This Week

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

How refreshing to see a significant increase in families attending Liturgy!

Here is the link to the sermon on the Gospel reading and commemoration for this day: https://soundcloud.com/user-443665174/second-coming-of-christ-last-judgment

We added the following names to the Trisagion for Sylvia George – Fr. George Poulos, newly departed Dr. Paul Farmer (world-renowned genius behind “Partners in Health,” the global non-profit that brings medical care to poor counties like Haiti), and the growing anonymous number who have died in Ukraine – both civilians, as well as soldiers on both sides of the war.

Finally we offer special prayer for peace in Ukraine derived from the Book of Needs, a compendium of prayer services for special occasions in the Slavic Orthodox Tradition.

Announcements Today

- **Meatfare Sunday**, the last day we consume meat until Easter (April 24)
- Basketball games - Youth lost to New Rochelle; Senior men defeated Bridgeport
- Due to the horrific and tragic war in Ukraine:
  - Keep praying earnestly for peace: that all sides lay down their arms and come together to work out their differences
  - Consider offering material help online for over 200,000 refugees who have already fled to neighboring countries: through the International Orthodox Christian Charities – https://iocc.org/; or through the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of Stamford – http://www.stamforddio.org/
  - Pray for the protection of Russian Orthodox Churches in the U.S.
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This week - *Cheesefare Week*, when we consume fish and dairy products as we transition to Great Lent (Clean Monday, March 7)

- Mon – Greek School 5p; Bible Study 7:15p in Hall
- Wed – Greek School 3:30p; Basketball practice in Gym – Youth 6p, Varsity 7:30p, Senior Men 9p
- Thu – Clergy Fellowship 10:30a @ Norwalk Inn; Archdiocesan Webinar: “Rekindle – Bringing Families Back!” 6:30p; National Philoptochos Caregiver Support 7p by Zoom (I am invited as clergy guest)
- Sat – 2nd Saturday of Souls: Liturgy 8:30a, Memorial 9:30a, in order to accommodate *District Philoptochos Retreat* here from 10a through lunch (provided; more than 100 women are already planning to attend. Family Vespers 5p

Next Sunday – Expulsion of Adam & Eve from Paradise, with Special Rite of Forgiveness

- Memorial – 40 days for Sofia Danias (mother of Spyridoula Sikoutris)
- *In addition to Coffee Hour in the Hall, we will open the Gym* for families with children to enjoy food and drink (provided), a special treat for the day, and plenty of room for games and activities after Church School!
- GOYA meets in Conference Room

Kalo mina - Blessed new month since March starts on Tuesday!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Harry