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SERVICES January 28, 2018 - February 4, 2018

Sunday, January 28, 2018.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am – Divine Liturgy; Sunday School; ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Wednesday, January 31, 2018.....6:00 pm – Healing Service
Thursday, February 1, 2018.....6:00 pm – Great Vespers
Friday, February 2, 2018.....9:30 am – Divine Liturgy - Meeting of our Lord in the Temple
Saturday, February 3, 2018.....5:00 pm – Vespers; General Confession
Sunday, February 4, 2018.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am –Prodigal Son Divine Liturgy; Sunday School; Coffee Hour

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EPISTLE: 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-15

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: LUKE 18:10-14

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men – extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’

And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 4, 2018 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20 LUKE 15:11-32

FULFILLING THE LAW

One of the Church's great holy days is the Feast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple, which is celebrated on February 15th. Later in life, Christ would maintain that He came to BUILD UPON, not to CHANGE the Law of Moses to which the Jews of His time dutifully followed. This feast day is a living testimony of the strict obedience to the Law that was practiced by His earthly parents: Joseph and Mary. The Law taught that a woman could not enter the Temple for 40 days if she gave birth to a male child. At the end of this period, the parents could now bring the baby to the Temple and offer either doves or pigeons as a "purification sacrifice" to God. Certainly the Theotokos had no need for purification, for she had given birth to the "Source of Purity and Sanctity." In her humility, however, the Mother of God fulfilled the requirements of the Law.

The Child was "met" in the Temple by 2 special people that day: the Righteous Simeon, who had been promised by God that he would not die until he would see the coming of the Messiah, and the Prophetess Anna, who had dedicated her lengthy life to serving in the Temple. The Church views both individuals as a sacred link between those of the Old Testament, who had patiently awaited their Savior, and those of the New Testament, to whom Christ would one day minister.

The words of the Righteous Simeon to Mary prophetically outline what would lie ahead for her and her Beloved Son: "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against you. Yes, a sword will pierce your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." (Lk 2:34-35) Yes, Christ would go on one day to enlighten the world.

January 28, 2018

PRAYER LIST : We offer our prayers for all of our shut-ins who are unable to attend church services, especially:
Vera Tatusko and William Tellep Jr.

Also offer your prayers for those in need especially *Vladimir Alexeev, Helen Baburchak, Lawrence Barlow, Matushka Joanna Bohush, Lydia Boras, Laura Chapin, David Davies, Nadine Dranchak, Thanos Fotiou, Kathy Gregory; Marge Herciga, Natalie Kostyshak, Ann Koval, Emelia Kulikowski, Robert Kushner, Alicia Laskowski; Linda Main; George Murphy, Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Joni Mitchell, Jeannie Sura; Millie Sviatyla, Dorothy Tarasevich, Arlene Tatusko, Rachelle Vitale, Elaine Volock, Olga Warski & all of our parishioners who are ill.*

To add or remove names from the prayer list in the bulletin, please let Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm know. **Thank you!**



MEMORY ETERNAL! We offer our condolences to:

- The family, parishioners & friends on the falling asleep in the Lord of **Pauline Russell.**
- Bob and Rita Kushner & Family on the falling asleep in the Lord of Rita's sister, **Sonia Johnson.**
- Sandra Zona & Family on the falling asleep in the Lord of her aunt, **Alberta McHenry.**
- Don and Deanne Johnston & Family on the falling asleep in the Lord of Don's father, **Don Johnston.**

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!



COFFEE HOUR: Come downstairs and socialize with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Today: ANNUAL MEETING – Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend

Feb. 4: Rita Kushner, Nadine Fedones, Anne Sawchak, Ellen Baxendale, Patty & Dave Deamond

Feb. 11: Babe Farbanish, Nettie Lukovich, Connie Devine, Natalie Kostyshak, Sister Macrina

Feb. 18: Cheesefare Sunday

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR OUR 2017 EASTER BAKE SALE TO BE HELD ON March 24, 2018.

****WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED @ 8:30 AM** PIROGI: Thursday, FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15 ; PIROGI SALE: FEBRUARY 16 & 23 MARCH 2, 9 & 16; KOLACHKI; Saturdays – FEBRUARY 10 & 24; MARCH 10; BREAD; FEBRUARY 2, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, & 26;**

Super Bowl Party - Sunday February 5th @ 6:00 pm in our church hall sponsored by the "R" Club. Everyone is invited. BRING A FRIEND!! Pizza and soda will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. See sign-up sheet on the bulletin board

HOUSE BLESSINGS As is the Holy custom of our people during Theophany season, the houses of our parishioners will be blessed. If you would like Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm to come and bless your house, please fill out the form enclosed in your January Monthly Bulletin and return it to the Church Office or contact Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm for a mutually convenient time.

2018 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TODAY - SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018 immediately following Divine Liturgy. Everyone is encouraged to attend and to take part in charting the direction of the life of our church for the next year.

PLEASE NOTIFY OUR CHURCH OFFICE OF ANY ADDRESS, PHONE # OR EMAIL CHANGES TO OUR MAILING LIST. THERE IS A FORM IN THE OFFICE AND ON THE STAND IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH.



to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross & receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We invite all of our guests to join for our Fellowship Hour & to visit our Bookstore.

NOTE: Our new website has been constructed, updated and ready to use: **sspeny.org**

For bulletin inputs, contact Fr. Alexey, Fr. Timm or Stella Holowatch (607-205-1507) – email Stellah@stny.rr.com