

## **ST. MARY'S HELPERS**

**March 6**

**Prospora** Psa. L. & Galina

**Reader** Daniel & Stefania

**Greeter** Bogdan & Alec

**March 13**

Anne & Gabriela

Violeta & Stefan

George D & Giani



Thank you to all the church helpers. Your service is appreciated. **Please make note of the schedule and of your commitment.** If you are not able to fulfill your commitment, please find a replacement.



*"Enter into the Church and wash away your sins. For there is a hospital for sinners and not a court of law."*

*- St. John Chrysostom*

An Elder said, "People nowadays do not seek to repent today, but rather to repent tomorrow"

Confessions by appointment. Please e mail [fatherlupu@shaw.ca](mailto:fatherlupu@shaw.ca)

## **TO OUR VISITORS: WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S**

*Welcome to all guests to St. Mary's on this holy day. If you are new to our church, please make yourself known to Father Michael. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.*

*Please note that only Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves with prayer, fasting and Confession may approach to receive Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to receive the blessing and partake of the blessed bread (Antidor) at the dismissal.*

*As a sign of respect please remain standing during Holy Communion, even if you are not partaking. Please turn off all*

## **ST. MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL 2016**

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## **Saint Mary's Nativity of the Theotokos Orthodox Church**

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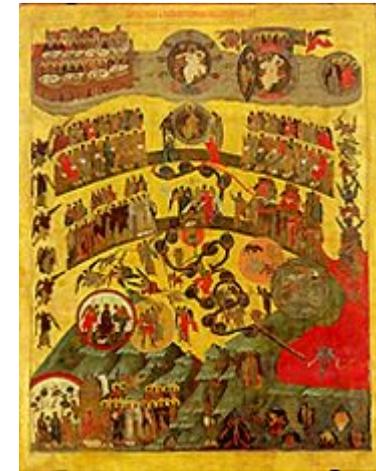
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**March 6, 2016**

**Judgment Sunday**

**Înfricoșătoarei Judecăți**

Vespers every Saturday 6:00 pm

Divine Liturgy every Sunday 10 am

Other services as announced

- **TODAY** -Pre-lenten lunch after Divine Liturgy. \$15.00 per person (children less). Tickets will be sold at the door. Everyone is invited.
- Tomorrow - Farewell to meat.
- **Saturday March 12- 4:45pm Bible Study** will be held in the hall
- **Sunday March 13-**
  - **Forgiveness Sunday prayers immediately after Liturgy**
  - **Ladies' Auxiliary General Meeting.** All ladies who are members of the parish are invited to attend.
- **March 14,16,18** - 6:30 pm St. Andrew of Crete Services (please note change from previous bulletin)
- **March 20**
  - Procession of icons by the children after Divine Liturgy
  - 6:00 pm- **Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers** will be held at St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Church.
- **April 8- 10** -Men's Retreat. Please see Dennis or Daniel for details.

## **ORTHODOX TEACHING**

### **Reading - Judgment Sunday**

The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds.

It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end. All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday

Reading © Holy Transfiguration Monastery - Brookline, MA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHS7U6RCr2U&feature=youtu.be>

## **CHRISTIAN CHARITY**

- *Loaves of sandwiches are collected every Sunday for the Mustard Seed. Please bring a loaf (no tomatoes or lettuce) and place it in the fridge in kitchen.*
- *Collecting money for **Safeway cards**. Please mark your envelope "Safeway"*
- *Collecting for an **Orthodox Syrian Refugee** family. Please see insert*

## **TODAY'S READINGS AND TROPARS**

***Epis. 1 Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2. Gos. Matthew 25:31-46. Tone 7.***

***Ap. 1 Corinteni 8,8-13; 9,1-2. Ev. Matei 25,31-46. Glas 7,***

***Resurrection Tone 7 By your cross you destroyed death, you opened paradise to the thief. You changed the weeping of the ointment bearing women to joy, and charged them to proclaim to your apostles that you arose O Christ God, granting great mercy to the world.***

***Tropar for the last Judgment Sunday When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory, all things shall tremble ,and the river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat;the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed;then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and make me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Righteous Judge!***

***Tropar for the church***

***Your Nativity O Birthgiver of God has proclaimed joy to all the Universe. For the Son of Righteousness, Christ our God has risen from you, By abolishing the curse, He gave a blessing, By destroying death, He bestowed eternal life.***