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Pastor's Corner

By Fr. Olof Scott



Our journey of Great Lent has already begun. For the rest of March and the first two weeks of April we will continue our efforts to keep the spirit of this

holy season.

Rather than using my own words to reflect on this time, I turn to the words of the Very Rev. Archpriest Thomas Hopko, Dean Emeritus of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary and one of my professors during my time there. Fr. Tom writes the following regarding Great Lent and fasting:

"The season of Great Lent is the time of preparation for the feast of the Resurrection of Christ. It is the living symbol of man's entire life which is to be fulfilled in his own resurrection from the dead with Christ. It is the time for renewed devotion: of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is the time of repentance, a real renewal of our minds, hearts and deeds in conformity to Christ and his teachings. It is a time, most of all, of our return to the great commandments of loving God and our neighbors.

"In the Orthodox Church, Great Lent is not a season of morbidity and gloominess. On the contrary, it is a time of joyfulness and purification. We are called to 'anoint our faces' and to 'cleanse our bodies as we cleanse our souls.' The very first hymns of the very first service of Great Lent set the proper tone of the season:

"Let us begin the lenten time with delight...let us fast from passions as we fast from food, taking pleasure in the good words of the Spirit, that we may be granted to see the holy passion of Christ our God and his holy Pascha, spiritually rejoicing.

"Thy grace has arisen upon us, O Lord, the illumination of our souls has shown forth; behold, now is the acceptable time;

behold, now is the time of repentance. (Vesper Hymns)

"It is our repentance that God desires, not our remorse. We sorrow for our sins, but we do so in the joy of God's mercy. We mortify our flesh, but we do so in the joy of our resurrection into life everlasting. We make ready for the resurrection during Great Lent, both Christ's resurrection and our own.

"A special word must be said about fasting during lent. Generally speaking, fasting is an essential element of the Christian Life. Christ fasted and taught men to fast. Blessed fasting is done in secret, without ostentation or accusation of others. (Matthew 6:16; Romans 14) It has as its goal the purification of our lives, the liberation of our souls and bodies from sin, the strengthening of our human powers for love of God and man, the enlightening of our entire being for communion with the Blessed Trinity.

"The Orthodox rules for lenten fasting are the monastic rules. No meat is allowed after Meatfare Sunday and no eggs or dairy products after Cheesefare Sunday. These rules exist not as a Pharisaic 'burden too hard to bear' (Luke 11:46), but as an ideal to be striven for; not as an end in themselves, but as a means to spiritual perfection crowned in love. The lenten services themselves continually remind us of this.

"Let us fast with a fast pleasing to the Lord. This is the true fast: the casting off of evil, the bridling of the tongue, the cutting off of anger, the cessation of lusts, evil talking, lies and cursing. The stopping of these is the fast true and acceptable. (Monday Vespers of the First Week)

"The lenten services also make the undeniable point that we should not pride ourselves with external fasting since the devil also never eats." The Orthodox Faith, Vol. ii, Worship, pgs. 75, 76.

Basic Class in Orthodoxy

Another Basic Class in Orthodoxy will be held with Father Olof during Great Lent on Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:00 PM, starting March 1. Topics to be covered are Worship Space, Salvation History, Great Ecumenical Councils, Church Doctrine and Sacraments.

The class is open for everyone to refresh their knowledge of Orthodoxy or for those who are interested in becoming members of the Orthodox Church.

Pan-Orthodox Services for Lent

The southern West Virginia Orthodox parishes are hosting three Vespers services to bring our faithful together during Great Lent. Each service begins at 6:00 P.M. followed by a presentation and a lenten food reception. The schedule is as follows: Sunday, Mar. 4: Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, Huntington; Fr. Mark Tyson speaking; Sunday, Mar. 18: St. John Greek Orthodox Church, Charleston; Fr. Mark Elliott speaking; Sunday, Apr. 1: St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, Beckley; Fr. Stephen De Young speaking.

RADIO PROGRAM

"Come Receive the Light"

Don't forget that our church sponsors the national Orthodox Christian Network's radio program, "Come Receive the Light" every Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M. on WCHS, 580 AM on your dial. Get out of bed early every Sunday morning and tune in to experience our Orthodox heritage and spirituality.



Do Not Be Deceived

By Subdeacon George M. Damous

In the Adult Class we are studying the Book of Revelations. The last two Sundays in the Orthodox Church have focused on the Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare Sunday) and the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday)-The Expulsion of Adam from Paradise. Probably the biggest error made by Christians is trying to predict the return of our Lord. Many will try to justify certain signs to determine the exact time of Christ's return. Yet Jesus Himself says no one knows the hour of His return except God the Father but many continue to interpret signs. Interesting though is that the Jews of old studied the Old Testament prophecies and tried to interpret when the Messiah will come and yet they also missed Him.

Signs are not given so the idle and curious can predict dates and speculate on personalities, but so believers can prepare to do battle against evil. For evil will surely come. Jesus said "I will build My Church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18) Jesus assures us we will be protected. Oh yes we will suffer trials and tribulations, but He will never abandon us. "I will be with you always, even until the end of the age." We must remember Satan is the father of lies, for "there is no truth in him." (John 8:44) Some Christians say God would not create something as evil as Satan and these people believe there to be no Hell. God did not create evil, this is quite true. For how could He Who is Perfect,

Truthful and Pure Love create evil? God created good such as Lucifer, the greatest of angels until he fell. However, with good, God gave free will. Evil is chosen and just as in Lucifer's case he chose to rebel, to do evil against God.

See how this flawed logic can sway us from the Truth. The Evil will play on our flawed logic and misinterpretation of signs. Remember, Satan is well versed in the Holy Scriptures. He attempted to tempt Jesus with Scripture. Satan will enter into the Antichrist and consume him. It is written the antichrist will appear with great fanfare. He will be of great physical beauty with amazing talents and spiritual force. He will even appear benevolent and kind, uncommonly good and wise. He will have great power of persuasion and sensitivity to many issues that will appeal to the world. However, the Antichrist will have no true Christian qualities. He will

fake compassion and hate mankind. Many will be fooled and will follow him. The media will love him and public figures will support him. Mankind who is fascinated with technological shows will be thrilled by him. As St. Cyril writes "..... He (Antichrist) shall be characterized by all kinds of crimes of inhumanity and lawlessness..." Unfortunately, despite all the warnings throughout history about the Antichrist and his evil ways, few will recognize his deception.

In the Doxastikon for the Sunday of Forgiveness it is written, "...the Savior cried out to him (Adam) saying, I desire not the loss of My creation, but that it be saved, and comes to knowledge of the Truth; for he that cometh to Me, I shall not cast out." So come to Him Who wishes to save you and visit Him in His House, the Church, along with His people, us parishioners and fellow Christians; both those on earth and in heaven. ✝

What is Salvation?

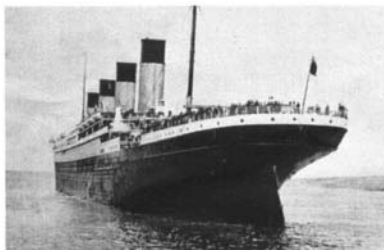
SALVATION is the divine gift through which men and women are delivered from sin and death, united to Christ, and brought into His eternal Kingdom. Those who heard Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost asked what they must do to be saved. He answered, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Salvation *begins* with these three "steps":

1) repent, 2) be baptized, and 3) receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. To *repent* means to change our mind about how we have been, turning from our sin and committing ourselves to Christ. To *be baptized* means to be born again by being joined into union with Christ. And to *receive the gift of the Holy Spirit* means to receive the Spirit who empowers us to enter a new life in Christ, be nurtured in the Church, and be conformed to God's image.

Salvation demands faith in Jesus Christ. People cannot save themselves by their own good works. Salvation is "faith working through love." It is an ongoing, lifelong process. Salvation is past tense in that, through the death and Resurrection of Christ, we *have been* saved. It is present tense, for we must also be *being* saved by our active participation through faith in our union with Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Salvation is also future tense, for we must *yet* be saved at His glorious Second Coming.

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TITANIC: 100



Join us as we honor the 100th anniversary of the Titanic's tragic maiden voyage. Explore the lives and legacies of several not-so-famous Titanic passengers, and discover their surprising links to modern America: to a San Francisco landmark, to the world's largest ice cream cone company, and even to the Antiochian Village itself! Our unique exhibit will include free screenings of the 2007 History Channel documentary, Titanic's Final Moments: Missing Pieces, in which divers uncover the fascinating truth about how the "unsinkable" ship went down.

OPENING APRIL 2012

Antiochian Heritage Museum
Antiochian Village Conference
& Retreat Center
Route 711,
six miles north of Ligonier, PA
724.238.3677
www.antiochianvillage.org

Photo above is one of the last photographs of the Titanic, taken by Fr. Frank Browne as the ship departed for New York on April 11, 1912 ✝



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Did You Know.....? Lest We Forget!

Hierarchs who served the Antiochian Archdiocese in North America, in chronological order in which they served.

The Archbishop AFTIMIOS (Ofiesh) was the former pastor of St. Nicholas Cathedral in Brooklyn, NY and then St. George Church in Montreal, Quebec before his election to the episcopacy. He was named primate of the Syro-Arab Mission of the Russian Archdiocese in North America from his consecration on May 13, 1917 to his forced retirement in 1933 because he chose to marry (Miriam Namey of Wilkes-Barre, PA). His wife and son Paul are now deceased. Bishop AFTIMIOS established a diocesan council consisting of the clergy and lay representatives of the 28 parishes and 1 mission under his care. He instructed each congregation to elect officers and parish councils under the leadership of the parish priest. He also began a series of visitations to his parishes mainly in order to return their loyalties to his diocese which was plagued with the disruptive presence of Metropolitan Germanos Shehadi, Archbishop of Zahle and Dependencies in

Lebanon, who was on a pastoral visit to North America and trying to place Arabic speaking churches under the Patriarchate of Antioch. This became known as the "Antacky-Russy" schism which lasted from 1916 to 1933. He was elevated to the dignity of "Archbishop" in 1923 by Metropolitan PLATON, Primate of the Russian Archdiocese in North America (the only Orthodox canonical group in the new world at that time). In 1923 he founded the Holy Trinity Syrian Orthodox Orphanage in East Green Bush, New York and published THE ORPHAN to help disseminate information about the orphanage and its 40 boys and girls living there. Unfortunately the orphanage had to close in 1927 for lack of funds. The Orthodox children were sent to St. Tikhon's Monastery in South Canaan, PA and the non-Orthodox were sent to a Roman Catholic orphanage in Brooklyn, NY. In 1927 he published THE ORTHODOX CATHOLIC REVIEW to reach out to Orthodox faithful and recent converts. The "Antacky-Russy" division continued to plague the bishop and his faithful, so much so that this became their chief concern. With permission of the Russian hierarchy, Archbishop AFTIMIOS was commissioned to establish an "American Orthodox Church" for all nationalities. This was short lived and the Russian bishops finally withdrew their support of this endeavor in 1930 and removed AFTIMIOS as "Bishop of Brooklyn and the Syro-Arab Mission". In 1933 he went into forced retirement, living in WilkesBarre, PA with his wife and son until his death on July 24, 1966. He is buried there. His brother, Archpriest Nicholas Ofiesh was the long time pastor of St. George Church in New Kensington, PA. His nephew, Archpriest Gregory Ofiesh, is the pastor emeritus of St. Nicholas Church in San Francisco, CA. The Simon Ofiesh Family of St. George Cathedral in Charleston, WV are related to the late Archbishop.

May his soul and that of his wife and son rest in eternal peace' 

Congregation Meeting Results



The election of Parish Council members and officers took place on Sunday, Jan. 15. It seems the attendance decreases each year. You would think parishioners would be more interested in learning about the activities of each organization and where all the money goes that is collected and donated. You just might be surprised at what all St. George and its organizations do and accomplish throughout the year.


The new members of the 2012 Parish Council are: David Cassis, Nick Cassis, Adam Edstrom, Cy Faris, Makhoul Ghareeb, Andre Haikal, James Ruckle, Doug Skaff Sr., and Louis Cassis.

Those members remaining on the council are: Tom Barrick, Steve Cassis, Mary Dooley, Loretta Haddy, Ganim Howard, Mike Jarrouj, Philip Michael II, Alex W. Skaff, and M.G. Skaff.

Officers for 2012 are: Chariman - Loretta Haddy; Vice-Chairman - Ganim Howard; Secretary - Steve Cassis; and Treasurer - Doug Skaff, Sr.

Voting members are: Church School - Laila Khoury; Ladies Guild - Joy Browne; FSJD - Andrea Labik; and the Choir - Beverly Howard.

The St. George Foundation elected two members: Alex W. Skaff and Andrew Teeter. Other Foundation members are: Edward Howared - President; Nicholas Casis - Vice-President; Ronald Murad - Treasurer; Geoffrey Haddad, P. Alex Skaff II, Muhib Tarakji.

Congratulations to all and may they have a successful year serving St. George. 



You are cordially
invited to honor
the Patron Saint
of our Church at
our annual

St. George's

Day Luncheon

Sun. April 29, 2012

(immediately following the

Divine Liturgy)

**St. George Conference Center
Ballroom**

**Mark your calendar
and make plans to attend!!**

Troparion of St. George

*As deliverer of captives, and
defender of the poor, healer of
the infirm, champion of kings,
Victorious, Great Martyr George;
intercede with Christ our God, for
our soul's salvation.*



Facts about Peeps Marshmallow Candies

- It takes six minutes to make one Peeps chick.
- Original Peeps have a shelf life of two years.
- More than 5 million Peeps are produced each day.
- Peeps have been the most popular nonchocolate Easter candy in the United States for more than a decade. Take that, jelly beans.



Unscramble - Things That Get Better With Age

Listed below are various things that get better with age.

1. IWEN _____
2. STIQUNAE _____
3. ESCHEE _____
4. INFE TARS _____
5. LEPAP DICRE _____
6. EROSMIME _____
7. GIVNASS SNODB _____
8. DRYNAB _____
9. SLICACS SCRA _____
10. TRALERUITE _____
11. LARE TEETAS _____
12. NOCI LECTOSNICOLT _____
13. LUBE SNAJE _____
14. TRUCKAFIE _____
15. CAPENITE _____

True or False Titanic and Girl Scouts - 100 Years Old

1. Titanic was a British Steamer of the Blue Star Line. T or F?
2. The ship sank on April 15, 2012. T or F?
3. The tragedy occurred 1600 miles from Canada. T or F?
4. The liner Carpathia picked up 705 survivors. T or F?
5. The lifeboats hold less than 1/2 of the approximately 2,200 persons aboard. T or F?
6. The ship sank in 3 hours. T or F?
7. Mrs. Juliette Gordon Low established Girl Guiding in U.S. in 1912. T or F? (changed name to Girl Scouts soon after.)
8. First troop meeting held at her home in Savannah, GA on April 12, 1912. T or F?
9. National Headquarters 1st opened in New York City in 1913. T or F?
10. Emblem of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides is a trefoil. T or F?
11. Emblem has profiles of 3 young women on it. T or F?
12. In 1917, the first Girl Scout cookies are sold by the mistletoe troupe in Muskege, Okla. T or F? ☩



The Prayer of Saint Ephraim the Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life!
Take from me the spirit of sloth,
faint heartedness, lust of power, and idle
talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity,
humility, patience, and love to Thy
servant.

Yea, O Lord and King!

Grant me to see my own errors and
not to judge my brother;
For Thou art blessed unto ages of ages.
Amen.



Traditional Easter Greetings

Christ Is Risen. Truly He Is Risen
Al Maseeh Qam - Ha'An Qam (Arabic)
Kristos Anesti - Alithos Anesti (Greek)
Christos Voskrese - Vo Istinu Voskrese
(Slavonic)

The Jelly Bean Prayer

RED is for the blood He gave.
GREEN is for the grass He made.
YELLOW is for the sun so bright.
ORANGE is for the edge of night.
BLUE is for the sins we made.
WHITE is for the grace He gave.
PURPLE is for His hour of sorrow.
PINK is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans colorful and sweet
Is a prayer, is a promise,
is a special treat.
Happy Easter!

Fasting Guidelines for Great Lent

Many of us ask each year, so the following fasting criteria is presented: Meat (beef, lamb, pork, veal, chicken, etc.)—total abstinence from Monday after Meatfare Sunday until Pascha; Dairy (milk, cheese, butter, eggs, yogurt, cream, etc.)—total abstinence from Monday after Cheesefare Sunday until Pascha; Fish (any fish with a backbone; shellfish and crustaceans not included)—abstinence but allowed on Annunciation and Palm Sunday; Wine (includes all alcoholic beverages)—abstinence but permitted on Saturdays, Sundays, Annunciation and Great Thursday; Olive Oil—abstinence but permitted on all Saturdays (except Great Saturday), Sundays, Annunciation and Great Thursday.

Be reminded that the purpose of fasting is to focus on the things of God's Kingdom and be freed from dependence on worldly things. Fasting in itself is not a means of pleasing God. Fasting is not a punishment for sins. Nor is fasting a means of suffering and pain to be undertaken as some kind of atonement. Christ already redeemed us on His Cross. Salvation is a gift from God that is not bought by our hunger or thirst.

The holy Fathers of the Church remind us that the control of all carnal passions begins with controlling the stomach. We can never discipline our passions if we don't first learn to discipline our stomach and endure the feelings of hunger. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God," said Jesus to Satan. (Matthew 4:4)

We fast to be delivered from carnal passions so that God's gift of Salvation may bear great fruit in our lives. We fast and turn our eyes toward God in His Holy Church. Fasting and Prayer are meant to go together.

Most of all, it is important that we do not "eat" each other. We ask God to "set a watch and keep the door of our lips."

Fasting is not irrelevant, is not obsolete, is not something for someone else. Fasting is from God, for us, right here and right now.

We fast faithfully and in secret, not judging others and not holding ourselves up as an example.

Finally, do not fast if you are pregnant or nursing a newborn. And, do not fast during any serious illness or if your medication requires that it must be taken with a certain amount of food. ☩



Church School News



By Layla Michael

This Spring we enter into Great Lent in preparation for Easter. During this preparation we need to take a step back to understand what the act of fasting truly means. Fasting is the act of denying ourselves the comforts that we are used to having on a daily basis. When we deny ourselves these comforts we are more mindful of our need for God. When we feel closer to God it makes us "want" to come into God's home (the church) and to be involved with doing God's will. My hope is that more people will come to church and bring their children to church school to get themselves involved in our parish so that we all can work together in having a closer relationship in our spiritual lives with God.

This time of year the children are preparing for the creative arts festival.

This year's theme is "The Bible fills us with eternal joy." The Bible is a scented garden, delightful, beautiful, it enchants our ears with birdsong in a sweet, divine, and spiritual harmony, it touches our heart, comforts us in sorrow, soothes us in a moment of anger, and fills us with eternal joy. --Saint John of Damascus

Please discuss this theme with your children and encourage them to participate in this year's festival. We hope that they turn in one entry for each category; Art, Photography, Poetry, and Writing. The deadline for all entries is March 18, 2012. If anyone should have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at any time. My cell phone number is 304-419-2656.

We are also preparing for Lazarus Saturday. This year Lazarus Saturday will be on April 7, 2012. There will be breakfast in the lower level after morning Liturgy and in the gym we will have arts and crafts for the children and an area for the children to make their own candle for palm Sunday and Easter. There will be a scavenger hunt for the high-school children. I encourage each and every one of you to attend this special day with us. ✝

"Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works. If you see a poor man, take pity on him! If you see a friend enjoying honor, do not envy him. For let not the mouth only fast, but also the eye, and the ear, and the feet, and all the members of our body."

—Saint John Chrysostom

St. George Foundation News - Building on a Solid Foundation

By Dr. Edward Howard, President

The St. George Foundation would like to welcome new foundation board member Andrew Teeter, recently elected at the parish's January congregation meeting. Your St. George Foundation is represented by the following parishioners: Eddie Howard, Ronnie Murad, Alex W. Skaff, P. Alex Skaff, Nick Cassis, Geoff Haddad, Muhib Tarachi, Andy Teeter, along with, Father Scott, at-large members, Loretta Haddy and Doug Skaff, President and Treasure, respectively, of the St. George Parish Council.

Building on a solid foundation continues to be the mantra of this organization as we look back to our past and the efforts of many, our present and the commitment of our parishioners, and to the future to secure our treasury of Orthodoxy faith here at St. George Cathedral of Charleston, West Virginia.

Board members of the foundation meet regularly with various points of discussion to insure our foundation remains solid and strong for the future of our church. As always, please feel free to contact any of the board members with questions you may have. The following is an update as

discussed at our February 2nd meeting:

- Consultation with Mr. John Hussell, Estate Attorney with Dinsmore & Shohl Law Firm, to review all legal documentation of the Trust Documents that govern the St. George Trust, that have been established since the inception of the foundation in 1999, and to make sure that they are in compliance with ever changing laws and regulations.

- Pros and Cons between the language of Donor Directed and Donor Advised Funds and the risks, benefits, and alternatives with each so as to insure maximum utilization by and for the Cathedral.

- Discussion of consolidation of all Trust Funds documents to insure that no confusion, problems or issues relevant to the Trust arises now or in the future.

- There were no discussions of changes to the original by-laws and charter of the foundation.

Our last meeting was February 22nd, at 6:15 PM, with BB&T Trust Officers, to discuss the investment's performance. We will meet again on March 13, at 6:00 PM, with Mr. Hussell. Your foundation board will keep you updated and advised. ✝

Senior Fellowship

THANK YOU to the committee and everyone who attended our last get-together in February. We played a senior version of "The Match Game" and got everyone involved.

Due to the presanctified liturgies and pot luck dinners on Wednesdays during Lent, we will not meet until May.

Senior Fellowship is implementing a new program: Reach out and touch one Senior's Heart, Reach out and call one Senior friend! This is a take off on a song by Diana Ross, but we want to reach out to some of our seniors by telephone and call once in a while to chat. We are compiling a list of parishioners who would like to be called or do the calling at their convenience especially when the nights are long or the days seem to never end. If you would like to be added to our list, contact Maryann Skaff or another member of the Senior Fellowship Committee. We will give copies of the list to all who wish to participate.

See you in May if the April showers don't drown the May flowers!

Have a Blessed Pascha! ✝

Antiochian Women - (Ladies Guild)

Now that Lent has begun, we hope you ladies will consider giving up one Monday night a month to attend our Ladies Guild meeting which is open to all women of St. George. The new officers are well on their way to making this year an exciting one, but they need your help and ideas.

March is Women's Month, and Gladys Howard is assigning women of the congregation to read the Epistle, collect the offering and usher the communion lines.

We will also be preparing the communion breakfast for Holy Thursday, dyeing Easter eggs and preparing the Bier for Holy Friday. So, you can see the women of St. George are an integral part of the Lenten season and this Cathedral.

Join us at our next meeting on Monday, March 5 at 7 pm. Subdeacon George Damous gives a short, enlightening talk to us each meeting which is our religious "boost" for the month.

Remember ladies, this is leap year so the women can take the initiative and make a difference at St. George. ✝



CALENDAR



MAR 2012

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Christ Is Risen

Christ is Risen from the dead,
 (O Christ is Risen from the dead),
 Trampling down death by death,
 And upon those in the tombs,
 Bestowing life.

Kristos aneste ek-nek-ron,
 Tha-na-to tha-na-ton pa-tee-sas,
 Kay-tois-en-tois mnee-ma see-zo-een,
 Khar-i-sa-may-nos.

Al-ma-sih Qam-minby-ni l-am-wat,
 Wa-wa-ti-a l-mowt bil-mowt,
 Wa-wa-ha-ba l-hay-ya,m
 Lil-la-dhi-na fil-qu-bur.

- 1: Basic Class, 7:30 PM (every Thurs. through Apr. 5)
- 2: Akathist Hymn, 6:30 PM (every Fri. through Mar. 30)
- 4: First Sunday of Lent, Creative Workshop, 2-4:00 PM; Pan-Orthodox Vespers, 6:00 PM (see article)
- 5: Ladies Guild, 7:00 PM
- 6: Arabic Class, 7:00 PM (every Tues.)
- 7: Presanctified Liturgy/Cover Dish, 6:30 PM (every Wed. through Apr. 4); Parish Council, 7:30 PM
- 11: Second Sunday of Lent, Vespers, 6:00 PM; Bible Study, 6:45 PM
- 13: Foundation Board, 6:00 PM
- 17: St. Ignatius Social/Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 18: Third Sunday of Lent, Pan-Orthodox Vespers, 6:00 PM (see article)
- 24: All Souls Liturgy, 10:00 AM
- 25: Fourth Sunday of Lent, Annunciation; Vespers, 6:00 PM; Bible Study, 6:45 PM
- 31: Manna Meal Preparation, 9:30 AM



- 1: Fifth Sunday of Lent, Pan-Orthodox Vespers, 6:00 PM (see article)
- 2: Ladies Guild, 7:00 PM
- 4: Parish Council, 7:30 PM
- 7: Lazarus Saturday Liturgy, 10:00 AM
- 8: Palm Sunday (see mailed schedule)
- 8-14: Holy Week (see mailed schedule)
- 15: Easter-Pascha
- 20-22: Teen SOYO Retreat Weekend;
- 21: Manna Meal Preparation, 9:30 AM
- 29: St. George Day Luncheon

Deadline for next issue:
Apr. 15, 2012. Place articles in box outside Church office or email ritakee@aol.com

Answers-Unscramble: 1. Wine; 2. Antiques; 3. Cheese; 4. Fine Art; 5. Apple Cider; 6. Memories; 7. Savings Bonds; 8. Brandy; 9. Classic Cars; 10. Literature; 11. Real Estate; 12. Coin Collections; 13. Blue Jeans; 14. Fruitcake; 15. Patience
 Answers-True or False: 1-F White Star Line; 2-T; 3-F New York City; 4-T; 5-T; 6-F 2 1/2 hours; 7-T; 8-F March 12, 1912; 9-F Washington DC, later moved to NYC; 10-T; 11-T; 12-T

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