**GREAT DOXOLOGY:**

Resurrection (Tone 4)  
Hieromartyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna

Sharer in the Apostle’s way of life and successor on their throne, inspired by God, you found ascetical effort as the means to contemplation. And so, dispensing rightly the word or truth, you fought for the faith unto the shedding of your blood, O Hieromartyr Polycarp. Intercede with Christ God, for the salvation of our souls.

Saint Joseph the Betrothed

**ANTIPHONS:**

First:  
Second:  
Beatitudes:

**ENTRANCE HYMN:**

**APOLYTIA:**

Resurrection (Tone 4)  
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**KONDAKION:**  
Psalm 46:6, 1

**TRISAGION:**

Cheesefare

**PROKIMENON:**

Psalm 46:6, 1

Sing praises to our God, sing praises! **Stichon:** Clap your hands, all you nations!

**EPISTLE:**

Romans 13:11-14:4  
Brethren, now our salvation is nearer than when we came to believe. The night is far advanced: the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly as in daytime, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in debauchery and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and as for the flesh, pay no attention to its lusts. But whoever is weak in faith, receive him without arguing about opinion. For one believes he may eat all things but another who is weak, let him eat vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who does not; and let not the one who does not eat judge the one who does, for God has received him. Who are you to judge another’s servant? To his own master he stands or falls but he will stand, for God is able to make him stand.

**ALLELUIA:**

Psalm 30: 1, 2  
In you, O Lord, have I hoped; let me never be put to shamed.  
Be my God and protector.

**GOSPEL:**

St. Matthew 6:14-21  
The Lord said, “If you forgive men their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men there offenses, neither will your Father forgive you your offenses. And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, who disfigure their faces in order to appear to men as fasting. Amen I say to you they have had their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not be seen by men to fast, but by your Father, who is in secret; and your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where worm and rodent consume, and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither worm nor rodent consumes, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will be your heart.”

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**Lenten Services**

Monday: Compline St. Joseph 7:00 pm / Pre-sanctified Gregory the Great Academy 5:00 pm

Wednesday: Pre-sanctified St. Joseph 7:00 pm / Gregory the Great Academy 5:00 pm

Friday: Akathist: St. Joseph 7:00 pm / Gregory the Great Academy 5:00 pm
THE FAST OF GREAT LENT
in the Byzantine Tradition
† On weekdays of Great Lent, Monday through Friday, there are restrictions on both the number of meals taken daily and on the types of food permitted; but when a meal is permitted, there is no limitation to the quantity of food that may be eaten.
† On weekdays, fast is broken [the first meal of the day is taken] at/after the noon hour.
† Throughout Great Lent, the fast excludes the eating of meat and meat products, cheese, milk, butter, fish, olive oil, wine and alcoholic beverages.
† On the Feast of Palm Sunday the eating of fish is permitted.
† Olive oil, as well as wine, is permitted on various feastdays (consult the calendar), as well as on Saturdays and Sundays.
† While the above rules of fasting are to be encouraged, in all things the Christian is called to exercise moderation and charity. The elderly and those in poor health, especially, are urged to be prudent. If in doubt, speak with your spiritual father or confessor.

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS
February 22  Kurt and Barbara Creager
February 23  Richard and Elizabeth Bachefski
February 29  Louis Sheffield & Margaret Himmeright
01 March Joseph Zaydon Family
08 March Dorothy Abda
from children and grandchildren
14 March Maria Caterina
15 March Ann Clark
22 March James & Karen Kane
29 March James & Betsy Zaydon

EVENTS IN FEBRUARY
Sunday, February 23rd
FORGIVENESS VESPERS
Ice cream Social
After the Divine Liturgy
Vespers & Ceremony: 11:45 a.m.
Monday, February 24th
GREAT FAST BEGINS
Pre-sanctified D. Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 26th
Pre-sanctified D. Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 28th
Akathist Hymn 7:00 p.m.

EVENTS IN MARCH
Sunday, March 22nd
St. Joseph Breakfast

2020 WEEKLY COLLECTION
February 16
Weekly Offering $ 851.00
Monthly $ 100.00
Intention $ 10.00
Candles $10.00
Total: $ 971.00
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PRAYER INTENTIONS

CLERGY:
Rev. Christopher Manuele, Presbyter

DIVINE SERVICES:
Wednesday:
Compline .................. 7:30 P.M
Saturday:
Great Vespers: .......... 3:15 P.M
Sunday:
Divine Liturgy: ......... 10:00 A.M.

Holy Days:
Eve: Great Vespers: .... 7:00 P.M.
Day: Divine Liturgy ... 5:30 P.M

HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION:
Before Vespers at 3:00 P.M.; following any service; or by appointment.

HOLY ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
Following any service/call the Rectory.

HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING:
Call rectory at earliest convenience.

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL:
Meetings as scheduled.