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We are each of us angels with only one wing...

And we can fly embracing each other...

Luciano DeCrenzenzo

February 23, 2025 – Sunday of Meatfare; Octoechos Tone 7; The Holy Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna

Intentions this Sunday

Saturday at 4:15pm: +Mary Novakuske; Sunday at 9:30am: Parishioners; Sunday at 11am: Parishioners.

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 7: By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 1: When You come on earth, O God, in glory,* and the universe trembles,* while the river of fire flows before the seat of judgement,* and the books are opened and all secrets disclosed,* then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,* and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand,* O Judge who are most just..

Prokeimenon, Tone 3

Great is our Lord and great is His strength;* and of His knowledge there is no end.

Repeat: Great is our Lord and great is His strength;* and of His knowledge there is no end.

verse: Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to Him.

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Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Alleluia, Tone 8

verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour.

verse: Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, Feb 24	2 Corinthians 4:6-15			
The First and Second Finding of the Precious Head of the Holy, Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Bpatizer John.	Matthew 11:2-15			
Tuesday, Feb 25	Jude 1-10			
Our Holy Father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople.	Luke 22:39-42; 22:45-23:1			
Wednesday Feb 26	Joel 2:12-26	10am	Rosary and Lenten	
Our Holy Father Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza; Blessed Edigna.	Joel 3:12-21		Midday Prayer	
Thursday, Feb 27	Jude 11-25			
Our Venerable Father and Confessor Procopius the Decapolitan.	Luke 23:1-34, 44-56			
Friday, Feb 28	Zechariah 8:7-14			<i>Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat.</i>
Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, ascetical companion of Procopius.	Zechariah 8:19-23			
Saturday, March 1	Romans 14:19-26	4:15pm	Divine Liturgy (for Sunday)	Intention: +Mary Novakuske
Saturday before Cheesefare; The Holy Venerable-Martyr Eudocia.	Matthew 6:1-13	5:30pm	Great Vespers	
Sunday, March 2	Romans 13:11-14:4	9:30am	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)	Intention: Parishioners
Sunday of Cheesefare.	Matthew 6:14-21	11am	Divine Liturgy (English)	Intention: Parishioners
		4pm	Forgiveness Vespers (Beginning of Great Lent)	

Other Events this Week

Monday, February 24 – Senior Exercise Class from 11-11:30am

Wednesday, February 26 – Senior Exercise Class from 11-11:30am

Thursday, February 27 – Perogy and cabbage roll making, from 7am-noon. Lunch is provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We welcome our guests and visitors. Thank you for worshipping with us!
2. Next 50/50 draw is ongoing. Tickets are \$10.00 each, maximum prize of \$1,000.00. Draw Date: Friday, February 28, 2025 at 2pm.
3. Next Fundscrip order will be made today (Sunday) and the gift cards should arrive by Friday. Please speak with Fr. Michael directly if you'd like to make a last-minute order.
4. Thank you for all who worked the brunch last week!
5. This week is Cheesefare Week—the last week before Lent begins. According to the liturgical prescriptions of our Church, the Divine Liturgy is not offered on Wednesday and Friday of this week. The Liturgy on Wednesday is replaced by the Lenten Midday Prayer with Communion this week.

6. Ukrainian flag raising ceremony: Monday at 4pm at City Hall. This ceremony will mark the 3rd anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Please, if at all possible, make the time to attend and stand in support of Ukraine.
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Outreach to Homebound Parishioners: Know of someone who might like a priest's visit? Contact the office or Fr. Michael to arrange.

PRAYER LIST OF SICK, SHUT-INS, AND DEAR ONES FAR AND NEAR: Lorraine Wilson, Msgr. Anton Szymychalski, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Antoinette Blunt, Katherine Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Stratichuk, Elsie Barrett, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Nikolaos Georgas, Denise Jacques, Phil Marinelli, Mike Plastino, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Connie Sampson, Lee DeMelo, Fr. Oleh Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Lynn Dunne, Fr. Andrew Kormanik, Ray Robinson, Hunter Stone, Gavin Stone, Gerard Dosko, Anderson Knight, Jann, Ron Barasanti, Peter Harlow, Larisa Pochmursky, Elizabeth Cepecawer, MaryAnn Spadoni, Paul Taillefer, Erin, Dave Kowalyk, Mary Romanchuk, McGill Perry, Tammy Zalewski, Fernando Mannarino, Dave Redfern, Ora, Paul M, June, Bob, Dustin Wenmany and Tracey Burmaster, Sue and Mel Stanghetta, Norna Martynuck, Sylvie B, Bill McConnell.

Lord, Jesus Christ, You Who travelled throughout Galilee healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Grant relief to the ones who suffer pain and physical torment. Give peace to those whose minds are tortured by mental illness and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their suffering; may Your people reach out to them and to all the needy this day. Send Your grace to the caregivers that they may be gentle and effective agents of Your loving mercy. May our sufferings be joined with Yours to bring healing throughout the world. Amen

DONATIONS: Sunday February 16th: Offering: \$870.00

Building Fund: \$400.00

Walk-in cooler/computer appeal: \$2000.00

Thank you!!!

In memory of Vince Volpe: \$80.00

"ON CALL" PRIEST

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7. You can notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinators to contact the priest ON CALL. (705-256-6675)

UPDATE: A Special Donations Appeal (walk-in cooler repair and new office computer) - CLOSED

We had some very good news as the issue with the walk-in cooler turned out to be a much smaller problem than previously thought. The original diagnosis was that the entire cooler fan assembly had to be replaced. When the technician went to do the job, he discovered that it was only a cracked nut causing the leak. He replaced the nut and the leak was fixed!

The breakdown of the total cost is as follows: diagnosis: \$472.85, repair: \$771.79. The total cost of the computer was \$1,241.17. The total for everything was \$2485.81. Due to your prompt and generous response, the entire cost has been covered and this appeal is now closed.

I am humbled and incredibly thankful for your outpouring of generosity. We have also received a sizeable donation from a friend of the parish which will be put towards other kitchen improvements (with the donor's approval). Thank you all so much for your generosity and may the Lord repay you a hundred times!

Fr. Michael

Sunday Funny: During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife."