Holy Virgin Dormition Russian Orthodox Church

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> SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY (Tone 7) 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2; Matthew 25:31-46 Next Sunday, Romans 13:11-14:4; Matthew 6:14-21 Vigil Every Saturday evening @ 5:00 PM

REQUIEMS FOR TODAY

Frank Babilya (45 yrs, 3/11), offered by family.

SAINTS NAME FOR THIS WEEK TODAY, SUNDAY (March 10/Feb 26)- Poryphyrius, Sebastian, Christodulus, John. MON- Prokopy, Titus, Thalaleus, Gelasius. TUE- Vasily (Basil), Proterius, Nestor, *Marina, Kyra, Domnica, Kyr-Anna,* Nicholas. WED- John, Germanus, Oswald, Cassian. THUR-*Evdokia (Eudoxia, Gloria), Antonina, Domnina,* Agapius, Martyrius. FRI- Theodotus Arseny, Agathon, Tradius, *Evthalia,* Sava, Barsonofius, Efrosinius. SAT- Evtropius, Kleonicus, Zinonus, Zoilus, *Piama.*

Forgiveness Vespers

The Forgiveness Vespers on which marks the beginning of Great Lent will be held next Sunday after the potluck luncheon. We will be starting this service at approximately 1:15 PM.

Today is Meatfare

Today, we Orthodox Christians bid farewell to all meat products. The Church forbids us to partake of meat after today until the bright day of Resurrection.

This coming week is the last week to eat of the dairy products. Great Lent will begin next Monday, March 18, 2024.

Meatfare Luncheon

We will be holding our annual Meatfare Luncheon following Divine Liturgy today. All are invited downstairs to partake of the various covered dishes and to enjoy fellowship.

Monthly Luncheon

There will be a potluck luncheon provided next week and is sponsored by Dan & Lindsay Klipa. Plan on joining us and socializing.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a future luncheon, please sign up in the back of church.

Pussy Willows

Please be on the lookout for budding pussy willows. With the warm weather, the branches are beginning to bud. If you have access to these pussy willow trees, please cut the banches and bring them to the church, which will be placed in our coolers. Palm Sunday this year is on April 28.

Bake Sale

We will be holding two bake sales. One will be in March and the other in April. We are taking orders now for the March bake sale. Orders for this sale must be placed by Wednesday, March 20th. Pick up date is Thursday, March 28th from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. We will be baking for this sale on Wednesday, March 27th.

We are also taking orders for the April bake sale. Orders for this sale must be placed by Sunday, April 21st. We will be baking for this sale on Friday, April 26th.

Order forms are in the vestibule of the church. You may also call Cindy Kuehner at 412-407-5199 or email at HolyVirginBakeSale@gmail.com.

There are sign-up sheets in the back vestibule of the church if you can help in these baking days.

The Holy Martyr John Calpha

This saint was born in Galata in Constantinople. He was an architect by profession. He offended the Turks by his wholehearted confession of the Christian faith, and they tried to force him to become a Moslem. "I shall never deny my sweet Jesus Christ", replied John heroically, "I believe in Him, serve Him and confess Him." After harsh torture, the Turks beheaded him in Constantinople on February 26th, 1575. He suffered with honour for his beloved Christ and went to the courts of the Lord.

-The Porlogue from Ochrid