

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Weekly Bulletin for Week of February 12-18, 2018

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

EPISTLE: Brethren: But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2)

GOSPEL: The Lord told this parable: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

"Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (Matthew 25:31-46)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

TODAY: SUNDAY OF MEATFARE (Last Judgment) — Tone 3. Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste. Ven. Dimitri (Demetrius), Wonderworker of Prolix. Rt. Blv. Great Prince Vsevolod (in holy Baptism Gabriel), Wonderworker of Pskov. Righteous Theodora, wife of the Emperor Theophilus the Iconoclast.

Hours: Hood

Greeters: Osburn/Geralt

Epistle: Bitsko

Coffee: Geralt/Gonzalez

Post-Communion: W. Demko

CHURCH SCHOOL

TUESDAY, February 13: Parish Council, 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, February 15: Coffee Chat, 10:00 AM

SATURDAY, February 17: Baptism, 10:00 AM; Great Vespers, 5:00 PM; CONFESSIONS; CHOIR REHEARSAL

SUNDAY, February 18: Divine Liturgy, 9:00 AM; SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE — Tone 4. The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. St. Leo the Great, Pope of Rome. Ven Cosmas of Yakhromsk. St. Agapitus the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada in Phrygia. St. Flavian the Confessor, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Hours: Kaufman

Greeters: Campbell/Murphy

Epistle: Halliday

Coffee: Maslenitza

Post-Communion:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEATFARE SUNDAY

Today is Meatfare Sunday in the Orthodox Church, easing us into the Great Fast by eliminating meat from our diets starting tomorrow. All dairy products, eggs, etc. are permitted. As with all fasting, effort must be tempered by physical ability.

SCHEDULE NOTES

The Parish Council will be having the monthly meeting this Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 PM, as our normal meeting date falls during the first week of Great Lent. All members please note the change.

Our Adult Faith Forum has gone on our annual Lenten hiatus. We will resume our regular Wednesday meetings following Pascha in April. We continue to discuss *The Miracles of Christ*.

NEXT SUNDAY

Forgiveness Sunday, our liturgical entrance into Great Lent, falls next Sunday, this year. We will have Forgiveness Vespers at the end of liturgy as customary. **Every** parishioner should have this date marked and make every effort to be present for this beautiful and moving event.

Our annual Maslenitza will be held next Sunday. Blini will be served with all sorts of dairy and sweets, as the Fast begins the next day. Please join us after Vespers!

TAX FORMS

2017 Statements of Giving to the parish are available in the vestibule. If you have questions, please see Karen Short.

BOOK THREE

Grace Brooks' third book, *A Year of Every Tuesday*, is now available on Amazon. If you would like a copy, speak with Grace and check our parish bookstore.

CONCERT

Kevin Ayesh, Nika Bitsko's uncle and a parishioner at SJOTL Church in Greenville, SC. will be presenting a piano concert at Green Valley Presbyterian Church in Henderson on Saturday, February 24 at 7:30 PM. The program will feature works by Mozart, Chopin, Brahms, and Debussy, as well as Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Admission is free (they do ask for a free-will offering, but I don't think it's required). Link: <http://www.greenvalleypres.com/event/1061395-2018-02-24-gvpc-live-concert-piano-soloist/>

NEED A PERSONAL ASSISTANT?

Tiffani Gonzalez has created *Saturday Morning Personal Assistant* to earn funds for schooling and internship programs. She is available on Saturdays for babysitting, dog walking, housekeeping, and office work. Hours are from 7:00 AM-1:00

PM; in hourly increments, This is a pay what you can afford service (per/hour)! She has plenty of experience with kids, loves animals, and can assist you in anything you need.

REMEMBER, O LORD...those in need of prayer

Archpriest Paul (Lazor)	Paul (Pelinsky)
Archpriest John (Bruchok)	Michael (Geralt)
Matushka Mary (Perez)	Victoria (Potter)
Matushka Lilliana (Osburn)	Agnes (Rentz)
Veronica (Hood)	Vladimir (Serzhanin)
Michelle (Chong)	Stacy (Kim)
Laura (Draskovic)	Kathryn (Kessler)
Anita (Maresca)	Micah (Demko)
Sophie & Natasha (Zonitch)	Ann (Prochko)
Marteen (Moore)	Monique (Miller)
Christine (Sechrist)	Alla (Jascolt)
Peter (Jolevski)	Robert (Kuhn)
David (Poe)	Jacob (Levine)
Yelena (Melody)	Daniel (Pcsolyar)
James (Hutchings)	

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ON FASTING

Let the mouth also fast from disgraceful speeches and railings. For what does it profit if we abstain from fish and fowl and yet bite and devour the brothers and sisters. The evil speaker eats the flesh of his brother and bites the body of his neighbor. Because of this Paul utters the fearful saying, "If you bite and devour one another take heed that you are not consumed by one another" (Gal. 5:15). You have not fixed your teeth in his flesh, but you have fixed your slander in his soul and inflicted the wound of evil suspicion, and you have harmed in a thousand ways yourself and him and many others, for in slandering your neighbor you have made him who listens to the slander worse, for should he be a wicked person, he becomes more careless when he finds a partner in his wickedness. And should he be a just person, he is tempted to arrogance and gets puffed up, being led on by the sin of others to imagining great things concerning himself. Besides this, you have struck at the common welfare of the Church herself, for all those who hear you will not only accuse the supposed sinner, but the entire Christian community...

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Feb 12: 3 John 1:1-15	Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39
Feb 13: Jude 1:1-10	Luke 22:39-42, 45-23:1
Feb 14: Joel 2:12-26	Joel 3:12-21
Feb 15: Jude 1:11-25	Luke 23:2-34, 44-56
Feb 16: Zechariah 8:7-17	Zechariah 8:19-23
Feb 17: Romans 14:19-23, 16:25-27	Matthew 6:1-13

STEWARDSHIP 2018

Stewardship 1/28-2/4:	\$ 6,502.74
Total Income 1/28-2-4:	\$ 7,584.74
Weekly income needed:	\$ 4,085.00
2018 INC GOAL (5 wks):	\$ 20,425.00
2018 INC ACTUAL:	\$ 19,825.32
Percentage of Budgeted Income:	97.1%