the Patriarch would offer him financial assistance with this undertaking. He laughed in saying that he was disappointed when the Patriarch said instead that his work was done, and that Jesus Christ would provide what was necessary.

Bishop Neofytos' insisted his biggest concern was that his priests would have difficulty getting from their homes to the Churches for the Sunday Divine Liturgy because many lived great distances from their Church and had no form of transportation.

In 2016, he came to the United States to visit with a priest in Saint Louis, Missouri with whom he had gone to Holy Cross Seminary in Boston alongside our own Bishop Gregory. He asked the priest if it would be possible to try to raise money in order to purchase motorcycles for his clergy to travel around.

Since that time nearly every priest in his diocese has had a motorcycle purchased for their use, and the use of the greater community. Only twenty more are needed.

To put this into perspective for us: our Dean, Father Andrew Fetchina asked His Grace, how much a motorcycle costs in Africa. I was thinking \$10,000 maybe.

The Bishop said: \$1,300. That's it.

The funds our parishioners are collecting in the coin boxes which we distributed at the start of Great Lent (of which more are still available) can be used for the express purpose of the purchase of a motorcycle (or motorcycles) for the priests of his Diocese.

If you would like to donate towards this important cause visit the OCMC website in order to learn more.

The bishop's grin grew largest (and he smiled a great deal) when he spoke of how in one village the motorcycle was the only mode of transportation. A woman was nearing the end of her pregnancy and was having a great deal of trouble. She needed to get to the distant hospital and fast. They thought about the fact that the Orthodox Priest in the village was the only one with a vehicle, went to him, and he took her to the hospital.

The motorcycles not only assist with the priests getting to their Churches but for the benefit and welfare of the entire community.

I encourage you to give generously from your heart, and maybe, to go beyond coins, into the green bills, and many colored checks in order to support the work of Bishop Neofytos and his clergy, and faithful in Kenya.

With Love in Christ Jesus,
Fr. Matthew