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3rd & 6th HOURS: 9:40 am
DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 am

CHURCH SCHOOL:

Sundays Following Services

GREAT VESPERS:

Saturdays & Eves of Feasts 6:00 pm

HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION (PENANCE):

*Following Great Vespers,
Preceding Divine Liturgy, or
By Appointment*



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His Eminence, Metropolitan Kirill of Smolensk and Kaliningrad elected Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia

MOSCOW, RUSSIA [OCA Communications] --
On Tuesday, January 27, 2009, the Local
Council of the Russian Orthodox Church
elected His Eminence, Metropolitan Kirill of
Smolensk and Kaliningrad 16th Patriarch of
Moscow and All Russia.

Patriarch-elect Kirill was born on November
20, 1946, in Leningrad [present-day St.
Petersburg], where his father served as a priest.
He graduated from secondary school in 1964
and from the Leningrad Theological Seminary
and Academy in 1970.

In April 1969, he was tonsured a monk and
ordained a hierodeacon, In June of that same
year, he was ordained a hieromonk.

In March of 1976 he was consecrated Bishop
of Vyborg and Auxiliary Bishop of the
Leningrad Diocese and in 1984 he was
elected Bishop of Smolensk. In 1991 he was
elevated to the rank of Metropolitan.

Since 1970, Patriarch-elect Kirill has been
involved in numerous administrative roles
within the Russian Orthodox Church,
including rector of the Leningrad Theological
Seminary and Academy from 1974 to 1984. In
particular, he has been a leading figure in the

Church's ecumenical activity. In 1989, he was appointed Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations and became a permanent member of the Russian Church's Holy Synod

On December 6, 2008, after the repose of His Holiness, Patriarch Aleksy II, Metropolitan Kirill was elected Patriarchal Locum tenens of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The enthronement of Patriarch-elect Kirill will take place on Sunday, February 1, 2009 at Moscow's Christ the Savior Cathedral. Representing the Orthodox Church in America at the Patriarchal Enthronement will be His Grace, Bishop Tikhon of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania; His Grace, Bishop Benjamin of San Francisco and the West; Archimandrite Zacchaeus, Representative of the Orthodox Church in America to the Moscow Patriarchate; and Archpriest Leonid Kishkovsky, Director of External Affairs and Interchurch Relations.

May the Lord grant Patriarch-elect Kirill of Moscow and All Russia many years of fruitful service in his patriarchal ministry. Axios!

ORTHODOX NEWS

Orthodox Christians Observe Great Feast:

Meeting of the Lord ("Stretenije Gospoda") 2 February

Forty days after Christ was born he was presented to God in the Jerusalem Temple according to the Mosaic Law. At this time as well his mother Mary underwent the ritual purification and offered the sacrifices as prescribed in the Law. Thus, forty days after Christmas, on the second of February, the

Church celebrates the feast of the presentation called the Meeting (or Presentation or Reception) of the Lord.

The meeting of Christ by the elder Simeon and the prophetess Anna (Lk 2:22-36) is the main event of the feast of Christ's presentation in the Temple. It was "revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Lk 2:26) and, inspired by the same Spirit, he came to the Temple where he met the new-born Messiah, took him in his arms and said the words which are now chanted each evening at the end of the Orthodox Vesper service:

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Thy people Israel (Lk 2:29-32).

At this time as well Simeon predicted that Jesus would be the "sign which is spoken against" and that he would cause "the fall and the rising of many in Israel." He also foretold Mary's sufferings because of her son (Luke 22:34-35). Anna also was present and, giving thanks to God "she spoke of Jesus to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Lk 2:38).

In the service of the feast of the Meeting of the Lord, the fact emphasized is that Christ, the Son and Word of God through whom the world was created, now is held as an infant in Simeon's hands; this same Son of God, the Giver of the Law, now himself fulfills the Law, carried in arms as a human child.

source: Orthodox Church in America

REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, VISITS

- ♥ *Archpriest Roman Star*
- ♥ *Archpriest Paul Waters*
- ♥ *Protodeacon Sam Beronja*
- ♥ *Zachary Beronja*
- ♥ *Tyler Beronja*
- ♥ *Jeanie Hanchar*
- ♥ *Olympia & Aurelia Pietrariu*
- ♥ *Paul Meloff*
- ♥ *Mary McCarthy*
- ♥ *Michelle Slone*
- ♥ *Judi Yost*
- ♥ *Peggy Hanchar*
- ♥ *Donna Mito*
- ♥ *George & Mary Nickolaou*
- ♥ *Carina Gunnerson*
- ♥ *Anne Bowden*
- ♥ *Matushka Marilyn Beronja*
- ♥ *Louis Adamov*
- ♥ *Anna Gagye*
- ♥ *Nora Keathley*
- ♥ *George Spriggs*
- ♥ *Shimasse Vivian Miles*
- ♥ *Stephanie Gushing*
- ♥ *Tasha Federinko*

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Summary of Operating Fund

-by Paul Meloff, Treasurer, Parish Executive Board

December Summary:

Please see our printed version for the financial report.

February Newsletter Sponsored By:

Micah & Michelle Erwin / Oliphant Family

Hall Rental:

Parish Members may make Hall Rentals only. For reservations for use of the hall: Call Paul Meloff @ 269.963.4748.

Meijer's Report:

No report

New furnaces are working perfectly. Something well needed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's a Girl:

Nick and Bobbie Rambow are the proud parents of their first born child, Ellery Grace, born 11 January 2009. The beautiful newborn tipped the scales at 7lbs. 10oz. and measured 21"! Congratulations are also in order for Jon and Stephanie (1st time Grandparents, Great Grandmother Barbara Repack and Judi and Rudy Yost, Great Aunt and Uncle, respectively! May God grant them many, many years!



In Memoriam:

Born 25 July 1929, +Chris Slavoff, age 79, fell asleep in the Lord at Battle Creek Health Systems 19 January. Please pray for Chris' beloved wife Eunice and their family during this difficult time. May our Lord God give a blessed repose to the newly-departed servant of God +Chris and may his memory be eternal, vecnaja pamjat! Bog da go prosti!

Born 6 March 1938, +Kiro Georgevich, age 70, son of the late +Dimitrije and +Velika (Jalevich) fell asleep in the Lord in New Kensington, PA 26 January. May our Lord God give a blessed repose to the newly-departed servant of God, +Kiro and may his memory be eternal! Bog da prosti! +Kiro is a beloved relative of some of our parishioners.



St. Mary's Sisterhood:

Our Sisterhood's upcoming meeting is scheduled for 6:00PM on 12 February at Clara's on the River (44 N. McCamly St.). Internet: www.claras.com

Join Fight Against Heart Disease:

It is the number one killer of women and the number one cause of death in Calhoun County residents! Minority Health Partnership (172 W. Van Buren St.) is hosting the 5th Annual Red Dress Red Tie Banquet "Murder Mystery Dinner" 27 February from 6 - 8PM at the Battle Creek Country Club, tickets are only \$20.00. This important gathering will focus on heart disease and lifestyle changes that will promote health and wellness. If you wish to help ensure this event's success please respond before 13 February and phone: (269) 788 - 0390 extension 19.

Donor Appreciation "Knight" at Kellogg Arena:

We were blessed at St Elias to recently raise monies for the needy and have been invited to United Way's Donor Appreciation Knight with the Battle Creek Knights on Thursday 5 February. Doors open 6PM and game time is 7PM. We've been invited to this game for free and don't miss your chance to take a \$10,000 half court shot (18 or older)! Note: A successful half-court shot would result in \$5,000 for winning contestant and the other half for United Way of Greater Battle Creek. Please contact Father Lawrence ASAP, each donor's allowed 4 free tickets! There will be no need to report to the box office, we'll enter the arena through a designated entrance. A special food line will be set-up for us to redeem our "meal deal" for just \$1.00 which includes hot dog, chips and pop!

Christmas Decorations:

God's richest blessings to John and Stephanie Rambow and Rudy and Judi Yost for diligently taking down all of the beautiful Christmas decorations and neatly packing them away for next year!

Southside Supermarket Donates Wine:

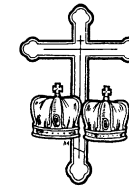
Many thanks and God's abundance of blessings to Mr. & Mrs. Mike "Mile" Lazarov, proprietors of Orchard Park Food Market, for generously donating sacramental wine in memory of +Vangel and +Talija.

Prospora Baker:

Our Lord Jesus' choicest blessings to Tomka Nikolich and Olga Popovich for faithfully baking prospora (altar breads) for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on various feasts.

Wedding Anniversary:

Many years to Father Lawrence and Matushka Marie as they celebrate their 23rd Wedding Anniversary 8 February!



Grief Recovery:

Lifespan's Good Samaritan Hospice is offering, "Grief Recovery," a five week program for any adult who has experienced the death of a loved. The program will be held at Lifespan's office (166 E. Goodale Ave.) and began 20 January for five consecutive Tuesday evenings from 5:15PM till 6:45PM. Information (269) 660 - 3621.

Cereal City Concert Band:

This great band's next performance will be 7:00PM 12 February at Burnham Brook Center, 200 W. Michigan Ave.

Cereal City Cyclist:

This organization is hosting their 3rd Annual Winter Bash at the Polish National Alliance, aka PNA Club, located on 15 Clair St. on Saturday 7 February at 6:00PM. \$10.00 per person with dinner included. For additional information contact Buzz (269) 962 - 0235. All proceeds to support local charities.

Eurozone:

The Republic of Slovakia adopted the "Euro" on 1 January 2009, becoming the 16th European Union country to do so after 11 states launched the common currency ten years ago. The banknotes and coins were introduced in 2002. Slovakia adopted the currency at a rate of 30.1260 Slovak crown/Euro. On New Year's Day (2009), 328.6 million people out of the total EU population of 499.7 million will share the Euro!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Angela Hanchar
7	Joe Britten
12	Philomena Graf
22	Michael Borzkowski
24	Ashleigh Tilley
26	Derek Bell
28	Thomas Oliphant

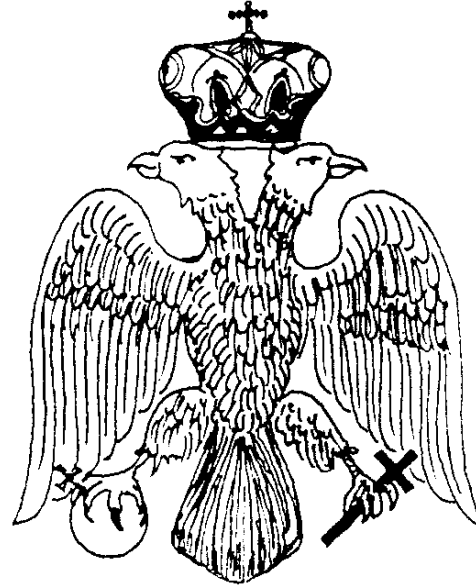
FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

8	Fr & Mat. Lawrence Bacik
19	Jon & Stephanie Rambow

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Divine Liturgy 10 am Fellowship & School to follow Great Vespers following fellowship Prosphora/Donuts by Judith Yost	2 Great Feast of the "Meeting" of the Lord. Divine Liturgy (Blessing of Candles) 10:00AM	3 4H Meeting Galesburg Lifespan's Grief Recovery 5:15PM - 6:45PM	4	5 OCF @ WMU	6	7 Great Vespers 6 pm
8 Divine Liturgy 10 am Fellowship & School to follow Prosphora/Donuts by Helen Repair	9	10 Council Meeting 7:00PM Lifespan's Grief Recovery 5:15PM - 6:45PM	11	12 Sisterhood Meeting 6:00PM @ Claras on the River	13	14 Great Vespers 6 pm
Fast-free Week (incl. Wed. & Fri.)						
15 Divine Liturgy 10 am Fellowship & School to follow Prosphora/Donuts by Mat. Mari Bacik	16	17 Lifespan's Grief Recovery 5:15PM - 6:45PM	18	19 OCF @ WMU	20	21 "Soul" Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy 10:00AM (No Vespers)
22 Divine Liturgy 10 am Fellowship & School to follow (+Chris Slavoff 40th Day Panikhida) Cabbage Roll Luncheon to follow. Bring a tasty dish to pass! Prosphora/Donuts by Carina Gunnerson	23	24	25	26	27 Red Dress Red Tie Banquet (BC Country Club) 6 - 8PM	28 Great Vespers 6 pm

UPCOMING FEASTS

- ☞ 3/1 Forgiveness Sunday ("Cheesefare")
- ☞ 3/2 "Clean" Monday Great Penitential Canon read this week
- ☞ 3/25 Feast of the Annunciation
- ☞ 4/12 Palm Sunday (Passion Week)
- ☞ 4/19 Holy Pascha



DATES TO REMEMBER



- 2/1 Great Vespers following fellowship
- 2/2 Great Feast of the "Meeting" of the Lord. Divine Liturgy (Blessing of Candles) 10:00AM
- 2/3 4H Meeting Galesburg
- 2/5 OCF @ WMU
- 2/9 - 2/13 Fast-free Week (incl. Wed. & Fri.)
- Tuesday 2/10 Council Meeting 7:00PM
- Thursday 2/12 Sisterhood Meeting @ Claras 6:00PM
- 2/19 OCF @ WMU
- Sat. 2/21 "Soul" Memorial Saturday Divine Liturgy 10:00AM (No Vespers)
- Sunday 2/22 (+Chris Slavoff 40th Day Panikhida) Cabbage Roll Luncheon to follow. Bring a tasty dish to pass!
- Friday 2/27 Red Dress Red Tie Banquet (BC Country Club) 6 - 8PM
- 2/3, 2/10 & 2/17 Lifespan's Grief Recovery 5:15PM - 6:45PM