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CHEESEFARE SUNDAY (SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS)

Epistle: Romans (13:11-14:4) Gospel: Matthew (6:14-21)

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

TROPARION TONE IV

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: Death is overturned! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

KONTAKION TONE IV

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

KONTAKION TONE VI

O Master, Teacher of wisdom, Bestower of virtue, Who teaches the thoughtless and protects the poor: strengthen and enlighten my heart. O Word of the Father, let me not restrain my mouth from crying to You: "Have mercy on me, a transgressor, O Merciful Lord."

"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." Mark (11:25)

Thank you – I would like to thank all parishioners for their generous and much needed FOCUS donations that helped feed the poor and homeless. Also, thank you for all of the donations that benefitted the DiMatteo family of Monroeville who lost their husband/father, home, and all belongings in a fire. Donations are still being accepting especially during this time of great need.

Important Dates - Monday, February 19, 2018 – The Beginning of Great Lent

Tonight – Lenten Vespers begin tonight at St. Sava in McKeesport beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Lecturer: Fr. Rade Merick

Saturday, February 24th – Great Martyr Theodore – Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School - Protinica Karen wants to remind everyone that snacks and drinks have been graciously donated for all students, particularly those who have fasted in the morning in preparation for Holy Communion. If any parents/teachers would like to see other snacks offered to help donate, please let me know and we can organize accordingly.

Family Nights and Adult Bible Study - Will resume after house blessings. Father George will announce when both will reconvene.

Visitation - Ann Visnick is in a nursing facility. If you would like to visit or send a card: Ann Visnick, William Penn Personal Care, 1021 Walton Road, Jeannette, PA, 15644, Room 201.

Blessing of Homes - V. Rev. Fr. George has begun blessing homes. Please call him at 412.622.4714 to schedule a visit.

Calendars -Wall calendars are available at the tutor's desk for pick up. Small pocket calendars will be distributed when homes are blessed.

Men's Club – Fish Fry will begin on Friday, Feb. 16th and run through Friday, March 30th. The Cake Table will be in operation as well. We will be selling Lenten baked goods from 4 pm to 7 pm every week. If anyone would like to volunteer to either bake, set up, or serve our customers, please contact Janet Tumbas at [412-751-3809](tel:412-751-3809), or jtumbas@gmail.com. All help is welcome, whether it is for one week, or for seven weeks. Proceeds will be used for various church projects. Thank you!

Communication - If you have not provided your email address to receive news & information regarding our St. Nicholas parish - please send an email to borisbajich@gmail.com - please feel free to send email addresses of your friends and family who may also like to receive our news.

Tamburitzans – On Sunday, February 25th, the Tammies will be selling a variety of posno soups and pogacas for eat-in: (bowl of soup and pogacha \$5) or take out (pint of soup \$5 or a quart for \$8). All soups freeze well and can be enjoyed throughout the Lenten season. *Please see insert for menu.

Kolo – The next Kolo meeting will be held on Sunday, February 25th after liturgy. All members and those who would like to join, please plan on attending!

Sunday, February 25th – Sunday of Orthodoxy – All children and adults are kindly asked to bring icons from home for the procession.

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