

St. John Chrysostom, Col's, OH Parish Weekly Schedule

Sunday February 26
Sunday of Cheesefare

9:30am Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!

5pm Forgiveness Vespers

Monday February 27
First Day of the Great Fast

Office is Closed

Wednesday March 1

9a-1p Office Hours

7pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thursday March 2

9a-1p Office Hours

Friday March 3

9a-1p Office Hours

7pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday March 4

Pascha Bread baking



Sunday March 5
1st Sunday of the Great Fast

9:30am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
For the Faithful

11:15a Children's and Adult ECF

St. Barbara, Dayton, OH Monthly Schedule

Saturday February 25
Sunday of Cheesefare

4pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!

Monday February 27
1st Day of the Great Fast

6pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts



Saturday March 4
1st Sunday of the Great Fast

4pm Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
For the Faithful

~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday March 8

6pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts



Saturday March 11
1st Sunday of the Great Fast

4pm Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
For the Faithful

~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!



Merhaba! ~ Welcome!

We welcome His Excellency Abune Fkiremariam Hagos Tsalim, Bishop of the Eparchy of Segheneity, Eritrea. Bishop Hagos is visiting with us beginning Thursday March 2nd through Tuesday March 7th.

He will be staying with Fr. Bob in the rectory while he visits with his congregation in this area.

The Catholics in Eritrea witnessed the inauguration of the new eparchy of Segheneity and the consecration of Abune Fikremariam Hagos Tsalim as its first Bishop on the 27th of May, 2012.

Pysanky Making

Sunday, March 12th, following Divine Liturgy, we will have a Pysanky egg decorating workshop led by Myroslava Mudrak and Irena Wallace in the parish hall. All are invited to participate in this traditional Lenten/Pascha activity. Supplies will be provided.

Eastern Christian Formation

Children's ECF Class Schedule:
March 5th & 19th, April 2nd & 23rd, May 7th & 21st

Adult ECF Class Schedule:
March 5th, 12th, 19, and 26th.

Forgiveness Vespers

5:00pm Sunday, February 26th



"The rite of mutual forgiveness is far from being just a ritual. It can be, and often is a profoundly effective event, that changes the lives of those, who participate in it".

~ Kalistos of Diokleia

Schedule of Services for Great Lent

Great Lent begins tonight, at 5:00pm, with Forgiveness Vespers. All members of St. John Chrysostom and St. Barbara are encouraged to attend this Vespers service.

Monday, February 27, is the First Day of the Great Fast and is also a day of strict fasting; no meat, eggs or dairy on this day. **The parish office will also be closed in observance of this day.**

Mon., Feb. 27, 6pm - Dayton, St. Barbara

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Wed., Mar. 1, 7pm – Col’s, St. John

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Fri., Mar. 3, 7pm – Col’s, St. John

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Wed., Mar. 8, 6pm – Dayton, St. Barbara

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Fri., Mar. 10, 7pm – Col’s, St. John

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Wed., Mar. 15, 7pm – Col’s, St. John

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Fri., Mar. 17, 7pm – Col’s, St. John

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Wed., Mar. 22, 6pm – Dayton, St. Barbara

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Fri., Mar. 24, 7pm – Col’s, St. John

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Volunteers Needed!!!

Baking Dates

We **NEED** volunteers to help with baking Pascha Breads and the nut, apricot and poppyseed rolls.

We have scheduled March 4th as the last day for making Pascha Loaves. Lisa Sulich is coordinating this effort and asks that you contact her as soon as possible, either by phone at **937-844-7778** or email: **lmsulich@yahoo.com** to commit to helping with the Pascha Breads. The start times will be determined by discussion with those who volunteer.

We would like to make nut, apricot and poppyseed rolls available to our parishioners for Pascha as well as for the First Friday Sale on April 7th. **We have blocked out March 11th for certain**, and, hopefully, one more day for this baking. At least 6 people are needed for each day to make the rolls, if we do not have the needed number of volunteers, we will not bake rolls.

Firm commitment for roll baking is needed TODAY. Please contact Lisa Sulich at the number and/or email above, or you may also contact the office at 614-882-7578; email: stjohnbyz@hotmail.com.

FOR PARISHIONERS ONLY: There is an order form in this bulletin, for the use of our parishioners, to order Pascha Loaves. Please complete the form if you wish to order Pascha Loaves and **give the completed forms to Lisa Sulich, Teresa Frye or drop in the collection basket by next Sunday, March 5th.**



“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD...”

~ Proverbs 19:17

We ask that you bring in donations to fill the baskets by the Icon of St. Tabitha at the front of the church on Sundays or days with Presanctified Liturgies. We have broken down needed items by the weeks of Great Lent. These items are graciously transported to W.A.R.M. (*Westerville*

Area Resource Ministry) by one of our parishioners.

1st Week of the Great Fast – Cleaning items, laundry detergent, multipurpose cleaners, sponges, dish soap, etc.

2nd Week of the Great Fast – Paper products, paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, baby wipes, feminine protection items, etc.

3rd Week of the Great Fast – Personal items, bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes (individually packaged), deodorant.

4th Week of the Great Fast – Boxed goods, cereal, mac & cheese, pasta, noodles, cake mixes, etc.

5th Week of the Great Fast – Canned/jar items such as vegetables, fruits, sauces, condiments, etc.

Of course, these are just suggestions; anything you wish to donate is gratefully received.



Read Your Bible

**Isaiah 49: 14-15; Psalms 62: 2-3, 6-9;
1 Corinthians 4: 1-5; Matthew 6: 24-34**

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March 1st is Ash Wednesday and the official beginning of Lent in the Latin Church. Tomorrow is the beginning of Great Lent in the Eastern Catholic Church. The readings [above] are most appropriate as we prepare for that penitential time. In the Gospel Reading from St. Matthew the Lord tells us, “*You cannot serve God and mammon.*” What exactly might He have meant by that?

Scholars continue to debate exactly what “mammon” is. One theory is that it is based on the Hebrew word *aman*, which meant to trust. Perhaps Jesus was speaking of trusting in wealth rather than in God. However, it would seem safe

to say that mammon represents materialism. There is no question that this is a challenge in today’s society, and the comment made by Jesus becomes as much a subject of debate as the meaning of the word “mammon.” We will consider this further when we reflect on the entire Gospel reading.

The First Reading from Isaiah is quite short, but it poses another question. Zion is the highest hill in Jerusalem and the implication is that God’s people are speaking and proclaiming that the Lord has forsaken and forgotten them. That is their question, but God answers quite clearly and directly, concluding by saying “*I will never forget you.*” If we tie that to the statement about mammon, the question in both instances would seem to be “Whom do we trust?” We must know and accept the fact that God is with us and that God loves us. Our trust needs to be in Him, not in earthly matters or earthly riches. It is often said that at the heart of stewardship is trust.

St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians from where our Second Readings have been drawn for the past few weeks continues. Paul also speaks in relation to who and what do we serve, and what form does that service take? Paul uses the word “servant” to describe himself and to tell the Corinthians that this is how they need to act for the Lord — as His servant or disciple. We may balk at the idea of being a “servant,” but in the original Greek in which this letter was written, Paul uses the word *hyperetas*. The more common Greek word to describe a servant is *doulos*, and that word appears more often in the Bible.

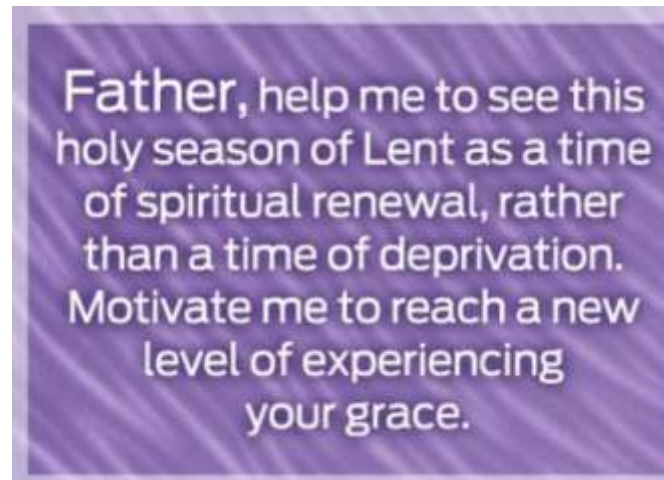
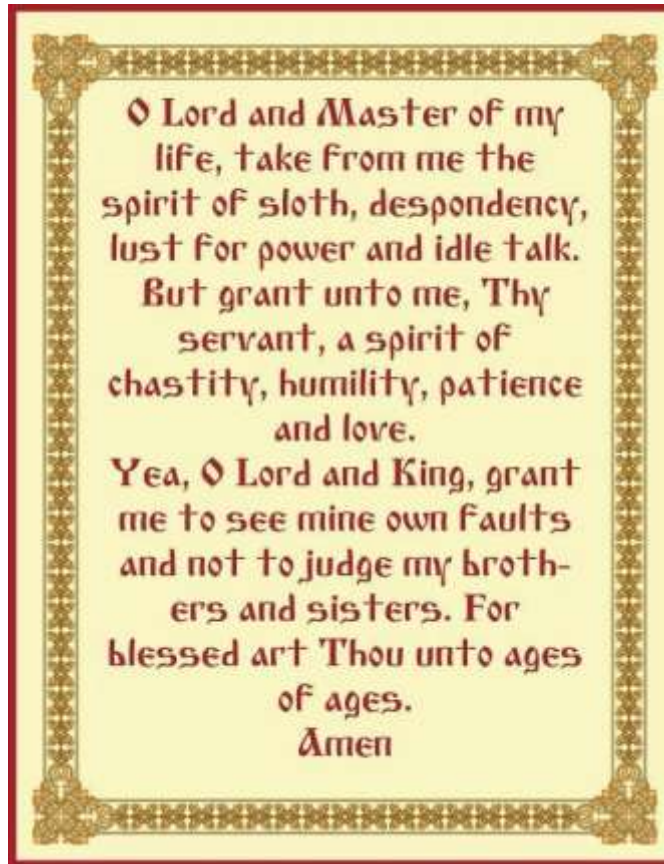
Paul uses the word *hyperetas* for a reason. That word does mean “servant” but it means someone who serves by choice, as someone who is free to make choices. In other words the “servant” Paul is talking about is someone who chooses to serve. Paul connects this kind of servant to a steward. The meaning of a steward is quite clear — someone who manages and cares for something that belongs to another. As stewards of Christ and of the Church we accept the fact that everything

comes from God, that everything is ultimately the Lord's, and we are merely stewards of those gifts, not owners, and we are called to serve God and others.

There are many ways to look at what Christ is teaching us in the Gospel from St. Matthew. As He often does, Jesus is talking about where our hearts are. Many people maintain that they love God and that they serve God, but do their actions, the way they live, reflect that? One indication may be where our priorities are. How many people spend more money on lottery tickets than in their gifts to God and charity in thanksgiving? You do not have to be rich to serve "mammon" (materialism). Many poor are just as greedy and desirous of wealth as the rich are.

Jesus also addresses that issue of trust in God. He indicates that desiring wealth and virtually worshipping it is a danger, but just as dangerous can be our anxiety about such things. The Lord's point is that if we truly trust in God, we will not get caught up in our fears of what may happen. "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body?" We may become cynical when we hear that, but we could not have those thoughts if we placed our total trust in God. Jesus speaks of the birds that do not sow or reap. The Lord is not saying they do not work, that they do not make an effort to meet their needs, but He is saying that they are not overcome with worry about these things. **He points to two things we must work against — 1. Placing our priorities on material things rather than God and serving God; 2. Fretting constantly about these same things when we must believe God is with us and loves us.**

Our Lord and Savior concludes in part by telling us "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness...Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself." We tend to worry about things over which we have little control, but God does.



Prayer List

For the sick in our parish families, please remember in your prayers:

The Priest Eugene Linowski			
Ron Doctor	Ray Duskotch	Julia Fedeczko	Julie Fultz
Charlene Grabner	John Grabner	Ev Houston	Esther Imhoff
Frederick Kowalski	Marilyn Kimbrel	Donald Krofcheck	Victor Lonzrick
Christine Loya	Bill Martin	Joe Martin	Paul Mech
Ed Nyahay	Dave Olszyk	Mic O'Halloran	John Oshinski
Paula Oshinski	Bob Parks	Michelle Pomaes	Maria Rakowsky
Betty Sikora	John Sikora	Dennis Stinich	Bernie Turanchik
Ruth Turanchik	Anastaszja Wojchak		

That the Lord God, for the glory of His name, visit his sick servants with His Holy Spirit and cure every illness and affliction, let us pray.

Volunteer Schedules

Collection Counting

Feb. 26	Kathey Krofcheck
Mar. 5	Alex Rakowsky
Mar. 12	Jerry Stasek
Mar. 19	Mark Frye
Mar. 26	Alex Rakowsky

February

Carson Boniface
Abigail Branham
Nick Branham
Al Gingras
Joan Hummel
Patricia Hartung

Bernie & Ruth Turanchick
Celebrating 65 Years crowned in marriage!

May God grant them many Happy and Blessed Years!

