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MEATFARE SUNDAY/LEO THE GREAT POP OF ROME

Sunday March 3, 2019

1 Cor. 8:8-9:2, Matt 25:31-46

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Welcome! We welcome to our church this morning all visitors, guests, relatives, and friends of Saints Peter and Paul Church. We pray your visit with us is spiritually rewarding, holy and life-giving. Visit often!

Pot Luck Dinner after the liturgy today. Please stay for fellowship and food.

Through greed we underwent the first stripping, overcome by the bitter tasting of the fruit, and we became exiles from God. But let us turn back to repentance and, fasting from the food that gives us pleasure, let us cleanse our senses on which the enemy makes war. Let us strengthen our hearts with the hope of grace, and not with foods which brought no benefit to those who trusted in them. Our food shall be the Lamb of God, on the holy and radiant night of His Awakening: the Victim offered for us, given in communion to the disciples on the evening of the Mystery, who disperses the darkness of ignorance by the Light of His Resurrection.

— Aposticha, Vespers on the evening of the Sunday of the Last Judgement

Birthdays – Rich Stiteler 3/4, Deb Sasala 3/8

Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers 3/17 at St. John the Baptist Church in Johnstown 6 PM with a meal to follow. Please consider going to pray with our brethren from other parishes.

In the future Judgment, the condition of each person will be revealed in an instant, and each person on his own will proceed to where he belongs. Each person will recognize, as if on a television screen, his own wretchedness, as well as the spiritual condition of others. He will reflect himself upon the other, and he will bow his head, and proceed to the place where he belongs....

+ St. Paisios of Mt. Athos

Annual Women's Retreat: The Way of a Woman – At Christ the Saviour Seminary March 30th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This retreat has been organized yearly for over a decade. Matushka Sophie Daniels gives a talk and leads a discussion on practicing Orthodoxy in our modern times. She has been a spiritual inspiration and guide to many people. Fr. Matthew once again, reminds the women of our parish to not miss this opportunity. Pani Mary-Margaret and her sister-in-law Susan Mesko plan and organize this event each year with love and attention to detail. Please support your growth in Christ and ... “may your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to our Father who is in Heaven.” Matthew 5:15-16 RSVP 814-322-7677 or susanmm7@hotmail.com

Spring Young Adult Retreat at Camp Nazareth, from March 29-31, 2019. See the flier downstairs or call 724-662-4840 for more information.

DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT, sponsored by the National ACRY. St Nicholas Church, Homestead, PA, Sat April 6, 2019, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. *Presenters will be* Metropolitan Gregory, “Focusing on the Ladder of Divine Ascent and Our Spiritual Journey One Step at a Time”, and Fr. David Urban, “Windows to Heaven – Icon of Divine Ascent and the Feasts of the Church.”. *Registration Deadline is* March 31, 2019.

Our Treasurer notes our expenses have stayed relatively the same, as is our fundraising income, but regular giving has dropped significantly. Below is a current account of our finances. Please see Deb Sasala with any questions.

1st Quarter (April, May, June) we lost \$2,317.79

2nd Quarter (July, Aug, Sept) we lost \$6,837.02

3rd Quarter (Oct, Nov, Dec) we gained \$2,678.34

January we lost \$2,033.85

February we lost \$1,307.74

Total loss for this church year \$9,818.06

Yearly Assessment for each adult is \$90.00. Candles are \$3.00 for 6 day candles & \$0.50 for little votives in back.

Saturday March 9th Lenten Retreat at Holy Resurrection Church in Belle Vernon. See flier downstairs.

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