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Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory forever, and ever!

Service Schedule

November 7

General Confession @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Special Collection for Seminarian
 Church Picture
 Dinner following Liturgy

November 14

Hours @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Fellowship Hour following Liturgy
 Council Meeting

November 21

Hours @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Fellowship Hour following Liturgy

November 28

Hours @ 9:30 AM
 Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 AM
 Potluck Fellowship following Liturgy

Reader's Schedule

Hours

11/7 Chris Conkey
 11/14 Larry Ammerman
 11/21 Veronica Pirow
 11/28 John Conkey

Epistle

Mike Conkey
 Mark Ammerman
 Doug Donovan
 Edward Batchko

Feast Days

11/8 Synaxis of the Archangel Michael, Gabriel and the Other Bodiless Powers
 11/13 St John Chrysostom
 11/16 Apostle and Evangelist Matthew
 11/21 Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
 11/30 Apostle Andrew, the Holy and All-Praised First-Called



Remember in your prayers: Metropolitan Theodosius, Father Adam, Father Ted, Jennifer & Lilian Ammerman, Mary Ann Ammerman, Helen Bokach, Chris Conkey, Helen Czar, Christine Demchak, Joe Demchak, Jeffrey Fetcenko, Randy Fetcenko, Rose Marie Fetcenko, Yvonne Fetcenko, Jack Foster, Mary Foster, Helen Mae Harvey, Julia Luzier, Anna Pennington, Karen Saupp, Harry Socie, Chuck Stine, Dustin Thompson, Holly Thompson, Andrew Tocimak, George Tocimak, Irene Tocimak, Louise Tocimak, Elizabeth Edwards, Joe Edwards, Olga Finlayson, Kenneth Finlayson, and William Cornman

“O Master, the all-sustainer, and Holy King, Who punishes, but reduces not to death, Who strengthens the failing, and raises the outcast, Who remedies the bodily sorrows of men, we pray unto Thee, O Our Lord, visit Thine infirm servants with Thy mercy; forgive them every transgression, voluntary and involuntary. Verily O Lord, send down from Heaven Thy healing power, touch the body, extinguish the fever, lessen the suffering and every infirmity of Thy servants, raise them decumbent, from sickness, and from the bed of evilness, make them whole and all-restored, return them to Thy Church well-pleasing and fulfilling Thy will. For it is of Thine own, to be merciful and to save us, O Lord, and unto Thee we send glory, to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

Birthdays

11/25 Veronica Pirow
 11/27 Doug Donovan
 11/28 Mike Conkey
 11/30 Bonnie Fetcenko

Anniversaries

Things to Remember:

- Saturday November 6, 2010 Archdiocese of Pgh. & W. Pa. Annual Assembly at Portage, Pa. Fr. John & Mark Ammerman will attend.
- Monday November 15, 2010 Beginning of Advent (preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord and Saviour)

Father's Corner

The Entry of the Most Holy Mother of God into the Temple (November 21)

In the Orthodox Church this is observed as one of the Twelve great feasts in the annual calendar. According to tradition, at the age of three the blessed Virgin Mary was taken by her parents Joachim and Anna to the temple in Jerusalem, to be dedicated to the Lord. She lived there for nine years, in preparation for her future task of bearing God incarnate.

The all-pure temple of the Savior,
The precious bridal-chamber and Virgin,
The sacred treasure-house of the glory of God,
Is led today into the Lord's house,
And with her she brings the grace of the Holy Spirit.
Of her God's angels sing in praise:
She is indeed the heavenly tabernacle.

St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30)

Peter, Andrew, Alexander, Rufus and Matthias went to a city of the barbarians. As they came near, Andrew asked Peter, "Father Peter, are we going to have the same trouble in this city as we had in the country of the cannibals?" Peter replied, "I don't know, but look; over there is an old man in his field. Let us go up to him and say "Will you give us bread?", and if he gives it to us, we may know that in this city we will not suffer. But if he says, "We have no bread", we shall know that trouble is coming to us."

When they came up to the old man, Peter said, "Have you bread to give, for we have been in want." "The old man said, "Wait a bit, and look after the oxen, the plough and the land, that I may go into the town and get you loaves." Peter said, "If you give us hospitality, we will look after the oxen and field." He asked, "Are the oxen yours?" The old man said, "No, they are hired", and the old man went into the city.

Peter got up and girded his cloak and his undergarment, and said to Andrew, "It is not right for us to rest and be idle, especially when the old man has left his work and is working for us." Then Peter took hold of the plough and sowed the wheat, and Andrew was behind the oxen. He took the plough out of Peter's hand and sowed the wheat, saying, "O seed cast into the ground in the field of righteous, let the young men of the city therefore come forth, for the apostles of Christ are coming, pardoning the sins of those who believe, and healing every disease."

Special Prayer

I live alone dear Lord, stay by my side
And all my daily needs, be my guide
Grant me good health for that indeed I pray
If sickness or accident befall
Then humbly O Lord, hear my call

When I am feeling low or in despair
To carry on my work from day to day
Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer
I live alone dear Lord, yet have no fear
For I feel your presence every near.

This prayer was shared by Helen Bokach and it is one she says often. Remember her in your prayers.

Sometimes we wonder.....

'What did I do to deserve this?' or 'Why did God have to do this to me?' Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away. Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, 'Absolutely Mom, I love your cake.' 'Here, have some cooking oil,' her Mother offers. 'Yuck' says her daughter. 'How about a couple raw eggs?' 'Gross, Mom!' 'Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?' 'Mom, those are all yucky!'

To which the mother replies: 'Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!'

God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!

God is crazy about you. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

Shared by Krista Batchko