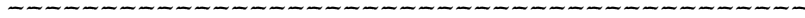




## ST. MARY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

### PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 1, 2020



- **Today** is Cheese Fare Sunday/Forgiveness Sunday. This is the last day to consume dairy products before Great Lent, which starts tomorrow.
- We hold Forgiveness Sunday Vespers with the Rite of Forgiveness this evening at 5 p.m. where we ask forgiveness of one another so that we may begin Great Lent in a spirit of Peace and Forgiveness.
- We are holding services every evening this first week of Great Lent, March 2-7. In the following weeks of Great Lent we will be holding services on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings as well as Vespers on Saturday.
- The **First Week Schedule** is: **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m.**--Great Compline with a section of the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete; **Wednesday at 6 p.m.**--Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by a Lenten Covered Dish; and **Thursday at 6 p.m.**--the Little Compline and Friday – the Akathist Service at 6:00 pm; and **Saturday Morning at 10 a.m.** the Memorial Saturday Liturgy with **Vespers at 5 p.m. on Saturday evening** as usual.
- **Sunday, March 8th is the Sunday of Orthodoxy.** Please remember to bring your icons for the procession, which will follow the Divine Liturgy.
- **Orthodoxy Sunday Vespers** will be held at Holy Resurrection OCA Cathedral in Wilkes-Barre at 4 p.m. Sunday evening, March 8th. All are invited to attend.
- Once again for Great Lent, we will be putting out the **Food For Hungry People boxes.** Please take one of the boxes, put your donation in it and return it to the Church during Holy Week when you come to attend the services.
- Please remember that ALL Orthodox Christians are to receive the Sacrament of Confession during Great Lent. Our preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ is not complete without this Sacrament. Father George hears Confessions from 4:30-5 p.m. each Saturday before Vespers and will also hear Confessions 1/2 hour prior to the Services of Great Lent. If you cannot make it during these times, please contact him and arrange another time for you to receive this Sacrament.
- Please remember minutes from all our Parish Council meetings are available and maintained for review in the Parish Library.
- The maintenance people at the Cemetery will begin a general clean up tomorrow. Please remove any Christmas or other decorations you want to keep today or risk having them collected and disposed of.
- A second collection will be taken on Sunday March 15. This collection is one of four collections mandated by the Archdiocese.