Holy Virgin Dormition Russian Orthodox Church

330 Shaw Avenue McKeesport, Pennsylvania Archpriest Dimitri D. Ermakov, Rector Office: 412-672-3444 Home: 412-469-8879 (Internet: <u>www.holyvirgindormitionmckeesportpa.com</u>) Like us on Facebook: Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church 17 March 2024 **Cheesefare Sunday** SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY (Tone 8) Romans 13:11-14:4; Matthew 6:14-21 Next Sunday, Hebrew 11:24-26, 32-12:2; John 1:43-51 Vigil Every Saturday evening @ 5:00 PM **Forgiveness Vespers** The Forgiveness Vespers on which marks the beginning of Great Lent will be held today after the potluck luncheon. We will be starting this service at approximately 1:15 PM.

> SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK First Week of Great Lent

Monday-Thursday, 6:30 PM Canon of St. Andrew of Crete Wednesday Morning, 8:30 AM – Presanctified Liturgy Doors open at 7:30 AM for Confessions Friday, 6:30 PM – Akathist to St. Herman of Alaska Saturday Morning, 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

Today is Cheesefare

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

Great Lent begins tomorrow, March 18, 2024.

Monthly Luncheon

There will be a potluck luncheon provided today. This luncheon 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. Parish Council Meeting next Sunday following services

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 branches 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.

SAINTS NAME FOR THIS WEEK TODAY, SUNDAY (March 17/3)-Gerasimus, Daniel, Vasily (Basil), Ioasaph, Paul, Juliana, Quadratus, Akakius, Stratonicus, James. MON- Konon, Onisius, Evlogy, Evlampius, Iraida, Archelaus, Isichius, Mark, Theodore, David, Constintine, John, Adrian, Luke. TUE- Theodore. Constantine, Aetius, Theophilus, Basoius, Callistus, Konon, Job, Arkady, Abraham. WED- Ephraim, Basil, Eugene, Elpidius, Agathodor, Kapiton, Paul, Emilian. THUR- Theofilactus, Dometius, Theodorit, Ermus, Lazarus, Athansius. FRI- 40 Holy Martyrs of Sebaste: Kyrion, Kandidus, Domnus, Isichius, Iraclius, Smaragdus, Evnoikus, Valens, Vivianus, Claudius, Priscus Theodulus, Evtichius, John, Xanthias, Helianus, Lisimachus, Alexander, Elias, Gorgonius, Sisinius, Angius, Theophilus Dometian, Gaius, Leonty, Athanasius, Kyrill, Sacerdon, Nicholas, Valerius, Filactimon, Severian, Chudion, Aglaius, Meliton, Urpasian, Kesarius, Gregory. SAT- Theodore, Kodrat (Conrad), Kyprian, Dionysius, Anectus, Paul, Kriskentus, Victorin, Nikifor, Claudius, Diodor, Serapion, Papius, Leonidus, Chariessa, Nunechia, Vasilissa (Basilissa), Nika, Kalissa, Gala, Galina (Gail), Theodora, Anastasia, Michael, Satorinus, Rufinus.