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SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 5, 2017

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE; ST. THEODOSIUS OF CHERNIGOV

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Saturday, February 11– Great Vespers and confessions at 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, February 12 – Church school 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy 10:00 A.M

PRAYERS ADDED THIS WEEK:

- newly departed Matushka Juliana Schmemann, widow of Fr. Alexander Lisa and family – Yavornitzky friend
- Susan – Yavornitzky friend who asked for prayers
- Mike – Chad Fehr’s father, awaiting medical testing results

BIRTHDAYS: Brian Hetrick 2/5; Marlene McKean 2/6; Douglas Livezey 2/9; Emelia Elizabeth Sapp and Jamie Gialanella 2/11

- Coffee next week: Herman, Roddy, Templeton
- Greeters next week: Jim, Lauren and Audrey DeLisle
- Attendance last week: 77 adults 35 children
- Visitors last week: Greg and Martha Papp and children

CONGRATULATIONS to Marina Astor Garcia who was selected by her colleagues at Lutz School for Work Experience as “Teacher of the Year” after only two years in the position there.

MIHALICK COLLECTION TODAY

HAVE YOU PLANNED YOUR ADORNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS?

OUR MEATFARE POT LUCK/MINISTRIES FAIR will take place on Sunday, February 19. Sign up sheets for the pot luck are out. A presentation on ministries in the parish with a special focus on the Diocesan Mission to Southwest Detroit will be made during the dinner.

METROPOLITAN TIKHON TO CONSECRATE HOLY CHRISM DURING HOLY WEEK

SOUTH CANAAN, PA [OCA]

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon will consecrate Holy Chrism in conjunction with the celebration of the Vespertal Liturgy of Great and Holy Thursday at the Monastery Church of Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk here April 13, 2017.

The Consecration of Chrism is a Rite reserved for the Primates of autocephalous Orthodox Churches. The last time Holy Chrism was consecrated in the Orthodox Church in America was in 2012.

Chrism, distinct from Holy Unction and other blessed oils used in Orthodox Christian rites, contains a number of ingredients, including olive oil, white table wine, benzoin, aromatic incenses extracted in oil, rose oil, basil, balsam, Venetian turpentine, galangal, oils of bergamot, clove, marjoram, thyme and sandalwood, extracts of ginger root, and nutmeg. The final selection, however, is based on the availability of fragrant oils.

“The preparation for the Consecration of Holy Chrism will begin on Holy Monday morning—April 10—prior to the celebration of the Hours and the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts,” said Archpriest John Jillions, OCA Chancellor. “After the opening prayers and the blessing of the ingredients, the Chrism is cooked and stirred continuously through the evening of Holy Wednesday. While the Chrism is stirred, the Holy Gospels are read continuously by priests, except during the celebration of the divine services.”

After the Holy Chrism is consecrated, it is then distributed to all parishes and missions for use in the celebration of the Holy Mysteries, specifically the sacrament of Chrismation.

ST. PAISIOS: WHY WE DON'T HAVE MIRACLES ANYMORE (Based on St. Paisios the Athonite)

Today, increased knowledge and trust in logic has, unfortunately, shaken our faith to its foundations and filled our souls with question marks and doubts. This is why we don't have miracles anymore, because a miracle cannot be explained logically, it can only be experienced. But faith in God will bring down divine power and overturn all human expectations.

HOW TO DEAL WITH YOUR TALENTS (from The Ascetic Experience)

Be humble about your talents. Be thankful for your gifts. Be giving in your blessings. And through everything, remember that the world does not need to know about your good works. Your Father sees everything. As Christians, we live to hear the praise from an audience of One. When the world puts the spotlight on you, point to Him. When the world praises you, praise Him.

WHY GOD GAVE US TIME (from the Ascetic Experience)

Do not forget these words: God has given you time to build your eternal salvation. Do not waste it!