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CHURCH BULLETIN – FEBRUARY / MARCH 2018

PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM FATHER VESSELIN ARNAUDOV



Presentation of the Lord – Friday, February 2, 2018

Sunday of the Prodigal Son – February 4, 2018

Beloved in the Lord Brothers and Sisters,

According to the liturgical order, the Church is now in a period, called "preparatory period" before the Great Fast. It is made up of four weeks, the first of which is Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee on January 28th.

The second, third and fourth Sundays are respectively: Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Meatfare Sunday and Cheesfare Sunday.

On February 2nd (Friday) is the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which will be celebrated with a Divine Liturgy in our Macedono - Bulgarian Orthodox Cathedral "St. Cyril and Methody" at 237 Sackville Street.

On February 4th (Sunday of the Prodigal Son), the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 11-32) will be read, where the Lord Jesus Christ reminds us of the need to realize our sinful nature, to humble ourselves in repentance for our helplessness and to ask for forgiveness from our Heavenly Father.

We are all Prodigal Sons for our Lord, Who with a heart filled with love and compassion, expects us to return to our father's house and to give us love, forgiveness and blessing.

On the coming Sunday of the Prodigal Son, I would like to urge each one of you, who cares for your spiritual health, to come to the church and together to discuss the steps necessary for the salvation of our souls and the return to the Mother Church.

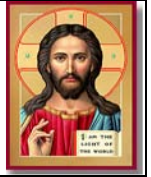
At the end of the Divine Liturgy, with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph, Blessings with Holy Water will be performed for the health and success of the newly elected Church Committee, as well as for all Orthodox parishioners, for a mutual love and understanding in our Christian families and in the Holy Orthodox Church.

With love in the Lord, I call upon you the blessing of God!

Parish priest: Very Rev. Ikonon Vesselin Arnaudov



CHURCH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2018
ЦЪРКОВЕН КАЛЕНДАР ЗА ФЕВРУАРИ И МАРТ 2018



FEBRUARY 2018

Divine Service Begins

February 2	FRIDAY	Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ.....10:00 a.m. <i>Сретение Господне.</i>
February 4	SUNDAY	17 th Sunday of the Prodigal Son10:00 a.m. <i>Неделя 17 - на Блудния син.</i>
February 9	FRIDAY	St. Charalampios, Hieromartyr. Blessing of honey.....10:00 a.m. <i>Св. свщмчк Харалампий. Освещаване на мед.</i>
February 10	SATURDAY	Memorial Saturday.....10:00 a.m. <i>Задушница.</i>
February 11	SUNDAY	Meatfare Sunday.....10:00 a.m. <i>Неделя Месопустна (Месни заговезни).</i>
February 18	SUNDAY	Cheesefare Sunday (Forgiveness Sunday).....10:00 a.m. <i>Неделя Сиропустна (Сирни заговезни).</i>
February 23	FRIDAY	Bogorodichen Akathist – Part 1 at Holy Trinity Church.....6:30 p.m.
February 24	SATURDAY	St. Theodore. Holy Communion.....10:00 a.m. <i>Тодорова събота. Свето причастие.</i>
February 25	SUNDAY	1 st Sunday of Great Lent. Sunday of Orthodoxy.....10:00 a.m. <i>1-ва Неделя на Великия пост - Православна.</i>

MARCH, 2018

March 2	FRIDAY	Bogorodichen Akathist – Part 2 at St. George’s Church.....6:30 p.m.
March 4	SUNDAY	2 nd Sunday of Great Lent – St. Gregory Palamas.....10:00 a.m. <i>2-ра Неделя на Великия пост – Св. Григорий Палама.</i>
March 9	FRIDAY	Bogorodichen Akathist – Part 3 at Sts. Cyril & Methody Cathedral.....6:30 p.m.
March 11	SUNDAY	3 rd Sunday of Great Lent – Sunday of the Holy Cross.....10:00 a.m. <i>3-та Неделя на Великия пост – Кръстопоклонна.</i>
March 16	FRIDAY	Bogorodichen Akathist – Part 4 at St. Dimitar Church.....6:30 p.m.
March 18	SUNDAY	4 th Sunday of Great Lent – Ven. John Climacus.....10:00 a.m. <i>4-та Неделя на Великия пост – Преп. Йоан Лествичник.</i>
March 23	FRIDAY	Bogorodichen Akathist – All Parts at Comforter Spirit of Truth Church.....6:30 p.m.
March 25	SUNDAY	5 th Sunday. Holy Annunciation (Fish allowed).....10:00 a.m. <i>5-та Неделя на Великия пост. Свето Благовещение. Разрешава се риба.</i>
March 31	SATURDAY	Lazarus Saturday.....10:00 a.m. <i>Лазарова събота.</i>
April 1	SUNDAY	6 th Sunday of Great Lent. Palm Sunday.....10:00 a.m. <i>6-та Неделя на Великия пост. Връбница – Цветница.</i>

Every Sunday, before Liturgy, there is a morning service (Matins), which starts at 9:30 a.m.
Всяка неделя преди Литургията има служба (утреня), която започва в 9:30 часа сутринта.



YEAR OF THE LORD – 2018

SCHEDULE OF THE AKATHIST SERVICES IN HONOR OF OUR LADY THEOTOKOS

PART	DATE	CHURCH	SERVICE STARTS
PART 1	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	6:30 P.M.
PART 2	FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018	ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH	6:30 P.M.
PART 3	FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018	STS. CYRIL & METHODY CATHEDRAL	6:30 P.M.
PART 4	FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018	ST. DIMITAR CHURCH	6:30 P.M.
ALL PARTS	FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018	THE COMFORTER SPIRIT OF TRUTH CHURCH	6:30 P.M.



**ELECTION OF A NEW CHURCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
GENERAL MEETING – SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018**

On January 28, 2018, His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph has called a General Meeting of the membership for the election of a new Church Executive Committee. The meeting started with an opening prayer, performed by Metropolitan Joseph and Father Vesselin Arnaoudov, followed by detailed reports, presented by His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph, Parish Priest, Father Vesselin Arnaoudov, President of the Church Committee, Mr. Vangel Angelov and the Treasurer of the Church, Mr. Peter Evans.



After unanimous acceptance of the reports and the assurances of all parishioners, who verbally declared that they would continue to observe strictly the By-Laws of the Cathedral and the Diocese, His Eminence declared the end of the canonical disorder and announced the beginning of the procedure for the election of a new Church Committee, which was held according to the requirements of the Church's By-Law.

Below is a picture of the newly elected Church Committee with His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph, Father Vesselin and Prezvitara Galya.



The members of the newly elected Church Committee are as follows:

Vangel Angelov – President
Alexander Karadjov – Vice President
Eleanor Michael – Secretary
Tzvetanka Karadjov – Assistant Secretary
Peter Evans – Treasurer
Peter Peroff – member
George Persinov – member
James Steffoff – member
Clare Evans – member
Tanya Persinov – member
Donna Steffoff – member
Dimitrina Nicholov – member

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph, on Sunday, February 4, 2018 (Sunday of the Prodigal Son), Father Vesselin Arnaoudov performed a blessing with Holy Water for the health and success of the newly elected Church Committee, as well as for all Orthodox parishioners for a mutual love and understanding in our Christian families and in the Holy Orthodox Church.



Let us wish the members of the newly elected Church Committee to be healthy and to govern the life of the church with love, goodwill and wisdom.

May our more than century old Cathedral affirm itself again, as a holy place for prayers, worship, peace and love among people.

REMINDER FROM FATHER VESSELIN ARNAOUDOV



St. Charalampios, Hieromartyr. Blessing of Honey. Friday, February 9, 2018

On February 9th this year, the Holy Church celebrates the memory of St. Charalampios, the Hieromartyr.

On this day, honey is blessed to be used throughout the year for prevention of diseases and any kind of evil.

I invite every one of you to bring your honey to be blessed and to read the names of you and your relatives for health and success throughout the year.

The Service will start at 10 a.m.



Memorial Saturday – February 10, 2018

On Saturday, February 10th (Memorial Saturday), we remember our loved ones, who have passed away.

At the beginning of the Great Lent, we want forgiveness for what we have not done for them, while they were alive and remind them, that we love them and have not forgotten them.

The Holy Liturgy will start at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a Panahida for all of our loved ones.

Meatfare Sunday – February 11, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters,

I would also want to remind you that the coming Sunday, February 11th is Meatfare Sunday, when the Gospel of Matthew for the Last Judgment will be read.

Every Orthodox Christian with sincere faith in Almighty God must hear the Holy Gospel on this day, as well as the explanation to it in order to know what each of us should expect on the day of the Last Judgment, when the Lord Jesus Christ will judge every human being, who has ever lived and will live on that Earth.



Do not miss to be in the Church on this Sunday, not only for the Holy Liturgy, but also for the Sunday Sermon.

The Lord Jesus Christ is waiting for you to pray for your own soul and for the salvation of you and your loved ones.