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February 7, 2021

Sunday of Meatfare – Sunday of the Fearful Judgement; Venerable Father Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus (312-37) Tone 3

Schedule of Sunday & Weekday Services

2.7.2021 – Неділя М'ясопусна. 9:30 а.т. - Вервиця і сповідь 10:00 а.т. - Служба Божа

2.7.2021 – Meatfare Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Rosary and Reconciliation 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

2.14.2021 – Неділя Сиропусна. 9:30 а.т. - Вервиця і сповідь 10:00 а.т. - Служба Божа 2.14.2021 – Cheesefare Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Rosary and Reconciliation 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Prayer list of the sick or aged parishioners & friends of the parish

Finbarr Jones, Olga Wasylowsky, Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Natalie Shuya, Rose Adamko, Charlotte Scheuer, Irene Karpinec, Nadia Kusznir, Oksana Nosyk, John Lackhouse, Richard Case, Laura Baker Coughlin, Natalie Lackhouse and young Samuel Rocha.
Remember also all those who have suffered due to Covid 19 – the ill, the deceased, the healthcare workers and those who lost jobs or income because of the virus.
If you know of someone who should be on this list, please let me know the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and aged is truly helpful and comforting.

Father Volodymyr would like to visit our sick and elderly parishioners, especially those who cannot be with us for liturgies. Please call him at **773-979-4737** to let him know who would like a visit. O. Володимир бажає відвідати хворих та старших парафіян, які не можуть приходити до церкви. Просимо повідомити його за номером **773-979-4737**.

Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

The Mutual Link of Prayer and Fasting

Prayer with fasting is good. (Tob 12:8)

In the Gospels, Christ emphasizes the mutual relationship between prayer and fasting. Both are needed if one is to overcome the influence of the Evil One, that is, if one is to be freed from sin. "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting" (Mk 9:29, rsv-ce). The Holy Fathers stressed the inseparability of fasting and prayer: "To the measure that you take away from the body, to that measure you will fortify the soul with spiritual strength."456 Through fasting, we restrain and check the outer person so that through prayer, the inner person might thrive. When prayer is separated from fasting, the inner person lacks the necessary conditions for growth.

<u>Парафіяльні Оголошення</u>

- 1. Якщо ви бажаєте, щоб священник відвідав ваш дім з Йорданським благословенням, будь ласка, виповніть форму, яка є при вході до храму.
- 2. Запрошуємо долучатись усіх бажаючих для приготування вареників. Просимо приходити у четвер вранці для підготовки продуктів і у п'ятницю для ліплення.
- 3. У зв'язку зі зростанням захворюваності на COVID-19 просимо одягати маски, мити руки чи використовувати санітайзер та зберігати дистанцію
- 4. Ми закликаємо всіх наших парафіян молитися за мир у світі, особливо про закінчення війни та мир в Україні, а також щоб США зібралися разом і намагалися зрозуміти один одного.

Parish Announcements

- 1. If you would like to have your house blessed with Jordan Holy water, please fill out form by the church entrance.
- 2. We need additional volunteers for our pyrohy ministry, especially in the food preparation area (Thursday morning) and in the cooking area (Friday).
- 3. Due to the increase in Covid 19 cases, please remember to wear a mask, wash hands or use sanitizer and keep social distance from those not in your family.
- 4. We call upon all our parishioners to pray for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war and peace in Ukraine, and that all people come together and try to understand each other.

Sunday Collection for January 31, 2021:

Envelopes: \$245.00	Loose Cash: \$84.00	Candles: \$97.00
Christmas Caroling Donations: \$349.00		TOTAL: \$775.00

Please mail your donations to: St. Josaphat, 8624 White Oak Ave, Munster IN 46321. THANK YOU!

Who is Venerable Father Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus?

Saint Parthenius was an illiterate fisherman, but always listened carefully to the readings of Holy Scripture in church, and strove to put their teaching into practice. Whatever he earned from his trade he gave to the poor, keeping back nothing for himself. His charity became so well-known that Philetus, Bishop of Melitopolis, ordained him to the priesthood, charging him to travel throughout the diocese visiting Christians. Parthenius fulfilled his mission admirably, and his many miracles and healings - even raising the dead to life - showed that divine favor rested on him. Ascalus, Metropolitan of Cyzicus, made him Bishop of Lampsacus, at that time an almost completely pagan city. By virtue of his preaching, prayer and fasting, St Parthenius in time converted the whole city to Christ. Miracles of healing poured forth from the holy bishop so reliably (according to the Synaxarion) the city's doctors became superfluous. Demons took flight at the Saint's approach. Once, when he commanded a demon to depart from a poor man, the spirit begged him, 'Give me a place to live, even swine!' 'No,' the bishop replied, 'But you may come and dwell in me!' The demon fled, crying as though burned, 'How can I enter God's house? Great is the power of the Christians!' Once Parthenius visited Heraclea in Thrace, whose Bishop Hypatian was extremely ill. The Saint revealed to the bishop that avarice was the true cause of his ailment. 'Give to the poor the goods that you are withholding from them, and you will recover.' The Metropolitan had himself carried to the church on a stretcher and publicly gave all his possessions to the poor. Three days later he was completely cured. On leaving the city, Parthenius told the Metropolitan that his own death was near and, soon after returning to Lampsacus, reposed in peace.

In this new year 2021, remember those who have less. Donated food items are given to the local food pantry. Please show your thanks to God for what you have by sharing generously with others in need.

If You Love God , You will Love your Neighbor; If You Love your Neighbor, You will Love God

Surely everyone knows that human beings are social creatures and for that reason are not made for a solitary and uncivilized life. Nothing is better suited to our nature than to have continual relationships to seek one another out and to love one's own kind. The Lord asks no more than the fruit of the seed He has implanted in us, when He says: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another." (John 13:34) To lead us to obey this precept He does not want the badge of recognition of disciples to consist in miracles. Rather He asserts: "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35) And between the commandment to love God and the commandment to love your neighbor, He has established so close a bond that He takes as done to Himself anything done to our brothers or sisters. He says: "I was thirsty and you gave me drink." (Matt. 25:35) And He adds: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matt. 25:40) The keeping of the first commandment includes the keeping of the second, and in the fulfillment of the second the first is fulfilled. Whoever loves God loves his neighbor. The Lord says: "Anyone who loves me will keep my word" (John 14:23) and "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12) So then, whoever loves his neighbor loves God, and God reckons our unity with our brothers and sisters is unity with Him. One is reminded of Moses. He loved his brothers and sisters so much that he asked to be blotted out of the book of the living if the people did not receive forgiveness of their sins. (Exod. 32:32).

Saint Basil the Great



Icon of the Last Judgment