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CHEESEFARE SUNDAY

Epistle: Romans (13: 11-14, 4)

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

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 VIII

You did descend from on high, O Merciful One! You did accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection; glory to You!

TRANSFER OF THE RELICS OF ST. NICHOLAS, WONDERWORKER

TROPARION TONE IV

The day of the joyous celebration has come; the city of Bari rejoices and with it the whole universe leaps from joy, singing the spiritual songs and psalms. For today, the holy feast, on the occasion of the transfer of the honorable and exceedingly healing relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, has shone forth with the radiant rays, like the sun that does not set, driving

away the darkness of temptations and calamities from those who faithfully exclaim to thee:
ōSave us, as our protector, O great Nicholas!ö

KONTAKION TONE VIII

By rising from the tomb, You did raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Your Resurrection, and the world celebrates Your rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

CHEESEFARE SUNDAY – 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: öHave mercy on me, a transgressor, O Merciful Lord.ö

KONTAKION TONE III

TRANSFER OF THE HOLY RELICS OF ST. NICHOLAS, WONDERWORKER

Your relics, O Saint Nicholas, came out as a star from the east to the west. The sea was sanctified by your journey, and the city of Bari, through you, has received the grace. For working for us, you have appeared as an excellent, wonderful and merciful Wonderworker.

KONTAKION OF THE THEOTOKOS - TONE VI

Steadfast protectress of Christians, constant advocate before the Creator: do not despise the cry of us sinners, but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you do always protect those who honor you.

SAINTS WE COMMEMORATE TODAY – St. Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantiople

REMINDERS

Adult Bible Study – Bible study is cancelled until further notice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House Blessings ö Father George has resumed house blessings. He will contact you with his availability.

Lenten Vesper Services – There will be vesper services beginning at 5:00 p.m. this evening at St. Sava church in McKeesport. Lecturer will be Father Milan Dragovic.

Sunday, March 17th – St. Nicholas Church of Monroeville will be hosting this year's celebration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy. Vesper service will begin at 5:00 p.m., and a dinner will follow. Homilist will be The Most Reverend Archbishop Mark of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania.

Today - Our St Nicholas Choir will be offering a breakfast buffet for all to enjoy. Menu includes: pancakes, eggs, French toast casserole, veggie casserole, fruit, yogurt and juices. Please come and help support the choir's fundraiser. Thank you!

Today - Parastos for - Dusan & Dusanka Matejevich, Milan Drakulic, Sr., and Najka oNellieo Sonovick. Memory eternal! Vjecnaja pamjat!

Items Gifted to our Church ó On behalf of the entire St. Nicholas parish, thank you to **Stevan Silianoff, Betty Novakovich, Ann Pieczynski, and Mona Robertson** for their generous donations: Stevan purchased a beautiful, new chalice set for the health and well being of his parents and family, Betty purchased the Bishop's serving set, Ann bought the clergy's serving set, and Mona bought new priest vestments. May God grant you many years! Mnogaja ljeta!

Matthew Shaffer, son of Melissa Karas Shaffer needs our prayers, love, and support. Matthew is a wonderful, faithful young man and a member of our parish family. We are appealing for your compassion and help. Please see Father George and/or Nick Jokola. Make your checks payable to Melissa Karas Shaffer.

Fund Raiser for Matthew Shaffer - As Christians, we need to help in any way we can! We will be selling sweatshirts for \$20.00 with the Serbian Orthodox cross on them. \$5.00 of each sweatshirt sold will help with medical and travel expenses. Please see Anna Drakulic - email: (anikabrighton@gmail.com) phone: 412-823-4891.

The Committee for the 2019 SNF Summer Golf Tournament has met and is excited to begin planning for this big event for our church and local SNF lodges. To be successful, we will need everyone's help! There will be many opportunities for you to contribute. The Committee will keep you informed of our progress over the coming months. Pam Matejevich will be coordinating volunteers for the event which will take place August 7-11, 2019. Reach out to Pam or to Chairman Dushan Markoff to offer your help or ask any questions!

Fish Fry Cake Table - The Men's Club Fish Fry began this past Friday, March 8th and will continue every Friday through April 19 from 4 - 7 pm. This means that the Fish Fry Cake Table will be in operation during this time as well. Any help that can be offered to make this project a success would be greatly appreciated, either to bake and donate Lenten desserts, or volunteer to sell the baked goods to our customers. We are grateful for any assistance parishioners may give, whether it is one cake or one hour, or many! To volunteer, please contact Janet Tumbas at church, or by phone or email: 412-751-3809 / jtumbas@gmail.com. Thank you!

Purse Bash – The first St. Nicholas Purse Bash held on March 2nd was a success! We sold 150 of the 250 tickets available. Those who attended were very pleased and gave raving reviews. We were able to reach out to many ladies outside of St. Nicholas parish. We have learned from this initial experience and can only improve for next year. A very big thank you goes out to all who were involved.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Forgiveness Sunday

Today's Gospel reflects on Forgiveness and our preparation for Great Lent. God tells us that we must forgive men for their trespasses, if we expect our Heavenly Father to forgive us for our trespasses. Jesus also reflects upon our treasures, how we use them and prepare for Salvation through Stewardship. The key is to focus on the Heavenly in your daily life so that when you come before the dread Judgment Seat of Christ, you will be placed on the right hand and inherit the Kingdom prepared for you. We must lay up our treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume. Every aspect of how we use our Time, Talents and Treasures will determine where God places us on Judgment Day. "For where your treasure is, your heart will be also."

During Great Lent, pray and ask God to guide you so that your focus will be on the Heavenly and not the earthly... determine how you can help your Church. Whether it is volunteering to prepare the Church for Pascha, hosting a coffee fellowship after the Divine Liturgy or feeding the homeless - God asks us to do all that we can as good and faithful Stewards.

“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)

