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EPISTLE READING

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Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4

Brethren, you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak and in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

GOSPEL READING

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Matthew 6:14-21

The Lord said: "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. "And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

It is customary to keep the first three days of Lent, the *Trimeron*, as carefully as possible.

Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy on Wednesday March 16th at 3:00 PM. This Lenten service is actually Vespers with Holy Communion. Those wishing to receive communion should refrain from lunch until after the Liturgy.

First Salutations (*Xairitismo!*) will be celebrated at 6:00 PM Friday March 18th.

Sunday March 20th is the First Sunday of Lent, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, commemorating the Restoration of the Icons and Relics. At 4:00 PM Sunday our parish will host the Pan-Orthodox Vespers for the Ohio Valley. We are expecting 7 priests and the Orthodox faithful from Weirton, Steubenville, Barton and Wheeling. Please join us.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour today will be hosted by Mary Matsakis in honor of her mother Sophia whose 40 Day memorial we celebrate today. Everyone is invited to attend.

The new coffee hour sign up sheet has been posted in the social hall. Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour.

SARRIS CANDY

The Sarris Easter candy will be delivered next Sunday, March 20th.

INFORMATION

Today is Forgiveness Sunday and after the Divine Liturgy there will be a brief service of mutual forgiveness before the Forty Days of Lent start.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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We encourage you to send a card/and or call our shut ins to let them know that they are in our thoughts and in our prayers.

O Lord our God, who have granted to men pardon through repentance and have set for us the repentance of the prophet David as an example of the acknowledgement of sin and of confession which is unto forgiveness: Do Yourself, O Master, have mercy on us according to Your great mercy, notwithstanding the manifold and great iniquities into which we have fallen, and according to the multitude of Your compassions blot out our transgressions. Against You have we sinned, O Lord, You who know the hidden and secret things of the heart of men and who alone have power to forgive sins; and as You have created a clean heart within us and established us with Your governing spirit and made known to us the joy of Your salvation, cast us not away from Your presence. But since You are good and love mankind, graciously grant that even until our last breath, we may offer to You the sacrifice of righteousness and an oblation upon Your holy altar. Through the mercy and compassion and love for mankind of Your only-begotten Son, with whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy and good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages. Amen.