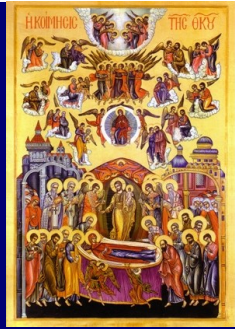


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MARCH 2024

THE JOURNEY WITHIN

Great Lent, a cornerstone of the Orthodox liturgical year, is far more than a mere period of abstaining from certain foods. It's a transformative journey inward, a 40-day pilgrimage towards spiritual renewal and a deeper connection with God. It is important to delve into the rich tapestry of traditions and practices that weave together the profound significance of Great Lent in the Orthodox faith.

A Call to Repentance:

Great Lent, commencing on Clean Monday and culminating in the glorious feast of Pascha (Easter), serves as a time of introspection and repentance. We are called upon to examine our hearts, identify areas of weakness and sin, and actively seek forgiveness from God and others. This isn't about self-flagellation, but a sincere desire for transformation, a turning away from darkness and a resolute embrace of the light of Christ.

Fasting: A Discipline, not a Deprivation:

Fasting is a central pillar of Great Lent and transcends mere dietary restrictions. It's a form of spiritual discipline, a way to tame the body and elevate the spirit. By abstaining from certain foods (typically meat, dairy, and animal products), we are able to cultivate self-control and create space for prayer and reflection. Fasting is not about deprivation, but about creating a clearer channel for experiencing God's grace.

Prayer: Fueling the Journey:

Great Lent emphasizes the importance of intensified prayer. Special liturgical services are offered throughout this period, providing opportunities for communal worship and individual devotion. We are encouraged to dedicate more time to personal prayer, reading scripture, and participating in the Jesus Prayer, a contemplative practice focusing on the invocation of the name of Jesus Christ. Through prayer, the soul seeks communion with God, drawing strength and guidance for the spiritual journey.

Almsgiving: Extending Compassion

Great Lent is not just about internal transformation; it's also about extending compassion outwards. Almsgiving, the act of giving to those in need, plays a vital role during this time. By sharing our resources with others, we not only alleviate their suffering but also cultivate humility and a sense of interconnectedness. This act of generosity reflects the love and selflessness of Christ, embodying the essence of Christian living.

The Significance of Forgiveness:

The spirit of forgiveness permeates Great Lent. Forgiveness Sunday preceding Clean Monday allows individuals to seek forgiveness from loved ones and mend broken relationships. Throughout the Lenten journey, reconciliation and a renewed commitment to compassion are fostered, paving the way for a more harmonious existence.

A Celebration of the Journey:

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March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Fast Day (Wine & Oil allowed) 2nd Sunday of Lent Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas 8:30 a.m. Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Greek School					1 Strict Fast Day Presentation of our Lord to the Temple 8:30 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy	2
3 Sunday of the Prodigal Son 8:30 a.m. Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Greek School	4	5	6 Strict Fast Day 11:00 a.m. Adult Religious Education Class 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	7 6:30 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class via Zoom	8 Strict Fast Day	9 1st Saturday of Souls 8:00 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy with Memorial Service Ethiopian Service
10 Judgement Sunday Meatfare Sunday 8:30 a.m. Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Greek School	11 Fast Day Fish & Dairy allowed	12 Fast Day Fish & Dairy allowed	13 Strict Fast Day No Religious Ed Class 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	14 Fast Day Fish & Dairy allowed 7:00 p.m. Women's Spiritual Meeting Via Zoom	15 Strict Fast Day	16 Cheeseare Saturday 2nd Saturday of Souls 8:00 a.m. Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy with Memorial Service
17 Forgiveness Sunday Cheeseare Sunday 8:30 a.m. Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday School Greek School	18 Clean Monday Great Lent Begins Strict Fast Day 6:00 p.m. Great Compline with Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete	19 Strict Fast Day 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting	20 Strict Fast Day 11:00 a.m. Adult Religious Education Class 5:30 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	21 Strict Fast Day 6:00 p.m. Great Compline with Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete	22 Strict Fast Day 6:00 p.m. 1st Salutation Service	23 Fast Day (Wine & Oil allowed) Russian Mission Service Ethiopian Service
24 Fast Day (Wine & Oil allowed) Sunday of Orthodoxy 1st Sunday of Lent 8:30 a.m. Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy Procession of Icons with Sunday School & Greek School	25 Strict Fast Day 6:00 p.m. Great Compline	26 Strict Fast Day	27 Strict Fast Day 11:00 a.m. Adult Religious Education Class 5:30 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	28 Strict Fast Day	29 Strict Fast Day 6:00 p.m. 2nd Salutation Service	30 Fast Day (Wine & Oil allowed)

The Parish Council Update

March 2024

Officers: Christy Chappell Belkin; President, Bill Margetis, Vice President; Bruce Hansen, Secretary; Scott Storck, Treasurer; Niko Papadopoulos, Assistant Treasurer

Members: Conn Choles, Nick Helser, Bill Margetis, Maria Molzahn, Mike Smith, Jim Katsihtis, Telly Fatsis

Preparing Ourselves and our Church for Pascha

As we enter into the Lenten season once again and prepare our hearts to participate in the commemoration of our Lord's suffering, death and resurrection, there will also be opportunities to prepare our church for this season. Pascha is later this year (May 5) so we will plan for our all-church cleaning day to take place before Holy Week toward the end of April. There will also be opportunities to beautify the church with flowers. Look for sign ups for those donations in the church social hall in the coming weeks. Thank you to all of you who contribute so generously to our community's Pascha preparation efforts by giving their time, decorating skills, and financial support each year.

Next General Assembly is Sunday, April 14

We will gather for our Spring General Assembly to approve the church budget on April 14 after Liturgy in the social hall.

Pasha Lamb Dinner May 5 after Holy Saturday Midnight Service

Thank you to Kostas and Angela Kyriakopoulos who have generously offered to prepare the lamb dinner for our parish once again. They do a marvelous job and this is a beautiful way to celebrate the Lord's resurrection together. Please plan to join us if you can! Cost of the Dinner is \$15/per plate. Look for the chance to reserve your spots for the Lamb Dinner in April.

Upcoming Church Repairs

A recent inspection of the roof of our church by our insurance company confirmed that our roof (newly replaced in Summer 2023) unfortunately sustained damage in a hail storm in the Fall, and it will require a full roof replacement. We are in the process of confirming the costs for repairs and will keep you updated. In a separate incident, a small portion of stonework in the front of the church was damaged by a vendor's vehicle and we are working on getting that repaired as well. We expect the bulk of the costs for both these items to be covered by insurance, and we will update you when we have final numbers.

New Giving Options for Stewardship, Offerings and Candles

Thanks to our treasurers and Stewardship chair Bill Margetis for setting up some new convenient giving options! Now, if you don't have cash, you can purchase candles or contribute to the church offering with your credit/debit card using the electronic payment device at the candle stand in the narthex. Just let one of the ushers know if you want to make a payment. There is even an option to cover the cost of the credit card transaction fee so that your donation will go further.

If you haven't already, please return your Stewardship form and continue to pray for, and generously support, our parish. Your stewardship helps support our worship, ministries, youth programs and facility expenses. Our goal is for stewardship to cover our operating expenses without the need for fundraisers, but we're not there yet.

Greek Fest is September 7 & 8, 2024

Maria Molzahn and Christy Belkin will be co-chairing Greek Fest this year and we're looking forward to



FOCUS ON PHILOPTOCHOS HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

Philoptochos Forward

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Our Philoptochos Sisterhood is a vibrant community dedicated to helping others. This past month we had the opportunity to help two local organizations, the UW Hands and Hearts Foundation and Channel 15 Village Diaper Drive continue with their missions of providing services to those most needy among us: children. Further, a group of us were able to attend the Hands and Hearts luncheon and learn first hand of the important work being done.



Along with our commitment to our greater Madison community we were also able to sit back and celebrate with each other with our wonderful dinner dance. Thank you to Elene, Ilketra, and Penny for all their work in organizing this event. A great evening was had by all.



Going forward, the month of March offers us two very important celebrations -- The Annunciation by Archangel Gabriel to Panagia and Greece's Independence. Traditionally, we have honored these two events with a combined dinner and Greek School celebration. This year, with the 25th falling on a Monday, we will host this luncheon on Sunday, 3/24. Please help us prepare enough food by letting us know how many meals to plan for (email Maria Molzahn at mariaandpatrick@gmail.com or click on this link: <https://forms.gle/2nGaaR6zUfgaghd7A>). The cost for the meals is \$15.00 per adult and \$10.00 for children 10 and under. Along with the meal, and back by popular demand, we have the raffle for the Sunset Nook Cottage (<https://forms.gle/C3kvdv94ULL7NXUp9>). All proceeds from this event go towards helping the poor of Greece and Cyprus.

Lastly, we are in the midst of our membership drive! Philoptochos is strong because of all of us coming together. Don't delay in completing your membership, we need you (<https://forms.gle/MyWLT5hnMY2vDv6x8>).

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 17. church. There will be a Zoom option for those not able to travel. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, feel free to reach out, email is always the easiest (mariaandpatrick@gmail.com).

YOUTH CORNER



Hello Sunday school families,

Spring is definitely in the air as the weather has been getting warmer the past couple of weeks. As lent is around the corner, Sunday school teachers will now be teaching your children about the importance of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I encourage all of you and your families to take a step forward in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving this year, whatever that may be in each family household. Teaching your children the importance of lent is very vital in bringing them up in the Orthodox faith. Lent is much more than "becoming vegan for 40 days." It's a way of self control, learning to love our brothers and sisters in Christ, and becoming closer with our Lord.

Last year during lent, many families from the parish came together to volunteer and help package and sort food for the Allied Food Pantry. We are hoping to do something similar again this year. Please keep a lookout for your emails, I am hoping once I find a good organization like last year that I will send out more information about it, so children and families can come together and help those in need.

Saed and Benny would like to know if any children from 5th-12th grade who are interested in joining the Fanari Lenten retreat on Saturday April 13th in Milwaukee, Annunciation Church, to let them know so they can arrange carpooling. The event will happen from 2-8pm.

We are also hoping to do a fun parish outing this month to go bowling on Thursday March 14th. However, before we book lanes at a bowling alley, we are making sure that we will have families who want to come out that day. Please let Father or I know if you are interested and would like to go bowling. The church will reserve lanes for the evening and there will be food provided by the church. We will also have lanes for younger kids with bumpers. Shoe rentals and additional drinks and food will be out of pocket purchases. I will be emailing out more information about the event soon. We hope you can all make it for some family fun!

There will be no Sunday school on March 24th and March 31st for Spring break, classes will resume on April 7th.

In Christ,
Susu Akkawi

COMMUNITY NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m.

PHILOPTOCHOS CHAPTER MEETING: Will be held on Sunday, March 17th, following Liturgy.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS: A.R.E. classes have begun. We are currently reading the Gospel of John soon. Classes are on Wednesday's at 11:00 a.m. for in person classes and On Thursday's at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join us.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL MEETING: Women's spiritual zoom meetings will be on Thursday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating and you haven't signed in yet please contact Peli Galiti at pegaliti@gmail.com You will get the zoom link in your email.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING: As we begin this new year, please consider making a Planned Gift to the Church. A Planned Gift is an opportunity to leave a legacy that strengthens the Church and supports its vital ministries and will leave an impact that will be felt for years to come. It may also give you substantial current tax benefits as well as estate tax benefits. If you are interested in finding out more about the many ways that the Church can be included in your will or estate planning, please contact a Parish Council Member.

STEWARDSHIP 2024 APPEAL: At our Stewardship meeting, we have discussed the changes at Assumption. The church is in constant transition, and our aim is to anticipate the time, talent, and treasure needs of our community. We need to combine the Strengths of our heritage, our Orthodox Tradition, and our faith in God to encourage what we do now & toward the future. The Church needs the involvement of you and me, & with the Help of God, to shape our programs to meet the needs of our community & to reach out to others, outside of our community. Please volunteer this year your time and talents, for the good of the church. Nearly every committee has need of the talents and time of leaders & contributors.

NEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DRIVE: As a community we have always tried and succeeded in taking care of and upgrading our Sanctuary and facilities. We the spirit of continuously improving our church. We are beginning a long term Capital Improvement Fund Drive. We are looking at 3 particular future projects. These are the Broken Sewer pipe in our back parking lot, Replacing and upgrading our current church sound system and remodeling our kitchen. The months ahead we will be formally setting up a Capital Improvement Fund Drive Committee who will spearhead the entire process. We ask everyone to consider this in future giving, funeral memorials and in planned giving. If you are interested in giving a donation for the Capital Fund please put "Capital Improvement Fund Drive" on the memo line of the check or mark it on the envelope. Together we can get these projects finished.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: Dear members and parents. If you or your children would be interested in serving in the Altar please come see me. We are need on children and men of all ages to help bolster our Altar server ranks. We will be holding an Altar Boy Meeting on Sunday, March 10th following Sunday School. Children should be 8 and up.

PAN ORTHODOX SUNDAY NIGHT LENTEN VESPERS: On the first three Sundays of Lent. The Local Madison Area Orthodox Churches will all take turns holding Sunday Night Lenten Vespers. The first week will be Hosted by Saints Cyril & Methodios, but because of Annunciation on Monday. The Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will be on Saturday, March 23rd. The second week will be hosted by Assumption on Sunday, March 31st. The third week will be hosted by Saint Ignatius. All Vespers will begin at 4:00 p.m. I hope many of you will be able to join us and support our Local Orthodox Churches.

HOLY CONFESSION IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF LENT: Each of us should go to the priest for Holy Confession during this period of Advent. Our very salvation can be threatened when we ignore this most beautiful sacrament of our Church. Make time year to call your Father Confessor for an appointment.



Join us on Sunday, March 24th for our Annual March 25th Celebration!

On the 25th of March, we celebrate a double holiday, the Annunciation of the Theotokos and the onset of the Greek Revolution of 1821. With echoes and precursors to our American Revolution and Civil War, this feast honors the bravery and perseverance of oppressed people around the world. It is befitting for all of us to honor and celebrate the spirit that binds us to our past and leads us to the future. All proceeds from this event will go to benefit the poor of Greece and Cyprus.



RESERVATIONS are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED

Menu: PLAKI Dinner

Adults: \$15.00

Children under 10: \$10.00

[DINNER RESERVATIONS](#) -- pay at the door,

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Beth Fatsis
1215 E. Johnson St.
Madison, WI 53703

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Credit/debit card payments, Apple Pay and Google Pay are also accepted.

FANARI LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, April 13, 2023

2:00-8:00 PM



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Fanari Camp is excited to continue our Metropolis-wide Fanari Lenten Retreat. The retreat will be a day in the life of camp, and will include: Worship, Orthodox Life, games, Song Night, and much more!
All 5th-12th graders are invited to join us!

This retreat is regional, and will have eight satellite locations throughout the Metropolis.

St. Mary's, Minneapolis, MN

Annunciation, Milwaukee, WI

Ascension of Our Lord, Lincolnshire, IL

St. Haralambos, Niles, IL

SS. Constantine & Helen, Palos Hills, IL

SS. Constantine & Helen, Merrillville, IL

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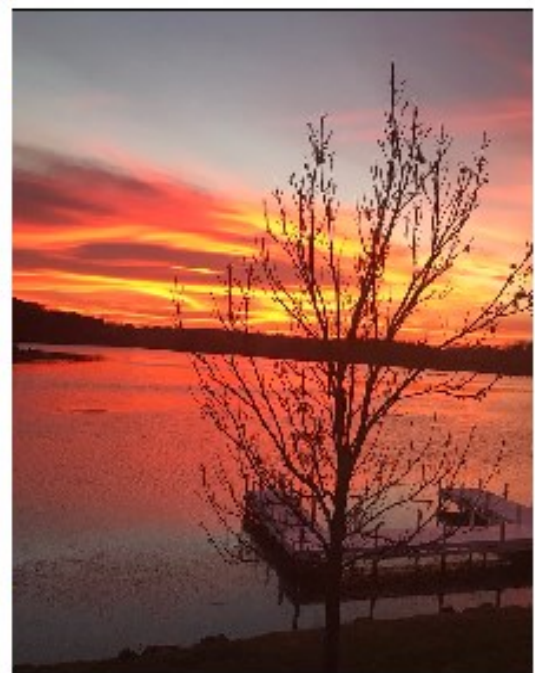
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Lenten Pan-Orthodox Vespers
For the Madison Area Orthodox Church



On Saturday, March 23rd, Sunday, March 31st & April 7th 2024 the Madison Area Orthodox Churches will all be hosting Sunday Night Lenten Pan Orthodox Great Vespers.

All Services will begin at 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, March 23rd - Saints Cyril & Methodios Ukrainian
Orthodox Church - 1020 Regent St. Madison, WI**

Sunday, March, 31st - March 19th - Assumption Greek Orthodox Church - 11 N. 7th St. Madison, WI

Sunday, April 7th - Saint Ignatius Antiochian Orthodox Church
2124 Shafer Drive, Fitchburg, WI



40 Holy Martyrs of Sebaste: In the year 313 Saint Constantine the Great issued an edict granting Christians religious freedom, and officially recognizing Christianity as equal with paganism under the law. But his co-ruler Licinius was a pagan, and he decided to stamp out Christianity in his part of the Empire. As Licinius prepared his army to fight Constantine, he decided to remove Christians from his army, fearing mutiny.

One of the military commanders of that time in the Armenian city of Sebaste was Agricola, a zealous champion of idolatry. Under his command was a company of forty Cappadocians, brave soldiers who had distinguished themselves in many battles. When these Christian soldiers refused to offer sacrifice to the pagan gods, Agricola locked them up in prison. The soldiers occupied themselves with prayer and psalmody, and during the night they heard a voice saying, “Persevere until the end, then you shall be saved.”

On the following morning, the soldiers were again taken to Agricola. This time the pagan tried flattery. He began to praise their valor, their youth and strength, and once

more he urged them to renounce Christ and thereby win themselves the respect and favor of their emperor.

Seven days later, the renowned judge Licius arrived at Sebaste and put the soldiers on trial. The saints steadfastly answered, “Take not only our military insignia, but also our lives, since nothing is more precious to us than Christ God.” Licius then ordered his servants to stone the holy martyrs. But the stones missed the saints and returned to strike those who had thrown them. One stone thrown by Licius hit Agricola in the face, smashing his teeth. The torturers realized that the saints were guarded by some invisible power. In prison, the soldiers spent the night in prayer and again they heard the voice of the Lord comforting them: “He who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live (John 11:25). Be brave and fear not, for you shall obtain imperishable crowns.”

On the following day the judge repeated the interrogation in front of the torturer, but the soldiers remained unyielding. It was winter, and there was a severe frost. They lined up the holy soldiers, threw them into a lake near the city, and set a guard to prevent them from coming out of the water. In order to break the will of the martyrs, a warm bath-house was set up on the shore. During the first hour of the night, when the cold had become unbearable, one of the soldiers made a dash for the bath-house, but no sooner had he stepped over the threshold, than he fell down dead.

During the third hour of the night, the Lord sent consolation to the martyrs. Suddenly there was light, the ice melted away, and the water in the lake became warm. All the guards were asleep, except for Aglaius, who was keeping watch. Looking at the lake he saw that a radiant crown had appeared over the head of each martyr. Aglaius counted thirty-nine crowns and realized that the soldier who fled had lost his crown.

Aggius then woke up the other guards, took off his uniform and said to them, “I too am a Christian,” and he joined the martyrs. Standing in the water he prayed, “Lord God, I believe in You, in Whom these soldiers believe. Add me to their number, and make me worthy to suffer with Your servants.” Then a fortieth crown appeared over his head.

In the morning, the torturers saw with surprise that the martyrs were still alive, and their guard Aggius was glorifying Christ together with them. They led the soldiers out of the water and broke their legs. During this horrible execution the mother of the youngest of the soldiers, Meliton, pleaded with her son to persevere until death.

They put the bodies of the martyrs on a cart and committed them to fire. Young Meliton was still breathing, and they left him on the ground. His mother then picked up her son, and on her own shoulders she carried him behind the cart. When Meliton drew his last breath, his mother put him on the cart with the bodies of his fellow sufferers. The bodies of the saints were tossed in the fire, and their charred bones were thrown into the water, so that Christians would not gather them up.

Three days later the martyrs appeared in a dream to Saint Peter, Bishop of Sebaste, and commanded him to bury their remains. The bishop together with several clergy gathered up the relics of the glorious martyrs by night and buried them with honor.

There is a pious custom of baking “skylarks” (pastries shaped like skylarks) on this day, because people believed that birds sing at this time to announce the arrival of spring. Forty “skylarks” are prepared in honor of the Forty Martyrs.

What wondrous gifts our God has given us!

The Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos March 25

“Rejoice, for you are the throne of the king,
rejoice for you bear him who bears all things.”

- + The Archangel Gabriel came to the Panagia to announce that she would conceive and bear a Son, even though she “knew no man.”
- + In the icon, he carries a staff, a symbol of being a messenger.
- + The name of the feast in Greek (Ευγγελισμός—Evangelismos) means literally “Good News.”



- + The Archangel's right hand is extended toward the Panagia as he announces the blessing that is being bestowed upon her.
- + He greets her with these words: “*Rejoice, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women*” (Luke 1, 28-29).



- + Note the position of Archangel Gabriel's feet as he is runs to share the good news with the Theotokos.
- + We are called to act similarly when God sends us!



- + The Mother of God sits on an elevated seat, showing that she is “*greater in honor than the cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim.*”
- + Her veil bears three stars used to represent her ever-virginity: before, during, and after Christ's birth.



- + Her right hand is shown upwards: a gesture that may indicate both surprise at news beyond understanding, and acceptance of God's will.
- + Her posture, with her head lowered also shows humility and acceptance.
- + She gives her whole self freely to God, submitting to His will.



- + The Panagia holds a spindle of scarlet thread in her left hand.
- + Holy Tradition tells us as Christ's Body begins to be woven in her womb, she was weaving a purple and scarlet curtain for the tabernacle in the Temple...the very one that is torn in two at the moment of His death on the Cross.



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What can we give back?

Great Lent culminates in the joyous celebration of Pascha, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The darkness and introspection of Lent give way to the radiant light of Christ's victory over death. The Lenten journey prepares us to fully embrace the transformative power of Pascha, a renewal of faith, hope, and life itself.

Beyond the 40 Days:

The lessons learned and the spiritual growth achieved during Great Lent are not meant to be confined to those 40 days. The Orthodox faith emphasizes the importance of ongoing spiritual cultivation. The practices and disciplines embraced during Lent are intended to become a way of life, a constant striving towards a deeper relationship with God.

Conclusion:

Great Lent serves as a potent reminder of our call to continuous spiritual growth. Through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and forgiveness, we embark on a transformative journey inward, a pilgrimage towards a renewed encounter with the divine. By embracing the disciplines and lessons of Great Lent, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the ultimate triumph of life over death in the glorious feast of Pascha.

+Very Rev. Archimandrite Christodoulos Margellos

putting on another great event for our church and the Madison community! Mark your calendars to join us by volunteering, and by inviting your friends. Our first kickoff meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12 at 7 PM on Zoom. Let me (Christy) know if I can send you the meeting link. Thank you!

Maintenance Help

Our Maintenance Committee needs your help. If you can help with handywork or be available to meet with contractors/servicer providers, please see or contact Mike Smith or John Soloninka.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00PM. The Parish Council typically meets on the third Tuesday of the month.

On behalf of the Parish Council,

Christy Chappell Belkin
President