

Sat., February 2: (6:00 PM) Great Vespers for the *36th Sunday after Pentecost*. Propers for Tone 3 and the Venerable Maximus the Confessor.

Sunday, February 3:

9:30 AM: Preparation Prayers for Holy Communion.

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for the *36th Sunday after Pentecost*. Regular Sunday Antiphons and the Beatitudes. Propers for Tone 3 on pp. 87-89. "Zastupnice" from the hand-out sheets.

THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with prayers for Laney & Anna Ross. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.

THE LEFT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Prothesis) burn *in memory* of +Ann Krupinski. Requested by *Arleen Koval*.

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

SHARE THE LIGHT SUNDAY, PART 2. Since we had such a low attendance last Sunday due to the inclement weather, we would like to give you another opportunity **TODAY** to be a part of "Share the Light Sunday." There will a special collection once again today to assist the Orthodox Christian Network. Please support this vital online ministry!

HOUSE BLESSINGS. It is a good idea to have your home blessed and sanctified each and every year during the Theophany season, and Father Michael will be glad to bless the home of anyone who desires the blessing. We are asking everyone to please call the rectory and schedule an appointment if you would like to have your home blessed this year. Don't put it off too long — make the call! The House Blessing season ends when Great Lent begins. Great Lent begins on Monday, March 11 this year. The last day for House Blessing is Friday, March 8. Father Michael hopes to hear from you! You may also see Pan'i after Liturgy to make an appointment.

THE LADIES' ALTAR SOCIETY will have their monthly meeting **TODAY** after the Divine Services.

OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP will (attempt to) meet *this coming* Thursday, January 31 at 6:30 PM in the church basement.

"SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY" ACTIVITIES

As in past years, our young people will be participating in "Souper Bowl Sunday" next Sunday, February 3 by collecting **money** and **non-perishable food items** at the door of the church, so please remember to come prepared! Money will be donated to International Orthodox Christian Charities, and food to a local food pantry.

A.C.R.Y. MEETING will take place *next* Sunday, February 3, after the Divine Services.

JORDAN WATER. Since so many parishioners have not had a chance to get their holy water yet, due to the bad weather, the font is still up front. After today, the blessed Jordan Water will be available in the coatroom in the back of the church.

ALL SOULS' SATURDAY observances begin on Saturday, March 2. Please begin to update your list of departed family members and submit your list and donation to Father when you are finished.

CAMP NAZARETH NEWS. Our Tri-State Deanery Camp Week is Week 1 this year, July 14-20, 2019. Plan now to be there!

DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT. The Central Region Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 9:00 AM til 5:00 PM at Saint Nicholas Church in Homestead, PA. Let Pan'i Kelley know if you want to attend, so that we can register and attend as a group. Sponsored by the National A.C.R.Y. All welcome!

GOD AND THE DEVIL

“God and the devil are found at opposite poles. No one can turn his face to God who has not first turned his back on sin. When a man turns his face to God, all of his paths lead to God. When a man turns his face away from God, all of his paths lead to perdition. When a man finally rejects God by word and in his heart, he is no longer fit to do anything that does not serve for his complete destruction, both of his soul and of his body.”

— Saint Nicholas of Serbia, *“Thoughts on Good and Evil”*

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Debbie Bartyzel * 4 Mary Zuzak * 17 Elena Polinsky * 21 Barbara Ross * 22 Michael Schafer * 25 Will Foster.

“May God grant all of you many more happy and blessed years! Mnohaja L’ita!”

HOLY TRADITION

“If someone wants to be protected from tricks and remain healthy in the faith, he must confine his faith first to the authority of the Holy Scriptures, and secondly to the Tradition of the Church. But someone may ask, ‘Is not the canon of Scripture sufficient for every thing, and why should we add thereto the authority of Tradition?’ This is because not everyone understands the Scriptures in the same way, but one explains them this way and another that way, so that it is possible to get therefrom as many thoughts as there are heads. Therefore it is necessary to be guided by the understanding of the Church ... What is tradition? It is that which has been understood by everyone, everywhere and at all times ... that which you have received, and not that which you have thought up ... So then, our job is not to lead religion where we wish it to go, but to follow it where it leads, and not to give that which is our own to our heirs, but to guard that which has been given to us.”

— Saint Vincent of Lerins, *“Notes of a Pilgrim”*

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sunday Divine Liturgy (1/20) — 19