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SUNDAY OF CHEESE FARE

Saturday, March 1, 2025

4:00 pm (B) Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom for +Anna Cszasz by Daughter Donna

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:00 am (P) Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom for the Parishioners

10:00 am (B) Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom for +Richard Davidson by Georgianna Davidson

Monday, March 3, 2025

FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST

DAY OF STRICT ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT, EGGS, AND DAIRY PRODUCTS

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

DAY OF ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

6:30 pm (B) Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Friday, March 7, 2025

DAY OF ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

6:30 pm (B) Akathistos Hymn to the Theotokos

1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST; FORTY HOLY MARTYRS OF SEBASTE

Saturday, March 8, 2025

4:00 pm (B) Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great for +Peter Chando by MM Edward Chando

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:00 am (P) Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great for the Parishioners

10:00 am (B) Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great for +Leona Komnath Kuehner by Edward Komnath

CONFESSIONS are heard prior/following all Divine Liturgies. Come to the Priest's Sacristy (on the left).

INCOME: 2/22-23– Bethlehem – \$4,291. + \$3,088. (Pirohi Sale); Phillipsburg - \$885.

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES will be held today.

CASH CARDS are available for order/purchase in the Narthex following the Divine Liturgy.

MARCH PIROHI SALE – Order form on bulletin board in the Narthex. Order Deadline – March 3rd – Pick-Up – March 14th, 12 noon – 4 pm.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins at 2:00 am next Sunday, March 9th. Turn your clocks AHEAD one hour before retiring on Saturday, March 8th.

2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – UPDATE 2/20 – Parish Goals: Bethlehem - \$17,000.; Received - \$14,380.01 (53 Donors) - \$2,619.99 short of our goal and the 40% Rebate. Phillipsburg - \$3,000. – Received - \$3,170. (7 Donors). Goal has been surpassed and the Parish will receive the 40% Rebate. If you have not already done so, please consider a gift to this annual appeal. Please be as generous as you are able to support the work of our Eparchy. Gifts, Pledges, and Payments for this year's Appeal will be accepted until June 1st.

CHURCH CLEANING – Volunteers for additional teams are needed. Please see Edward Berezny if you wish to offer your assistance.

LIVESTREAMING: - How to access our church website:

---Go online and paste the following link in your browser:

---<https://www.facebook.com/SaintsPeterandPaul/Bethlehem/PA>;

---Scroll down to "Saints Peter and Paul is live" and select Video and view.

LITURGICAL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE GREAT FAST AND HOLY AND GREAT WEEK

The Divine Liturgy is not celebrated on Mondays through Fridays of the Great Fast, or on the first three days of Holy and Great Week, except for the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25th. This also applies in the case of Funerals, at which time only the Office of Christian Burial (Funeral Service) is celebrated. A Memorial Divine Liturgy will be celebrated after Holy Pascha.

The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom is celebrated on Saturdays (except for Holy and Great Saturday), and on the Feast of the Annunciation and Palm Sunday.

The Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great is celebrated for all the Liturgies of the Sunday observance, and on Holy and Great Thursday.

EPARCHIAL FASTING AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

Strict Fast and Abstinence from meat, eggs, and dairy products is to be observed on Pure Monday, March 3rd, and on Holy and Great Friday, April 18th, by all of the adult faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion.

Simple Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast, and is recommended on Holy and Great Saturday, by all the faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion.

The Pastor can grant a dispensation or a commutation for a just cause.

LITURGICAL SERVICES ON WEEKDAYS DURING THE GREAT FAST

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts will be celebrated on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. The Akathistos Hymn to the Theotokos will be celebrated on Fridays at 6:30 pm. A Vespereal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom will be celebrated on the Feast of the Annunciation, Tuesday, March 25th, at 6:30 pm.