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SAINT E PREMTE



St. E Premte Albanian Orthodox Church

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Sunday Liturgy 10:00 Am

March

Schedule of Services

Divine Liturgy at 10:00am
March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st

March 3rd is The Sunday of the Prodigal Son. It is the second Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent on March 18th. The theme of this Sunday is repentance, and the focus on the parable of the Prodigal Son leads Orthodox Christians to contemplate the necessity of repentance in our relationship with our Heavenly Father

What are Meatfare (3/10) and Cheese-fare (3/17) Sundays? These are the final days we partake of meat and dairy products, respectively, until Pascha,

Meatfare Sunday The last day we eat meat: During this week we say “farewell” to meat. During the week that follows all dairy, cheese, eggs, wine, and oil are permitted during this week, even on Wednesday and Friday.

Cheesefare Sunday the last day to eat dairy this day we say “farewell” to cheese, dairy, eggs, wine, oil, etc. until Pascha Easter. It is also called the Sunday of Forgiveness: the expulsion of Adam from Eden is also a theme of this day); Matt 6:14-2

Orthodoxy Sunday Services

March 24th, Sunday of Orthodoxy. The Vesperal services will be held at 4:00 PM at St Theodosius Orthodox Church -733 Starkweather Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44113 in Tremont.

The Sunday of Orthodoxy is the 1st Sunday of the Great Fast and a celebration of this triumph of our Faith. Donations are solicited by the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy for Gaza’s relief and are due by March 12th.

The Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy is comprised of thirty Orthodox Christian parishes and two monasteries in the Greater Cleveland area, who meet monthly to support one another, support the ministries of all Cleveland parishes, and plan a variety of events.

Altar Wine



If anyone would like to donate to Altar Wine, a donation of \$10 per bottle can be made in the name of the departed, or for the health of a family member. Months available are March, August, October, and December. Please contact Victor by voicemail at 216-941-1508 or email at office@steprete.org.



Church Bread

We would like to thank you Pete Regan for donating this month’s Meshe (holy bread)

If anyone, would like to donate \$20 for the Altar Bread in the name of the departed or the health of their family. The months available are March, August and December. Please, contact Victor by a voicemail at 216-941-1508 or email at office@steprete.org

For the Health & Well-being of

Please remember them in your prayers. May God give them strength to endure and get well.

Paula Thomas and Christopher Thomas

NAME - To add the name to the prayer list, leave a voicemail 216-941-1508 or email Victor at office@stepremte.org

Departed

May their memory be eternal!

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Resources in Albania Language

The link contains links to Bibles, stories and websites written in Albanian which tell about Jesus and His love for the Albanian people.

<http://www.ethnicarvest.org/peoples/countries/albanian.htm>

Popadija's Corner

Kathy, wife Father Yves, known also as Popadija likes to share different things with us.

As we make our Lenten Journey, we should reflect on what direction we will be taking. First, we need to have forgiven everyone in our lives for any transgressions that they may have caused us or that we may have caused them.

Forgiveness Sunday is when we asked every one of our church family to please forgive us and that may God forgive us all too.

When we say these things to one another, are we sincere? Or do we just go through the motions of this because we are expected to do this every year right before Great Lent starts? If your answer to these questions is yes, then you really need to look at yourself and do some soul-searching.

Until I came into the OCA, I had never, ever heard of "Forgiveness Sunday", it was something that my Orthodox church never discussed or practiced. When I came into the OCA and heard about this "Forgiveness Sunday", I honestly did not know what to do. I was observing everyone else in line, listening and watching what they were doing and saying. It was not the same for every person. One woman came up to me and said that she had no idea who I was but asked for forgiveness from me and I responded, "sure" because I did not know who she was either or what to say.

Later that evening I had thought about what had just happened a few hours earlier and I must say I still did not truly understand what this was all about. That night

I prayed and prayed that God would help me figure this all out.

I had asked my friends if they had "Forgiveness Sunday" vespers at their churches the night before and some of them said no. They did know what it was all about. I remember growing up as a child people saying that sorry just does not make it. You chop someone's head off and then say you are sorry about it. You should always think before you do something so that you will not have to apologize or ask for forgiveness.

It is, sometimes, very difficult to not make mistakes and need to ask for forgiveness and be sorry for what you have done. We are only human. God gave us free will and this is why we make mistakes. I hope that we learn from our mistakes and repent.

I am wishing everyone a good Lenten Journey. Remember we will be closer God and celebrating the Resurrection of Christ!

God Bless everyone!

Popadija Kathy

Prayer to Learn or Know

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who are in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of light; true God of true God; begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under

Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets.

And in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

URATA ZOTERORE

Ati ynë, që je në qjell; u-shenjtëroftë emri yt; arthtë mbretëria jote; u-bëftë dëshira jote si në qjell edhe mi dhe; bukën tonë të përdiçime epnaje neve sot; edhe falnaji fajet, sikundër edhe ne ua falim fajtorëve tanë; edhe mos na shtjer në ngasje; po shpëtona nga i ligu.

Se jotja është mbretëria, dhe fuqia, dhe lavdia, e Atit edhe Birit edhe Shpirtit Shenjt, tani dhe përherë, dhe në jetët e jetëve.

Amin.

SIMBOLI I BESES

Besonj më një Perëndi, Atin e tërëfuqishim, krijëtarin e qjellit e të dheut, e të gjithë të dukurave dhe të padukurave. Dhe më një Zot Jesu Krisht, të vetëmin Bir të Perëndisë, që lindi prej Atit para gjithë jetëve, dritë prej drite, Perëndi të vërtetë prej Perëndie të vërtetë, që lindi dhe nuk u-bë, të bashkëqënshim me Atin, me anën e të cilit u-bënë të gjitha; Që për ne njerëzit dhe për shpëtimin tonë zbriti prej qjellit, dhe u-mishërua prej Shpirtit Shenjt dhe Virgjërës Mari, dhe u-bë njeri; që u-kryqësua për ne më kohën e Pontit Pilat, dhe vojti, dhe u-varros; dhe u-ugjall më të tretën ditë pas Shkronjave; dhe u-ngjit në qjell, edhe ndënji më të djathtën e Atit; dhe do të vinjë prapë me lavdi të gjykonjë të gjallët e të vdekurit, mbretëri e të cilit do mos ketë mbarim; dhe më Shpirtin Shenjt, Zotin dhe jetëdhënësin, që dërgohet prej Atit, që adhurohet e lavdërohet me Atin e me Birin, që foli me anën e Profetëve. Më një Kishë të Shenjtë, të Përgjithëshme, dhe Apostollore. Rëfenj një Pagëzim për ndjesën e mëkatave. Pres ngjalljen e të vdekurve, dhe jetën e botës që vjen. Amin.

SAVE THE DATE:

Upcoming Events

March 10 is Meatfare Sunday. We want to have a potluck luncheon at church since that day is the last day we eat meat before Easter. Please bring an item with meat or a side dish or a dessert.

March 23rd - The next women's guild meeting will be on March 23 at St Theodosius at 10:00AM.

March 24th - The Sunday of Orthodoxy - 4:00PM at St. Theodosius Orthodox Cathedral at 733 Starkweather Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44113

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Other Items

Greeters and Singers - Our church would like to have greeters and singers. Please see John Thomas.

Daylight Saving



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 9th.