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### **Sunday 25 February 2018 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast**

Sat 24 Feb	3:15pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	+All Souls of the Faithful Departed / Panahida / Hramoty By Shawn McLaughlin
Sun 25 Feb	8:00am	Parishioners of St. John's
	10:30am	+Nicholas Bartko by Mary Beth Bartko
	3:00pm	<b>Lenten Vespers</b> St. John's Pottstown
Wed 28 Feb	7:00pm	Presanctified Liturgy +Mary Ann Peterson by Friends
Thr 1 Mar	9:00am	Akathist to the Mother of God / Holy Communion
Fri 2 Mar	9:00am	Moleben to Jesus Christ / Holy Communion
Sat 3 Mar	3:15pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	+All Souls of the Faithful Departed / Panahida / Hramoty by Shawn McLaughlin
Sun 4 Mar	8:00am	+Nicholas Pykosh by Judy Cassel and Family
	10:30am	+ Peter & Mary Hakun by Dolores Hakun
	3:00pm	<b>Lenten Vespers</b> SS Peter & Paul Phoenixville

**7 Branch Candles** are given for the health and God Blessings for Dennis Bartko by Mary Beth Bartko.

**Parish Income Sun** 18 February , Offertory \$1,776; Loose \$95; Candles \$87; Fuel \$155; All Souls \$30; Lent \$185; Missions \$49; Rel. Retirement \$55. Total \$2,432 Month to date : \$6,218

### **Divine Liturgy this Weekend**

Changeable Parts: Large Green Book: Tone 5 p. 146; 2nd Sun. of Lent ., p. 222

Opening Hymn: Red Book: Come Now All You Faithful p. 172

Closing Hymn: Red Book: O Mary Mother of our God p. 157

**This Sunday Lenten Vespers** will be hosted here at our Parish. Please make every effort to attend and also invite your families and friends. There will be a reception following for all who attend. We ask for **donations of cakes, pies or cookies** to serve for desserts. Donations can be brought to church at your convenience.

**Lenten Services** will be held each Wednesday and Friday of Lent as well as the cycle of inter parochial **Lenten Vespers**. Lenten Vespers will be held at 3:00pm and followed by Confessions each Sunday of Lent: this Sunday the 1st Sunday of Lent, St. Mary's Coatesville; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of Lent St. John's Pottstown, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Lent SS Peter & Paul Phoenixville; 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Lent St. Michael's Stowe; 5th Sun of Lent St. Michael's, Mont Clare.

**The Holy Season of Lent** began last Monday 12 February . Everyone in good health should try to keep the traditional fast from meat and dairy for the 40 days of Lent. All may, none must, some should. Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent should at least be days of abstinence from meat products. Try to be more prayerful, attend the Services. We are collecting loose change to support the Eastern Catholic Christians of Syria who are in great need. Change can be placed in the box for that purpose found in the church vestibule.

**Order Blanks for the Easter Bake Sale** are available this weekend in the church vestibule. The deadline for orders is this Sunday 25 Feb.

**Dates for The Easter Bake Sale** Please mark your calendar and plan ahead to come and help with the baking chores. Baking will be done on Sunday Mar., 11, Mon. Mar., the 12<sup>th</sup> and Tue., Mar., the 13<sup>th</sup>. beginning at 7:00am. Dough Prep will be done Fri., and Sat., 9 & 10 Mar., beginning at 8:00am. Due to the rapid increase in the prices of ingredients **the cost per roll will now be \$13.00 instead of \$11**. This increase is no more than other churches are already charging for nut rolls. **The price of Paskas for Easter will also be increased from \$6.00 to \$8.00.**

**The Second All Souls Saturday of the Year** will be celebrated this Saturday 24 Feb. If you wish to remember your loved ones in Prayer for the All Souls Saturdays please print their names on the Envelope provided for that purpose. The 3<sup>rd</sup> All Souls Saturday will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, next Saturday.

**Hollywood Bus Trip** The Guild is sponsoring a Bus on Wednesday 25 April 2018 to Hollywood in Harrisburg. Tickets are \$25. The package will be \$30 back plus \$5 food voucher. Please print your name on the list in the church vestibule if you would like to go.

**2018 Calendar School of Religion Adult Classes** There will be classes every Sunday morning during the season of Lent. All adults are encouraged to attend classes which meet in the School following the 8:00am Liturgy. Topics to be covered include: Basics of our Faith; the history, traditions, and rituals of the Byzantine Catholic Church.

**Please remember in your prayers:** parishioners, family and friends recovering from illness and surgery: Nursing Homes: **Chestnut Knoll:** Carol Horosky; **Keystone Villa:** Michael Dwinchick; **The Gardens of Pottstown :** Margaret Kanuck, **Manatawny Manor:** Ann Hydutsky, Dot Leck; **Amity Place:** Helen Barr; **S. East Veterans Hosp.** Stanley Grayouskie; and also the following: Daniel, Silvia & Daniel Jr., Acosta, Robert Baumer, Betty Bartko, Frank Dagostino, Louise Dwinchick, Margaret Foley, Irene Kopcho, Jim Lenhart, Veronica Leck, Joanne Marcheskie, Martha Mochan, Gerry Richard, Shirley Slabodin, Sophie Slabodin, Theresa Weiss.