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LENTEN PREPARATION

During the Lenten Season, starting on February 5th, we abstain until Easter. We Fast from midnight to noon on Monday to Friday every week and on March 31th, with the exception on February 5th, 6th and 8th.

We will pray the Presanctified Liturgy on every Wednesday starting on February 14th. At 7:00 pm and the Acathist hymns on every Friday starting on February 16th, with the exception on March 23th and 30th.

On Friday March 9th, the Acathist hymns will be followed by a Spiritual talk "The Anaphora of St. Basil the Great"

Rule of fasting in the Eparchy of Newton

The minimum rule that Melkites in the Eparchy of Newton must observe: Fasting from all food and drink from midnight until noon must be observed on the first day of Great Lent and on the last three days of Holy Week (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday). Abstinance, at least from meat, must be observed on every Friday of Great Lent. These requirements are the minimum. The faithful are encouraged to do more, such as also abstaining from meat every Wednesday or throughout the whole of Great Lent.

WHO ARE YOU TO PASS JUDGMENT? Paul says this so that, when something might be done with either good or bad motives, we should leave the judgment to God and not presume to judge the heart of someone else, which we do not see. But when it comes to things which obviously could not have been done with good and innocent intentions, it is not wrong if we pass judgment. So in the matter of food, where it is not known what the motive in eating it is, Paul does not want us to be judges, but God. But in the case of that abominable immorality where a man had taken his stepmother, Paul taught us to judge. For that man could not possibly claim that he committed such a gross act of indecency with good intentions. So we must pass judgment on things which are obviously wrong. **AUGUSTINE ON ROMANS 79.**

We cannot be followers of Christ in isolation. We must be connected to THE community of Faith; The Church (the Ecclesia), the Body of Christ.

"For just as the body is one has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and all were made to drink on one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many." 1Cor 12:12-14

"To convert somebody go and take them by the hand and guide them."

St. Thomas Aquinas

Do not forget the hungry!

(Collection Basket in the Narthex)
Please bring Peanut butter, Soups, Jelly, breakfast cereals (not the ones with lots of sugar, please), Canned meats and vegetables, disposable diapers & detergent, etc. Put your donations in the Narthex.

FEBRUARY 11, 2018
SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE

ROMANS 13:11-14; 14:1-4

MATTHEW 6:14-21

TONE 3

Wednesday, February 14	7:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday, February 15	7:30 pm	Children Internet Education
Friday, February 16	7:00 pm	Akathist Hymns
Sunday, February 18	9:00 am	Children Religious Education
	10:20 am	Doxology
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy Followed by the Social Hour Ladies Guild Meeting

(+) Munther Hattar (+) Alan Herro, (+) Andres Bolinaga

This week's Ascetical practices

Abstinance: Monday through Sunday - Call a lonely person during the week
Fast: Monday through Friday - Increase your personal and communal prayers

Today's Intentions

- For the Health and Salvation of Rev. Basil, Rt. Rev. Frank & Rev. Philaret
- For the Repose of the Soul of Munther Hattar by John & Evelyn Davis
- For the Repose of the Soul of Alan Herro
- For the Repose of the Soul of Andres Luis Bolinaga
- For the Repose of the Soul of Mosleh Qardahji by Lawrence Qardahji
- For the Repose of the Soul of Antoun Hayek by Lawrence Qardahji
- For the Repose of the Soul of All Souls by Lawrence Qardahji

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: MAY OUR PRAYERS BRING HEALTH, HEALING AND HOPE TO THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Fadia Loegering, Dr. Farouk Habra, Marianne Krouchian, John Davis, Jacques Rainis, Alice Harrison, Dunia Dababneh, Fr. Frank Milienewicz, Fr. Philaret Littlefield, Fr. Basil Samra, Sami Shakkour, Mk Bredan, Mk Basil, Simon Abboud, Elias Awad.

MEN'S GROUP MEETS TODAY, DURING THE SOCIAL HOUR

Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ROMANS 14

Please Support our Food Bank - Try to bring to Church, next Sunday, something for the poor and needy who come begging at the door of our Church. Our pantry is almost empty. We need small diapers and food. May our Lord bless you!

Necessary Weekly offering \$ 2,170.00

Attendance: 58 Souls - Number of envelopes Mailed: 77 - Number of Envelopes Returned: 22
Tithing: 814.00 - Bulletin Ads: 0.00 - Building Fund: 55.00 - Feasts: 0.00 - Candles: 0.00
Coffee Collection: 33.00 - Stole Offerings: 70.00 - Flowers/Memorial/Donations: 0.00 - Marked Fund: 0.00
Thanks for your gift of thanksgiving to the Lord!

2-4-2018

WHILE SHOPPING, PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR

Canned Fruits, Canned Roast Beef, Granola Bars, Jelly, Protein Bars, Tomato Paste, Tomato Sauce, Water Bottles, Spaghetti, Rice, Dry Foods, Canned Vegetables, etc.

For all your Gifts, please call St. John of the Desert Gifts at (602) 363-GIFT