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**January 22, 2023**

*Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!*

<b>Services</b>	Sat., Jan. 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>NO Vespers</i></b>	
	Sun., Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Translation of the Relics of St. Ignatius the God-Bearer Recluse Lawrence Saint Gerasimus</b>	
		Church School Hours Divine Liturgy	<b>9:15 am 9:45 am 10 am</b>
	Thurs., Feb. 2	<b>The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple</b>	
		Hours Divine Liturgy	<b>8:45 am 9 am</b>

**Epistle**

*(1 Timothy 1:15-17)*

This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel

(Luke 18:35-43)

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging.

And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

And he cried out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him,

saying, “**What do you want Me to do for you?**” He said, “Lord, that I may receive my sight.”

Then Jesus said to him, “**Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.**”

And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise to God.

\*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind  
for Sunday Liturgy.

*Epistle:* 1 Timothy 4:9-15

*Gospel Reading:* Luke 19:1-10

## Announcements:

**PLEASE NOTE: Beginning February 4<sup>th</sup>, Vespers will be celebrated at 6 p.m.**

**Church Envelopes:** The envelopes are in. Stop by the Candle Stand this morning to pick up your church envelopes. As a cost saving measure, Church Council will be distributing church envelopes.

## Save the Date:

Our Annual Parish Meeting is set for **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**.

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, New Kensington and the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western PA are sponsoring a Winter Retreat on **Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**. Deacon Mark Barna and his wife Elizabeth, authors of “A Christian Ending”, will be presenting a workshop at St. John the Baptist, New Kensington as part of this weekend retreat. The Barnas will be talking about practical things that we can do to prepare for our departure from this life and how we can offer funerals that are fully Orthodox, much more personal and *significantly less expensive* than most modern funeral services. There will be a Moleben at 9:15 am preceding the Event which will be begin at 10 am. There will be a short break for lunch and an afternoon break as well. Please note: There is an encouraged \$20 per person event fee to help with associated costs. Please contact [Parkerthepriest@gmail.com](mailto:Parkerthepriest@gmail.com) or [frdavidvernak@verizon.net](mailto:frdavidvernak@verizon.net) with any questions. For more information, please see the flyer on the vestibule bulletin board. **Per Fr. Stephan “I am excited about the upcoming retreat at New Kensington and plan to attend. I will be glad to provide rides for others who are interested.”**

**House Blessings:** House Blessings have started and will continue for several weeks. Father Stephan plans to call everyone in the directory. **Please let him know if there are any changes to your address and/or phone number.** He will contact you before he arrives. Don't worry about your mess, Father Stephan has had a lot of life experience with a house full of people and stuff. Traditionally one would want to have at least one clean spot with a clean white cloth that has a bowl of blessed water, an icon, candle, and a fresh herb that can be used for the blessing and later as seasoning.

With the Lenten Preparatory Sundays around the corner, (Zaccheus is on January 29<sup>th</sup>), we are getting together to make some Hot Pepper Cheese perohis on **Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 a.m (weather permitting).** Come and lend a hand! See you there!

*An update on the Electrical/Lighting project.*

The Electricians were in Monday. They installed new lighting in the Kitchen, the entrance to the Church, behind the Altar, as well as the children's room. They also installed all new compatible switches in the panel behind the Altar. There are still a few smaller items that need to be finished but the bulk of the work has been completed. We will be adjusting/testing the lights the next couple weeks. Please feedback any concerns.

The **2023 Church Calendars** have arrived and are available in the vestibule today.

*A Note from Council* ~~ **Don't forget:** If you have any changes/updates to your phone/cell number, e-mail address or home address, please let us know. Please drop off any new information at the candlestand or give to Mary Merella to help us keep the information on our contact lists up-to-date. Thanks!

Interested in learning how to make Prospora? If interested, please let either Marie or Mary know. A demonstration/class is on the horizon.

**Reminder:** Please have the courtesy to inform others if you have potentially exposed them to Covid. It is still imperative that we remain vigilant to keep safe and healthy.