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FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

February 25, 2018

Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 (Epistle)

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John 1:43-51 (Gospel)

**A warm welcome to everyone joining us for worship and fellowship.
If you are without a spiritual home, please make OUR HOME, YOUR HOME.**

TODAY Sunday of Orthodoxy. St. Tarasius Archbishop of Constantinople (†806)

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

11:20 am St. Nicholas Sunday School

11:30 am Memorials for: Stephen Platko (†March 01, 2016) requested by Georgine PLATKO
Bernard WARD (†4 anniversary), The PATTEN Family: Anna, George Senior, George Junior,
Marlyn CHERVEN requested by Georgia PATTEN

Wednesday, February 28

6:00 pm Confession

6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 3

8:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

9:00 am Memorial Liturgy

3:50 pm Russian Language Studies Class

4:50 pm Ninth Hour

5:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, March 4 2 Sunday of Lent. St. Gregory Palamas. Synaxis of the Fathers of the Kiev Caves Lavra

9:40 am Third Hours & Sixth Hours; Confession

10:00 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship with Refreshments

11:20 am St. Nicholas Sunday School

11:30 am Memorial for: Matushka Ruth KUCHTA (†March 04, 2012) requested by KUCHTA family.

Monday, March 5

6:30 pm Parish Board Meeting

ALTAR CANDLES Today Altar Candles were donated by Georgia PATTEN. Please remember that Altar Candles are available for purchase – please fill out an envelope at the candle desk

**GOD BLESS YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS &
RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP!!!**

FELLOWSHIP HOUR Please check your schedule and see when you can take your turn! A sign up sheet is hanging up on the hall bulletin board for next months coffee hour rotation.

SCRIP is available at every Sunday Fellowship Hour.

PASTORAL MINISTRY Call (815) 725-4742 or (630) 559-5785 to register as a parishioner, to initiate instruction in the Faith, to schedule sacraments, visitation, etc.

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PIEROGI TAKEOUT Saturday, March 10th please join us for our first pierogi takeout. Pierogies will all be made following the lenten dietary restrictions (no meat or dairy) and will be available fresh for sale to eat right away or they can be frozen and reheated at a later date. This is a great opportunity to stock your fridge and freezers with this delicious comfort food.

SAVE THE DATE! Our Diocesan Hierarchy, Bishop Paul, will be visiting St. Nicholas parish on Wednesday, March 7th at 6:30pm for the Presanctified Liturgy. After Liturgy we will hold a potluck social hour with Lenten type snacks (no dairy and no meat).

MANY THANKS TO Georgine PLATKO for hosting this morning's Fellowship.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY The Pan-Orthodox Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers service will be held today, at 6:30pm at Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church at 11045 S Roberts Rd, Palos Hills, IL.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following people, who are in need of God's healing and grace:

MaryAnn MAGERKO	Tom KOMPARE	Juliana MATUSIAK	Lillian BRADLEY	Janet HESSION
Nancy JOVANOVIH	Georgia PATTEN	Gloria WATSON	June BRADLEY	Radovan JOVANOVIH

If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, please let me know.

MANY YEARS... Happy Birthday to Fr. Mykola BODNARCHUK on February 29th & Iryna BAKER on March 3rd

May God grant all our celebrants Many Happy and Healthy Years!

Today Epistle (Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2)

Brethren... By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Today Gospel (John 1:43-51)

The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Апостол Дня (Евреям 11:24-26, 32-12:2)

Братия...Верую Моисей, придя в возраст, отказался называться сыном дочери фараоновой, и лучше захотел страдать с народом Божиим, нежели иметь временное греховное наслаждение, и поношение Христово почел большим для себя богатством, нежели Египетские сокровища; ибо он взирал на воздаяние. И что еще скажу? Недостанет мне времени, чтобы повествовать о Гедеоне, о Вараке, о Самсоне и Иеффаяе, о Давиде, Самуиле и (других) пророках, которые верою побеждали царства, творили правду, получали обетования, заграждали уста львов, угашали силу огня, избегали острия меча, укреплялись от немощи, были крепки на войне, прогоняли полки чужих; жены получали умерших своих воскресшими; иные же замучены были, не приняв освобождения, дабы получить лучшее воскресение; другие испытали поругания и побои, а также узы и темницу, были побиваемы камнями, перепиливаемы, подвергаемы пытке, умирали от меча, скитались в милотях и козьих кожах, терпя недостатки, скорби, озлобления; те, которых весь мир не был достоин, скитались по пустыням и горам, по пещерам и ущельям земли. И все сии, свидетельствованные в вере, не получили обещанного, потому что Бог предусмотрел о нас нечто лучшее, дабы они не без нас достигли совершенства. Посему и мы, имея вокруг себя такое облако свидетелей, свергнем с себя всякое бремя и запинаящий нас грех и с терпением будем проходить предлежащее нам поприще, взирая на начальника и совершителя веры Иисуса, Который, вместо предлежащей Ему радости, претерпел крест, пренебрегши посрамление, и воссел одесную престола Божия.

Евангелие Дня (Иоанна 1:43-51)

На другой день Иисус восхотел идти в Галилею, и находит Филиппа и говорит ему: иди за Мною. Филипп же был из Вифсаиды, из одного города с Андреем и Петром. Филипп находит Нафанаила и говорит ему: мы нашли Того, о Котором писали Моисей в законе и пророки, Иисуса, сына Иосифова, из Назарета. Но Нафанаил сказал ему: из Назарета может ли быть что доброе? Филипп говорит ему: пойдй и посмотри. Иисус, увидев идущего к Нему Нафанаила, говорит о нем: вот подлинно Израильтянин, в котором нет лукавства. Нафанаил говорит Ему: почему Ты знаешь меня? Иисус сказал ему в ответ: прежде нежели позвал тебя Филипп, когда ты был под смоковницею, Я видел тебя. Нафанаил отвечал Ему: Равви! Ты Сын Божий, Ты Царь Израилев. Иисус сказал ему в ответ: ты веришь, потому что Я тебе сказал: Я видел тебя под смоковницею; увидишь больше сего. И говорит ему: истинно, истинно говорю вам: отныне будете видеть небо отверстым и Ангелов Божиих восходящих и нисходящих к Сыну Человеческому.

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