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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today we will celebrate a memorial service for the late servant of God, +KLAUS WIESCHENBERG (15 years), husband of Nona, and father of Natasha, Axel and Michael. MEMORY ETERNAL!
2. Today we continue with our "EPIPHANY LECTURE SERIES." This is part of our ADULT EDUCATION Program, which will be held annually at this time of the year. The Spring Sessions, then will be held after the evening services and will be chaired by Nike Bach, Stratos Mandalakis and Nicholas Nagorny. The theme of our present sessions is "The Essential Elements" and these are as follows:
 - A. **January 28th** - "The Place of Holy Orders in the Orthodox Church" Father Joseph;
 - B. **February 4th** - "The Place of Holy Scripture in the Orthodox Church" Nicholas Nagorny;
 - C. **February 11th** "The Place of the Sacramental Life in the Orthodox Church" Stratos Mandalakis;
 - D. **February 18th** - "The Place of the Church Building in the Orthodox Church" Father Michael.After each lecture there will be a short "Questions and Answer" period.
3. **HOLY OBLATIONS (OFFERING) BOOK.** The new pages for the year 2018 are ready to receive the names of our family members. We remember our loved ones on Names Days, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc., and also when we want to remember our beloved departed ones. Please record these names as soon as possible. PRINT CLEARLY: DO NOT WRITE! and remember MEMORIAL SERVICES are scheduled ONLY by speaking directly with Father or secretary Genny Mandalakis (Do not write memorial services in the Holy Oblations Book; this list is for the Great Entrance Commemorations only.)
4. There will be **two** "Kickoff" meetings for the **Bergen Street** committee: one on February 11th, and a second one February 18th, held over two Sundays to accommodate schedules of our parishioners who may want to attend, after Liturgy. See Brian Scarpa or George Tewfik for information.
5. **SPRING YARD SALE: ITEMS NEEDED** Items are needed for the annual Yard Sale scheduled for May 17, 18, & 19. Are there some items sitting in your attic, basement or garage that you haven't used in a few years? Do you have any unwanted or unused Christmas gifts? If so, please put them aside to donate in May for this major fundraiser, which is entirely, profit for our church. See Valerie Joseph with any questions.
6. Is there something you want to know about, but didn't know how to ask? The Religious Education ministry team is looking for your ideas of topics, dilemmas, questions you'd like to learn more about. We'd like to host lively and informative discussions during Lent. Please place your anonymous ideas in the box in the narthex.
7. The last Social event before Great Lent begins will be "CARNIVAL 2018." It will be held on Saturday, February 17th, beginning at 6:00 PM. "A NIGHT AT THE OLYMPICS" with DJ, Dancing, Olympic Trivia games/prizes. This will be fun for the entire family. Please see co-chairs Maria Nola and Daria Incorvaia for information, and purchase tickets today at Coffee Hour.
8. Please save the date and buy your tickets. **Carnival 2018 - Saturday February 17 at 6 PM. A NIGHT AT THE OLYMPICS!** Delicious buffet/dessert DJ/Dancing, Olympic Trivia game/prizes, Fun for the whole family. See Maria Nola & Daria Incorvaia for tickets during coffee hour.
9. Great Lent begins on February 18th, which is **PURE MONDAY, the first day of the Great Fast.**
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11. **The 2018 Church School Valentine's Bake Sale is on February 11, 2018 during Coffee Hour.** Parishioners: please join us for our yearly Church School Bake Sale. We will serve coffee and tea for free, and sell tasty treats and raffle tickets for this wonderful fundraiser. Church School Parents: please bring your delicious donations to the tables in the hall before and during Church. Any questions, please contact Nadja.Montes@gmail.com.

THE SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Epistle: I Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Tone: Two

St. Isidore of Pelusium

THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

The reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

BRETHREN, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered at the offertory of the Great Entrance for the health and welfare of those living members, and for those departed this life in Christ of the Wieschenberg and Maaya Families.

The Coffee Reception is offered by the Ibrahim Family. We ask our parishioners **NOT TO WAIT** to sign up for offering this Coffee Reception; this is a vital part of our parish life and community. The Chart is posted in the "Coffee Room" and the items needed are both in that room and on our web site (see our website address above). The Coffee Reception does not need to be fancy; just "Coffee'n." See Barbara DiNovi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but **please take your turn** perhaps with another family.