

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Parish Newsletter

R E S T O N

New Parish Center: 20937 Ashburn Rd., #110, Ashburn, VA February 2023

FEBRUARY—DAY 11 HOURS, NIGHT 13

- 18 Sat 5:00 p.m. Vespers
- 19 Sun^{36•III} **GOSPEL: JUDGMENT—BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT REACH OUT** (Mat. 25.31+)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Smith**
☛ *Vespers moves to Sunday evenings.*
- 26 Sun^{37•IV} **GOSPEL: FORGIVENESS—LETTING GO** (Mat. 6.14+)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Adams**
5:00 p.m. Penitential Vespers, followed by *Bliny* and all the fixings.

THE WEEKS OF MARK

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BEGIN THE GREAT FORTY DAYS • QUADRAGESIMA

27 Mon *Day 1*

MARCH—DAY 12 HOURS, NIGHT 12

- 1 Wed 7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts *and pot-luck meal.*
- 5 Sun **SUNDAY I: CHRIST, MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN** (John 1.43–51)
10:00 a.m. Communal Confession Rite—*first of two*
10:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Belinsky**
6:00 p.m. Penitential Vespers
- 8 Wed 7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts *and pot-luck meal.*
- 11 Sat Saturday^{II} of Souls
On the 12th at 1 a.m. Daylight Saving Time returns—clocks one hour forward.
- 12 Sun **SUNDAY II: CHRIST, SOURCE OF FORGIVENESS AND HEALING** (Mark 2.1–12)
10:00 a.m. Communal Confession Rite—*second of two*
10:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Busenberg**
6:00 p.m. Penitential Vespers
- 15 Wed 7:00 p.m. PreSanctified Liturgy, *and pot-luck meal.*
- 18 Sat Saturday^{III} of Souls
- 19 Sun **SUNDAY III: CROSS OF CHRIST, COMPASSIONATE HIGH PRIEST** (Mark 8.34–9.1)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Bobrovsky**
6:00 p.m. Penitential Vespers
- 22 Wed 7:00 p.m. PreSanctified Liturgy, *and pot-luck meal.*
- 25 Sat Saturday^{IV} of Souls
- 26 Sun **SUNDAY IV: CHRIST, WITH THE FATHER, OUR SURE HOPE** (Mark 9.17–31)
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy—**Coffee Hour: Ellmore**
6:00 p.m. Penitential Vespers
- 29 Wed 7:00 p.m. PreSanctified Liturgy, *and pot-luck meal.*
- 31 Fri 7:00 p.m. Akathist Hymn

APRIL—DAY 13 HOURS, NIGHT 11

- 1 Sat Saturday^V of the Akathist Hymn (*the Annunciation, March 25, celebrated*)

As we have been doing these many years, we will hold two Communal Confession Rites on two consecutive Sundays: March 5 and 12.

The Pasch—like the Last Day—is coming (April 17, 18, 19) and the Church would prepare herself to celebrate the Death and Resurrection of the Lord by committing herself anew to the Baptism by which she is united to him. From time immemorial, through the reading of the Gospel, the Church has been calling her sons and daughters to renew themselves through confession and a season of penitence so that, come the Great and Holy Week, all come together with one heart and one mind in baptismal renewal with the same song on their lips.

So pick a Sunday. When we come together we evangelize one another. Come on time. Come in the right frame of mind. Bear witness to our younger members. Let us open our hearts to the word of Christ. And remember: children are welcome, but, for the concluding rite, none under age 10.

An Exhortation from the Epistle to the Hebrews:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of everything that weighs us down and the sin that clings so closely, and persevere in **running the race that lies before us** while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of [our] faith. **For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, ignoring its disgrace, and has taken his seat at the right of God's throne.** *Hebrews 12.1–2*



War-time Irony.—Moscow, January 27, 2023, a meeting of Orthodox priests providing pastoral care to the soldiers of the National Guard. Here they are clustered around a bust of Felix Dzerzhinski—Polish Roman Catholic *katsáp*—who, interestingly enough, from 1917 until his death in 1926, led the first two Soviet state-security organizations, the Cheka and the NKVD, establishing a secret police for the post-revolutionary Soviet regime. He was the chief architect of Lenin’s Red Terror, the purpose of which was to neutralize any opposition Orthodox churchmen might offer. Between June 1918 and January 1919—a mere eight months—official church figures claim that one metropolitan, 18 bishops, 102 priests, 154 deacons, and 94 monks/nuns had been shot. The estimate of 330 clergy and monastics killed by 1921 may have been an underestimate, due to the fact that 579 monasteries/convents had been liquidated during this period and there were widespread mass executions of monks/nuns during these liquidations. All was done under control of “Iron Felix,” as he was called. For the record, between 1917 and the end of the Khrushchev era, ~150,000 bishops, priests and deacons were executed.



UKRAINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Hope and Help in Time of Tremendous Need

With strong partner relations and long experience across Eastern Europe, IOCC is now addressing immediate and long-term needs in and around Ukraine. Work is ongoing in Poland and Romania to assist refugees and those serving them. Programs are reaching people in need inside Ukraine with food, hygiene supplies, and other basics.

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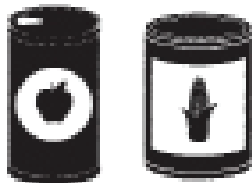


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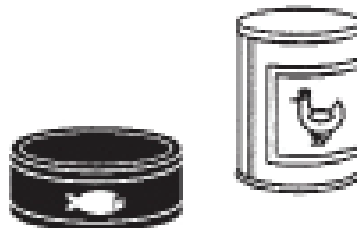
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FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED ITEMS

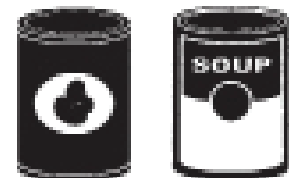
Canned Fruits & Veggies



Canned Meat



Canned Beans & Soup



Cereal



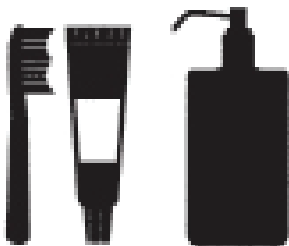
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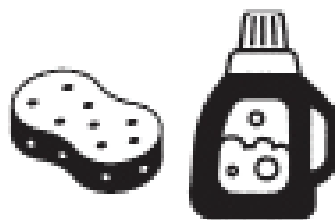
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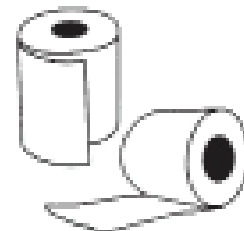
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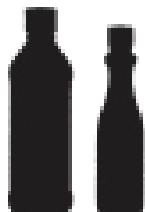
Household Items



Paper Products



Cooking Oil



Fresh Fruits & Vegetables



Other

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Formula	Popcorn
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Nutritional Shakes and Drinks	

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