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Daily Services

Mon - Fri 8AM & 6 PM

Sat. 5:30 PM Sun 9 AM

Вербное

Апр. 13

PASCHA

April 20

Schedule for the Week of February 23 – March 1, 2014

Sunday Feb 23	Meat-Fare Sunday / Нед. Мясопустная Sunday of the Last Judgement / Нед. о Страшном Суде
Saturday Mar 1	5:30 PM Vigil
Sunday Mar 2	Cheese-Fare Sunday / Нед. Сыропустная Forgiveness Sunday / Прощеное Воскр. 8:15 AM Nocturns, Confessions 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия Вечерня после Литургия / Forgiveness Vespers following Liturgy
Monday Mar 3	Beginning of Great Lent / Начало Великаго Поста
First Week of Lent – Services daily 8 AM & 6 PM	
Friday Mar 7	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 6:PM / Лит. Преждеосвя. Даров

Вера и спасение

Что сказать о контроле и тотальной слежке, которыми так пугают простодушных людей? Когда и в каком государстве не было тайной канцелярии? Все было... и все есть... и будет... но ничто не мешает спасаться верующему человеку.

И каждый идет по жизни своим крестным путем, верой проходя все, встречающееся на жизненном пути. И верующий все принимает от руки Божией с уверенностью, что все споспешествует ему ко спасению.

Подумать бы нам лучше о том, о чем, действительно, всегда надо помнить православному христианину – о всевидящем Оке Божием, которое видело, как ткалась наша плоть, об Ангеле света и ангеле тьмы, сторожащих каждый наш шаг, каждую думу – от младенческой колыбели и до гробовой доски. А думаем ли мы об этом?



Пример жизни святого Пророка, Предтечи и Крестителя Господня научает нас, как жить, угождая Богу, как спастись в мире греха. Он учит нас жаждать явления Господа и Спасителя в нашей личной жизни всегда. Он учит нас всегда и во всем желать познания воли Божией о нас.

Иоанн Предтеча и по сей день проповедует нам, что первый шаг на пути нашей встречи с Господом есть покаяние и очищение от скверны греха. Будем же каяться и творить достойные плоды покаяния. *(Старец Архим. Иоанн Крестьянкин)*

As we are approaching the period of Great Lent and Pascha, let us consider what we may do to help in beautifying our church for the celebration of the feast day. Please consider a donation for Paschal flowers and adornment of the church:

From: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

Thank you!!

A Question for discussion:

Is there interest for a Bible Class with Fr John on weekdays? Yes _____ No _____

Please express your comments or interest or suggestions to Fr. John or leave this questionnaire in Church

Judgment Day

Feb. 23 is Meat-fare Sunday! We are reminded that soon it will be the Time of Great Lent. We shall have to exercise efforts to discipline our body, our soul, our mind -- always with the help of the Holy Spirit – Who guides us, accepts us and helps us receive forgiveness if we have at least the *intention* to exert these efforts.

It is also the time to remember the Final Judgment which Christian teaching says will close time as we know. This judgment gives an image which makes people afraid because we sense that God, the Judge, knows and sees *everything* we do — and even the things we think. If God is also the Prosecutor, then who will be able to stand against His accusations?

The Gospel which the Church proclaims is that God the Father, the Righteous Judge, has sent us a Defender in the person of Jesus Christ. But in order for Him to be able to defend us, we must *accept* His services. What shall we do if we ignore this offer of divine help? It is time to choose.

Actually there is a judgment that is going on continually. Our lives continually produce a harvest of good and bad works. The Sunday of the Last Judgment reminds us that we are all responsible for our actions, our words, and our thoughts. This is not a chaotic universe, where there are no moral consequences of our actions. There is meaning in this universe which God has made! Let us act

Начало Великого Поста – 3 Марта

Службы ежедневно -- 8 утра и 6 вечера
(Чтение Канона св. Андрея Критского)

В пятницу 7 марта -- Литургия Преждеосвящ. Даров
в 6 ч. вечера

После службы беседа на
евангельскую тему (30 минут)

responsibly, morally, with patience, mercy and courage.
(Fr Ihor Kutash, Ph.D.)



Sometimes we may read from the Bible and it does not have a message for us. This is not unusual. Hundreds of years ago a monk complained to St. Arsenius that, while reading the Holy Scriptures, he felt neither the power of the words he read, nor any sweetness in his heart. To this, the saint replied, “My child, just continue reading. I have heard that snake-charmers, when they cast a spell on the snakes, pronounce words that they themselves do not understand; but the snakes, hearing the words spoken, feel their power and are tamed. So with us, when we constantly keep the words of Holy Scripture on our lips, even if we cannot feel their power, the evil spirits, hearing these words, flee in terror, for they cannot abide the Word of the Holy Spirit. My child, just continue reading! The Holy Spirit, Who wrote the divine words through those He inspired, will hear and understand, and will hasten to your aid; and the demons will hear and understand, and will flee from you. That is: He Whom you summon to your aid will understand, and he whom you want to drive away from you will understand, and both goals will be reached.” (from *The Orthodox Herald*).

Сам Господь возглавляет веру Православную. Мы как бы получили ключи от Царства Небесного из рук Самого Господа. Мы получаем помощь от святых угодников Божиих, давно прославленных нашей Церковью и ныне прославляемых, таких как Серафим Вырицкий, Матрона Московская, и другие. (Протоиерей Валентин Мордасов).

The Kursk Icon of the Theotokos will be visiting the diocese during Great Lent.

It is scheduled to be at our Skete here in Fridley on March 23. Please plan to visit.
(More information later.)