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February 28th, 2010 --- 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

Today's Divine Liturgy: Propers: Tone 6 Readings: Heb 1:10-2:3
Mk 2:1-12

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS:

Sunday	Feb 28	10:00am	2 nd Sunday of the Great Fast-Divine Liturgy- +John Ferko by Anna Ferko
Wednesday	Mar 3	7:00pm	St. Eutropius and Other Martyrs-Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Soup and Salad
Friday	Mar 5	7:00pm	St. Conon Martyr-Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Soup and Salad
Saturday	Mar 6	10:00am	3 rd All Souls Saturday-Divine Liturgy and Panachida for deceased parishioners, family and friends
Sunday	Mar 7	10:00am	3 rd Sunday of the Great Fast—Veneration of the Cross—Divine Liturgy--+Veronica Derco by Kowalik family
Wednesday	Mar 10	7:00pm	Mid Lent St. Codratus and Other Martyrs-- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Soup and Salad
Friday	Mar 12	7:00pm	St. Theophane-Venerable Confessor-Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Soup and Salad
Saturday	Mar 13	10:00am	4 th All Souls Saturday-Divine Liturgy and Panachida for deceased parishioners, family and friends

Sunday	Mar 14	10:00am	4 th Sunday of the Great Fast-St. John Climacus-Venerable-Divine Liturgy- +Lisa Bishop by Mary Wells
Wednesday	Mar 17	7:00pm	St. Alexis, Man of God-Venerable- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Soup and Salad
Friday	Mar 19	7:00pm	Sts. Chrysanthus & Daria-Martyrs- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Soup and Salad
Sunday	Mar 21	10:00am	5 th Sunday of the Great Fast-St. Mary of Egypt-Venerable-Divine Liturgy- +Ralph Kowalik (40 th anniversary of passing) by Kowalik family
Wednesday	Mar 24	7:00pm	St. Zachary-Venerable-Liturgy of the Pre- sanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Soup and Salad
Thursday	Mar 25	7:00pm	Annunciation of the Theotokos-Divine Liturgy +Teresa Prikazsky by family
Friday	Mar 26	7:00pm	Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel-Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts followed by Lenten Soup and Salad
Saturday	Mar 27	9:00am	Saturday of St. Lazarus-Divine Liturgy- +Otilie and +Luduik Rafaj by family
Sunday	Mar 28	10:00am	Palm Sunday-Blessing of Palms & Pussywillows-Divine Liturgy--+Anton Hoffart by family

SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<u>February 2010</u>			
28	Monks, Black	Teresa Wells	Dancsak/Dowgun
<u>March 2010</u>			
7	Monks, S. Hoffart	Al Dancsak	Kee/Dowgun
14	Monks, M. Hoffart	Mary Black	Hoffart/Dowgun
21	Monks, B. Monks	Robert Mihalo	Dancsak/Dowgun
28	Monks, Black	John Kowpak	Mihalco/Dowgun

Please remember in your prayers the sick and homebound in our parish:
Metropolitan Basil, Anna Skuchko, Victoria Christine, Damien Yalch, Jan Garver's
mother and Mike Hvasta's mother

COLLECTIONS

Sunday February 21, 2010 \$1,240.00 *God bless you for your generosity!*

WELCOME...to all our visitors worshipping with us!
Please be sure to fill out a Visitor's Card and drop it in the collection basket (or give it to the usher). And we would like you to be our guest in the Social Hall for coffee and refreshments after the Liturgy is over this morning. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to Saint John Chrysostom's.
We are glad you're here!

Coffee Social is held in the church Hall following Divine Liturgy on Sundays

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our Parish baking season is in full swing as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This Wednesday will be a "Baking Day" ...if you can help out, please speak with Helen Kee to get more information.

Seeking donations of items for our "Easter Raffle" ...we would like to have 7-10 items for a raffle by ticket sales. The proceeds will benefit St. John's activities fund, specifically our Youth Group and ECF programs. If you have any questions or you have something to donate, please speak with Fr. Elias.

The church is sponsoring a weekly exercise class beginning March 21st, 2010 after Liturgy. The exercises will focus on adding strength, flexibility and balance. The Hatha Yoga approach which utilizes physical discipline to total body health is the program we will be following. The class will be taught by Helen Kee, direct any questions to her. Watch for additional information in the bulletin.

TODAY, Sunday, February 28, we will have a special second collection that is earmarked for Haiti and Catholic Relief Services and the work that they are doing in rebuilding Haiti. The entire second collection will be sent to the Archeparchy and will be sent (with donations from other Byzantine parishes) to Catholic Relief Services. We thank you for your generosity!

Leslie Bohannon's brother and his wife are in urgent need of help. They both lost their jobs in Cleveland, Ohio due to the recession and their home is now in foreclosure. They relocated to Houston in August but are having difficulty finding jobs. Brent is looking for light warehouse work; receiving, stocking shelves, or filling orders. Patty has office skills in data entry and customer service. They are considered "mature" job seekers-both over 50. They would like to find work close to home since they have only one car-this would enable them to coordinate driving schedules until they save enough money to buy a second car. They live near Hwy 290/Jersey Village. If you know of anyone who could use their skills please speak with Leslie.

Coffee Talk: PRESERVING THE FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIAN IDENTITY

Join us on **Sunday, March 7** immediately following liturgy (in the Social Hall) to hear about and discuss the foundations of Christian identity and what we can do to preserve them in our communities today. **Thomas Colyandro** will lead a discussion about the development of Christian belief in the early centuries of the Church and how the false ideas of heretics helped to "canonize" Scripture, solidify Holy Tradition and confirm the spirit of Liturgy, Prayer and Mysticism that marks the Church of today. He will also facilitate a discussion about identifying the overt and covert challenges to Catholicism and Orthodoxy today and how we can deal with them effectively. Thomas holds Master's degrees in Theology and Divinity from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas and has recently published a book with St. Benedict Press titled **The Judas Syndrome: Seven Ancient Heresies Return to Betray Christ Anew.**

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION: The History & Identity of the Eastern Churches

Please join Fr. Elias and Thomas Colyandro on Saturday, March 27, 2010, as they explore the Spiritual, Cultural and Historical development of the Eastern Churches. Learn about the ancient origins of the Eastern and Western Churches, discover the spiritual treasures of the Eastern Churches, understand the relationship of the Eastern Catholic Churches to each other, to the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Churches. The day will begin at 10 am (Divine Liturgy will be served at 9am) and the four presentations will conclude at 4pm (lunch is included). Registration is required (for materials and lunch) but this day-long seminar is free. Please RSVP to St.John.Chrysostom.Houston@gmail.com or to the parish office (or sign up in the Church narthex) as soon as possible.

Sunday, March 21 at 5pm

Light from the East Conference: An Icon for the New World-The Virgin of Guadalupe

The apparitions of the Virgin take place near the capital of New Spain, a few years after the conquest of the Aztec empire, and many locals still remember vividly the defeat. A new caste system had placed the indigenous at the lowest end of the social status. In the midst of all the chaos that comes after a war, the missionary priests and monks were trying to evangelize with varying degrees of success. In many instances their efforts resulted in violent attacks and the martyrdom of not only the missionaries but also of indigenous people who had accepted the faith. What happened here had a tremendous impact in the lives of not only the locals, but in the universal Church throughout the world. The image of the Virgin on Juan Diego's tilma has become the icon of the evangelization of the Americas and one of the most enigmatic images of the Virgin in Christendom.

Speaker: Sergio A. Castillo, MTS

Born in Mexico City, obtained a Bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Houston, and a Masters in Theological Studies from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC. He has worked within the Catholic Church in the United States at the parish, diocesan, and national levels. His work experience includes at the Office for the Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees at the USCCB, and the diocese of Arlington. He currently serves as the director for the Office of Hispanic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, and teaches an online Spanish seminar with the Catholic Distance University.

Daily Readings for the 3rd Week of the Great Fast

Monday-March 1st

Gen 6:9-22

Prov 8:1-21

Tuesday-March 2nd

Gen 7:1-5

Prov 8:32-9:11

Wednesday-March 3rd

Gen 7:6-9

Prov 9:12-18

Thursday-March 4th

Gen 7:11-8:4

Prov 10:1-22

Friday-March 5th

Gen 8:4-21

Prov 10:31-11:12

Saturday-March 6th

Heb 10:32-38

Mk 2:14-17

2010 Calendar

Sunday	Feb 27-28 Mar 7	Spring Iconography Workshop at St. John's After Divine Liturgy, "Coffee Talk" Preserving the Foundations of Christian Identity-Led by Thomas Colyandro
Sunday	Mar 14	Divine Liturgy in Austin at 5 p.m.
Saturday	Mar 20	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Joint Session in Irving) at 12:00p.m.
Sunday	Mar 21	5 p.m-Light from the East Conference: The iconography of the Virgin of Guadalupe Speaker: Sergio Castillo, Director of the Office of Hispanic Ministry of Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Saturday	Mar 27	10am-4pm Adult Faith Education: The History & Identity of the Eastern Churches
Sunday	Mar 28	Divine Liturgy in Austin at 5 p.m.
Saturday	Apr 10	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Houston) at 3:00p.m.
	Apr 16-18	Archeparchy Deacons and Wives' Retreat
Saturday	Apr 24	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Irving) at 3:00p.m.
Saturday	May 15	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Houston & Irving) at 3:00pm
Wednesday	May 26	Moleben & Meditation at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 7pm
	Aug 6-8	Texas Byzantine Retreat, led by His Grace, Bishop Nicholas (Samra) at Holy Retreat Center, Houston
Saturday	Sept 18	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Houston & Irving)
Saturday	Oct 16	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Houston & Irving)
	Nov 1-4	Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED) meet in Houston.
Saturday	Nov 13	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Houston & Irving)
Saturday	Dec 11	Diaconal Discernment Meeting (Joint Session in Irving)