

THE MANTLE

Saint Michael's Orthodox Church

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Sunday, February 5, 2012

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Afterfeast of the Presentation of our Lord and Savior in the Temple

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No fasting this week: During the week that follows the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (which we commemorate today) the usual Wednesday and Friday fasts are 'not' observed. We do not fast or abstain this week so that we might not boast in keeping the fasting "rules". Not fasting this week also serves as a reminder that fasting is only a means (an aid) on the path to salvation!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TODAY:

- **9:00 A.M.** Confessions heard by appointment only!
- **9:15 A.M.** Adult Religious Education Class!
- **10:00 A.M.** Divine Liturgy begins!
- Following today's Gospel reading, *Donna Foltman* will be received into the Holy Orthodox Church by way of the Profession of Faith, Holy Chrismation, and the receiving of Holy Communion!
- **Church School Classes** for the youth of our parish will be held following Holy Communion today!
- **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** Thank you to everyone who brought canned goods to church today for the Village of Niles Food Pantry. Monetary donations will be collected in support of IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) during today's announcements. Your support and generosity in helping those less fortunate is very much needed!
- The Coffee Social will be held and is sponsored by the **Cianci, Berzinis, Vavrinchik, Charnota** and **Raffanti** Families. All of our Faithful and guests are invited and encouraged to stay and socialize!

Monday Evening:

- **7:15 P.M.** Pan Orthodox Choir rehearsal (for the Pan Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy Vesper Service on Sunday, Feb. 26 at Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Oak Lawn).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 12:

- **9:00 A.M.** Confessions will be heard by appointment only! Call Fr. Sam at 847-647-8398.
- **9:15 A.M.** Adult Religious Education Class will be held upstairs in Church!
- **10:00 A.M.** Divine Liturgy begins!
- **Church School Classes** for the youth of our parish will be held following Holy Communion!
- A Combined Panachida is scheduled to be served!
- A Luncheon will be held to raise funds for deferring costs of the upcoming (Aug 30-Sept 2, 2013) National ACRY Convention to be hosted by our parish. Please support this fundraising event by your attendance or a donation to our ACRY. Thank you!

Sloppy Joe / Hot Dog Luncheon

Next Sunday!

Sponsored by our St. Michael's ACRY

\$5 adults ~ \$3 children

OCMC Dinner

Metropolitan Savas of Pittsburgh will be the keynote speaker at Mission Team Chicago's 15th annual benefit dinner to be held at 6:30pm on Thursday, **February 16, 2012** at Saint John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Des Plaines. The dinner will benefit the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). Suggested cost of admission is \$30 per person. If you are interested in attending and sitting at a table with other Saint Michael's faithful, please give your donation (*payable to "Orthodox Christian Mission Center" with "MTC Banquet"*) in the memo section to Father Sam TODAY. (See the flyer attached to last week's bulletin for more information.)



Pre-Lenten Brunch

All of our Faithful and guests are invited to attend our annual Pre-Lenten Brunch following the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, February 19th**. The

menu includes a buffet of delicious breakfast foods and casseroles. **Plus, this year there will be a SURPRISE addition to the menu!**

Your attendance and support are very much needed! See Pam Kuhn today to purchase tickets! Donation is \$18 for Adults; \$10 for ages 12-20. Children under 12 are free! Kindly purchase your dinner tickets IN ADVANCE, so the correct amount of food can be prepared. If you cannot attend our dinner, a monetary donation will certainly be appreciated!

ST. MICHAEL'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

- Feb. 19 PRE-LENTEN BRUNCH
- Mar 11 Panachida for + Metropolitan Nicholas
(First Anniversary of Repose, March 13, 2011)
- Mar 31 2pm Deanery Lenten Mission
Crawfordsville, Indiana
(Bus transportation to be provided!)
- Apr 1 FISH & PIROHI DINNER
- Apr 15 PASCHA
- May 13 Mother's Day
- May 19* 9:30am Grave Blessings at Elmwood Cemetery
Note change from date announced at last week's Parish Meeting
- Jun 3 Graduate Sunday ~ Holy Pentecost
- Jun 17 Father's Day
- Jul 22-28 Deanery Camp Week at Camp Nazareth
- Sept 9 Church School resumes
CHURCH SCHOOL TAILGATE PICNIC
- TBD DDD Dinner
- Nov 11 ST. MICHAEL'S DAY DINNER
- Dec 16 Annual Christmas Program and
Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

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What the Church Teaches us Today:

The chief weapon for virtue is humility, and the greatest hindrance to it is pride. Today we are reminded, through the *boasting* of the **Pharisee**, that self-esteem and bragging drives away the grace of the Holy Spirit; it strips man of all his virtue, and casts him into the pits of Hades. But, through the repentance and apologetic prayer of the **Publican**, we are reminded that *humility* grants the sinner forgiveness of all his wicked deeds and raises him up to the greatest heights.

CHICAGO DEANERY LENTEN RETREAT

2:00pm on Saturday, March 31

ORTHODOXY & HEALING

**Holy Transfiguration Mission Church
Crawfordsville, Indiana**

Speaker: Father Alexis Miller, Pastor

Bus transportation will be provided so Faithful can attend the retreat and visit this beautiful mission church! It will be a day on our Lenten Journey to take a break from the business of everyday life for a spiritual experience. Hopefully our parents will plan to take their children to participate in this Lenten Retreat.

The bus will depart from our St. Michael's parking lot at 10:45am and return at approximately 8pm.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board downstairs. Please sign-up as soon as possible, so the appropriate transportation accommodations can be made for this Deanery Event!

Thank You!

Archon **Wes Stinich** expresses his thanks and appreciation for the many cards and prayers he has received from our Faithful during his hospital stay!

VIGIL CANDLES AT THE ICONOSTAS TODAY

For the Good Health of **Natalie Zabrodsky**
"May God Grant you Many Blessed Years
on your 10th Birthday"

offered by Abby, Max, Mom and Dad

For the Good Health of **Donna Foltman**
on the occasion of her Chrismation
offered by Janet & Cindy Foltman

For the Good Health of **Jeff Charnota**
offered by the Micklewright Family

For the Good Health of **Kathleen Kochevar**
on the occasion of her Birthday (1/31)
offered by Uncle Nicholas Pavlik
and Aunt Helen Janowiak & her Family