

MORTGAGE FUND UPDATES, December 20, 2011

Thanks to everyone who answered our appeal, we now have a positive balance in our Mortgage Fund--but we still need a little more to make our next monthly payment of \$5,219.74. If you would like to donate, please see Reader John Schuler in church or telephone him at 346-4350 or e-mail him at rickschuler@verizon.net. Any amount pledged on a regular basis, however large or small, is truly appreciated. If you are unable to make a regular pledge at this time, please still consider making a donation. May God bless you for your generosity!

Mortgage Fund Balance \$4188.30
Fresco Fund Balance \$25,074.37

New January balances!
Mortgage Fund \$8,326.44
Fresco Fund \$26,793.37

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
Keep up the good work, please!

HOW TIME FLIES!

The 2012 Paschal Sale has been set for **Thursday, April 5**. Make a note please also of the dates for the preparation of vareniki and golubtsy.

Vareniki: January 31, and February 7, 21—all Tuesdays.

Golubtsy: Monday, March 5—about 5 people are needed during the day.

Tuesday, March 6—about 10 people are needed at the following times:

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, March 8—about 7 people in the evening.

Everything needs to be completed by Thursday, March 22, for that is when the prepaid order forms are due back: We can then check to be sure that enough of everything has been prepared. Contact Margo Beighey to advise her of your availability: 371-7758 or margo8v@aol.com. Thank you. One of our hierarchs has accurately observed that the Sisterhood is the backbone of the parish.

**That one defeats the passion of anger by always
keeping the humility of Christ in his heart.**

“The passion of anger is based, in particular, on pride; and when it is reinforced, it is impossible to overcome it. If one wishes to demolish and level to the ground this house of iniquity—which the evil one is forever constructing in the soul, gathering and using various excuses for stones, whether reasonable or unreasonable, from among the different events and words that whirl around in our minds, in order to erect the edifice of evil in our souls—let him keep the humility of the Lord in his heart—without forgetting it even for a moment. Let him consider Who the Lord was, what He became for our sake, and from what height of Divine light...to what a depth of human abasement He condescended—moved by His boundless goodness.”

Abba Mark

Spiritual Food for the Garden of our Heart from the
EVERGETINOS

PASTA, BEANS AND TOMATOES

Penne pasta Fresh or canned tomatoes Olive oil (or other oil)
Canned or cooked white beans Garlic Basil

Saute a couple of cloves of chopped garlic in a large, deep skillet over medium heat. Add 2 cups of fresh or canned tomatoes and cook for 5 minutes, or until saucy.

Add 1½ cups canned white beans (or about 1 cup of cooked beans) and heat until bubbly. Add a little more minced garlic, then a pound of cooked penne pasta. Stir to combine.

Add fresh basil and a bit more oil and serve.

“The Law, in its awesome impartiality, gives both the rich and the poor the right to steal bread or sleep under bridges.” Anatole France

**THE DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH ISSUE:
Thursday, February 23**

Submit articles by e-mail or in writing. Thank you for your cooperation.
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A fundamentalist pastor was preaching “fire-and-brimstone”, warning the flock that in hell there would be “weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.” One old lady stood up to object, “But, Reverend, I don’t have any teeth!” The preacher readily retorted, “Fear not: Teeth will be provided!”

(Note: Your editor is probably due for dentures real soon.)

RECOMMENDED BY DR. OZ

Seriously! Dr. Oz said recently on his television show that eating sauerkraut is good for you. Our Sisterhood has some sauerkraut vareniki left from the Taste of Russia. So, get healthy and buy some. (Your editor likes it with sour cream, so easy to chew and eat.) And this is not just any sauerkraut: nope, this kraut has been hand-crafted by Margo Beighey. Hurry!

THOSE LOVELY FLOWERS AT NATIVITY

Our temple was adorned with poinsettias and floral pieces on the icons and around the church. We are grateful for every donation and for the arranging talents of Anzhelika Cherkezova. Please check after next Western Christmas at Lowe’s, Home Depot, and nurseries for poinsettias marked down. Your editor got some for free from his nearby florist, whose son and his family in Alaska converted to Orthodoxy over ten years ago.