



# The Apostles' Joy



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## LENTEN SERVICES FOR "CLEAN WEEK"

Although our current facilities at "Mission Central" hinder us from worshipping in the fullness of our Liturgical Lenten experience, we have nonetheless decided to do what we can with what we have. We do not wish to sacrifice the important liturgical services of the Orthodox Church. Please note the special services for the first week of Great Lent are as follows:

- **Sunday, March 5: *Forgiveness Vespers:***  
"Mission Central" - immediately following the Divine Liturgy
- **Monday, March 6: *The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete***  
"Mission Central" - 6:30 pm
- **Tuesday, March 7: *The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete***  
The Costas Residence - 6:30 pm
- **Wednesday, March 8: *The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete***  
The Kurtz Residence - 6:30 pm
- **Thursday, March 9: *The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete***  
The Linnehan Residence - 6:30 pm
- **Friday, March 10: *The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts***  
The Diehl Residence - 6:30 pm

**GREAT  
LENT 2006**



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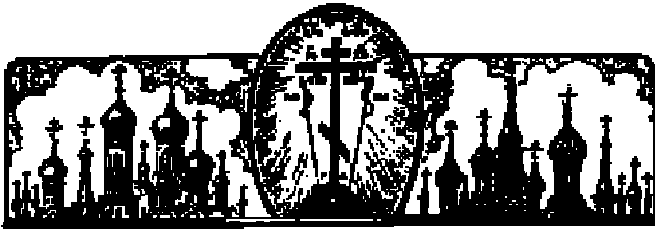
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WELCOME  
**SAT. VESPERS 6 PM  
SUN. LITURGY 9:30 AM**



## *Our Mission @ a glance:*

**Orthodoxy 101 Class:** Our very popular and well attended “Orthodoxy 101” classes will continue on Tuesday evenings throughout March at “Mission Central” at 7:00 pm. Of course the liturgical services also serve as the greatest teacher especially during Great Lent. Come join us as we learn through our class and through experience during this holy season!

**Congratulations and Many Years** to our little Andrew Burgett on his baptism into the Orthodox Faith that took place on Saturday, February 25, at Christ the Saviour Church in Harrisburg. Fr. Timothy and Matushka Anastasia were the Godparents, and Fr. Daniel Ressetar performed the service.

**On Sunday, March 5, in observance of “Cheesefare”** there will be a special Fellowship Hour: “Maslenitza” or Slavic Marti Gras. The suggested donation for the meal is \$5 for adults, and \$2 for children 12 and under. Please join us as we say farewell to dairy for the Great Fast!

**During the Lenten Season** please consult the weekly bulletin for service time changes and for special services in parishioners homes! While we are without a permanent facility we will return to the ancient tradition of worshipping in the homes of the faithful! **We already have a Church—we just need a building to put it in!**

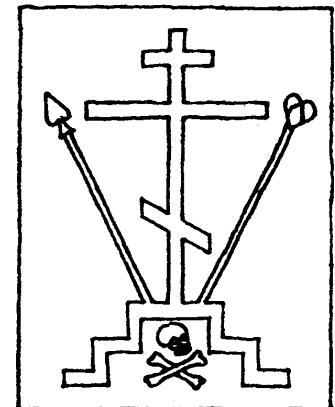
**Thursday, February 16:** The monthly meeting of the Mission Council will be held at the *Fetsko residence* at 7:00 pm. Everyone in the parish community is invited to attend and to participate in this administrative ministry of the Church

**Boxes of Assorted Greeting Cards** are available for purchase, or to sell in an effort to raise some money for our parish. Already this project has proved to be very successful! Each decorative, reusable card organizer box includes 24 various greeting cards and sells for \$20 per box. For more details please contact Fr. Timothy.

**Do you buy your groceries at Giant?** If so, please consider participating in our parish fundraiser. We are able to buy Giant Gift Cards at a discount and sell them to you at face value, painlessly raising money for the work of the Church! The gift cards come in various denominations and have a declining balance. Just use them like a credit or debit card. If you are interested in buying one or have questions about the program, please see Elizabeth Gaither.

### LENTEN MISSION SERVICES 2006:

- *Sunday, March 12, 2006:* Sts. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church Reading, PA - 4:00 pm  
Homilist: Very Rev. Alexander Veronis
- *Sunday, March 19, 2006:* St. Herman of Alaska, Shillington, PA - 5:00 pm  
Homilist: Very Rev. Daniel Ressetar
- *Sunday, March 26, 2006:* Sts. Peter & Paul, Minersville - 5:00 pm  
Homilist: Very Rev. Michael Evans (*Bishop TIKHON will be present*)
- *Sunday, April 2, 2006:* Holy Trinity, MacAdoo - 5:00 pm  
Homilist: Very Rev. Michael Hatrak
- *Sunday, April 9, 2006:* St. Michael's, Mt. Carmel- 5:00 pm  
Homilist: Very Rev. John Onofrey

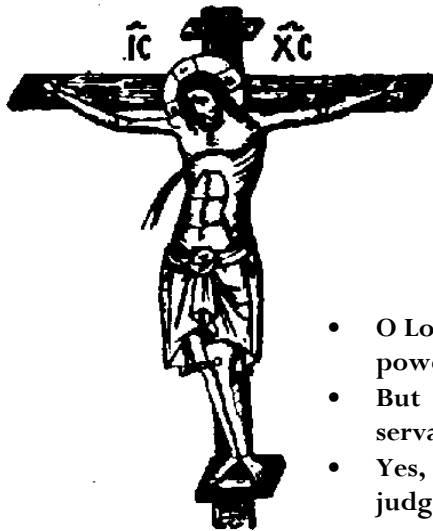
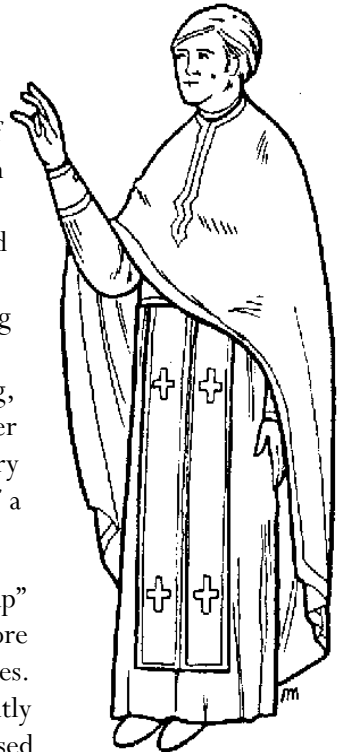


## Let us begin the Fast with...joy?

Ever since I was a kid, the experience of Great Lent has been nothing short of spectacular. But... it was getting into Lent that I always had trouble with doing. With each of the preparatory Sundays leading up to the Fast, I would continually feel anxious and almost unwilling to go along with the unrelenting weeks as they would pass. Zachaeus, the Publican and the Pharisee, the Prodigal Son, Sunday of Last Judgment-Meatfare, and then finally Forgiveness Sunday-Cheesefare. The interesting thing is that I would generally go into Great Lent kicking and screaming (sometimes literally, ask my Mother...) but once there, it became my favorite time of year. Being, as my nephew William would call it, a "Church Boy," I loved to be in Church. Whether it was serving, singing in the Choir, or just being there to help clean, it always felt very comfortable to me. I attribute these precious days of the fast with the foundation of a sense of respect for the Holy that I now strive to instill in my very dedicated people.

Great Lent is difficult, I won't sugar coat it. We are called to fast, "messaging up" our preferred taste for goodies and nice heavy meals. We are called to attend more Church services, which "conflicts" with all the other *stuff* we have in our busy daily lives. We are called to be more charitable, more patient, more merciful, and most importantly more loving than usual. Most notably, we are called to do all of this with an increased commitment to our prayer lives. All of these things are not asked of us to make us miserable, which sadly is a common side affect of misdirected fasting... We are called to do this for our own good and for our salvation. God does not desire nonsense. He calls us to "step it up a notch" and to challenge ourselves in these simple things in life, so that when we are faced with deeper spiritual challenges, we may be able to meet them and overcome them. It is only then that we can appreciate the literal barrage of events and services that the Church offers during Lent, and by this we can truly go, as St. Paul says, "from glory to glory." (II Corinthians 3:18)

So, my dear family and friends in Christ, let us truly "*Begin the fast with joy...*" Let us give thanks to God for offering us this redeeming time in the Church year to focus us, to challenge us, and most importantly, to prepare us for His Holy and Divine Pascha! May we all be found worthy to reach the day of His Resurrection and be able to enter into the joy of our Lord. Please forgive me if I have offended any of you in any way, and please pray for my family and me during this holy season.



### THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAÏM THE SYRIAN

- O Lord, and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power and idle talk...
- But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant...
- Yes, O Lord and King, grant that I may see my own transgressions and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages, Amen!

*Kitchen Corner*  
**ITALIAN LENTIL SOUP**

Ingredients: (serves 5)

1 cup sliced carrots	1 cup dry lentils
1/2 cup sliced celery	1 cup tomato puree
1/2 cup chopped onion	1 1/2 tsp. sugar
1 Tbsp. olive oil	1 1/2 tsp. salt
5 cups water	1/2 tsp. oregano
4 cups cabbage pieces	1/4 tsp. pepper



In a large saucepan cook carrots, celery, & onion in hot olive oil, about 3 mins. or until crisp-tender.

Stir in water, cabbage, lentils, tomato puree, sugar, salt, oregano, and pepper.

Bring to boil; reduce heat.

Cover and simmer for 45 minutes or until lentils are very soft.

Ladle into bowls. Enjoy!



***Prayers for the Health & Salvation of those who in need:***

Metropolitan PHILIP, Archbishop GREGORY, Archpriest Victor Sokolov, Archpriest John Perich, Priest Andrew Anderson, Presbytera Pearl Veronis, Pauline Fetsko, Margaret Balog, Lubov Husted, Melania Kosty, Amelia Kuzmiak, Theophan Koziar, Margorite Puthorosky, Nina Dacko, Mary Burke, Nona Carey, George Khalifa, Daniel Medill, the infant Christopher Elliot, Ana Wennberg & the child to be born of her, Nina Carson & the child to be born of her, Mat. Emily & the child to be born of her, Mat. Maria and the child to be born of her, Hannah Gordon, Harry Sysak, Rdr. Paul Sidebottom, Sharon Hanna, Carrie Kurtz (serving in Iraq), & *our Catechumens*, Christopher and Derek Givler, and Gillian Laughlin

***Prayers for the Departed: МЕМОРІ ЄТЕРНАЛ! ВЕСНИНА ПАМНУАТ!***

Metropolitan Nikolai, Archimandrite Ioan, Mat. Margaret Ressetar, Mat. Helen Donovan, Nadedjda Wuyulko, Nikolette Harris, Seneca Allen




*If anyone has any additions to this list, please see Fr. Timothy.*



# March 2006



Holy Apostles Orthodox Mission, Mechanicsburg, PA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>Great Lent 2006</b></p>	<p>Please consult the weekly bulletin for specific times and places for the weekly Lenten services...</p>		1 Meat Fast	2 Meat Fast	3 Meat Fast	4 Meat Fast  Chapel set up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers & Confessions 6pm
<p>5 <small>TONE 4</small> <b>Forgiveness Sunday</b> Divine Liturgy, Forgiveness Vespers 9:30am Fellowship Hour "Maslenitza" No Church School Altar Server Team #2</p>	<p>6 Great Canon @ "Mission Central" 6:30pm</p>	<p>7 Great Canon @ the Costas home 6:30pm</p>	<p>8 Great Canon @ the Kurtz home 6:30pm</p>	<p>9 Great Canon @ the Linnehan home 6:30pm  <b>Holy 40 Martyrs of Sebaste</b></p>	<p>10 Presanctified @ the Diehl home 6:30pm</p>	<p>11 <b>St. Theodore the Recruit</b>  Chapel set up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers, &amp; Confessions 6pm</p>
<p>12 <small>TONE 5</small> <b>Sunday of Orthodoxy</b> Divine Liturgy 9:30am Fellowship &amp; Church School following Altar Server Team #1</p>	<p>13 Mission Vespers at Sts. Con. &amp; Helen G.O. Church, Reading - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>14 "Orthodoxy 101" Classes 7pm @ Mission Central</p>	<p>15 Presanctified Liturgy TBA</p>	<p>16 Mission Council Mtg. @ the Fetsko Residence 7:00 pm</p>	<p>17 Akathist TBA <b>St. Patrick, Enlightener of Ireland</b></p>	<p>18 <b>Memorial Saturday</b>  Chapel set up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers, Panakhida &amp; Confessions 6pm</p>
<p>19 <small>TONE 6</small> <b>St. Gregory Palamas</b> Divine Liturgy 9:30am Fellowship &amp; Church School following Altar Server Team #2</p>	<p>20 Mission Vespers at St. Herman of Alaska Church, Shillington - 5pm</p>	<p>21 Presanctified Liturgy TBA (3/22)  "Orthodoxy 101" Classes 7pm @ Mission Central</p>	<p>22 </p>	<p>23 Akathist TBA</p>	<p>24 Akathist TBA</p>	<p>25 <b>The Feast of the Annunciation</b>  Chapel set up, Choir 5pm Great Vespers, w/ Litya &amp; Confessions 6pm</p>
<p>26 <small>TONE 7</small> <b>Veneration of the Cross</b> Divine Liturgy 9:30am Fellowship &amp; Church School following Altar Server Team #1</p>	<p>27 Mission Vespers at Sts. Peter &amp; Paul Church, Minersville - 5pm</p>	<p>28 "Orthodoxy 101" Classes 7pm @ Mission Central</p>	<p>29 Presanctified Liturgy TBA</p>	<p>30 Akathist TBA</p>	<p>31 Akathist TBA  <b>Repose of St. Innocent, Apostle to the Americas</b></p>	 <p>Rejoice, O Thou full of Grace...</p>



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