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Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Commemoration of St. Paul of Thebes, Egypt (341 A.D.)

No fasting is permitted this week as a reminder that our fasting should not be a source of pride and judging others as it was for the Pharisee in today's Gospel.

Annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11.

Easter candy Yes...it's time to order Easter candy even though we are still enjoying our poinsettias!

Order forms are in the vestibule.
Help send a kid to camp!



In conjunction with our parish meeting on February 11 is our first "Great Chili Cookoff".

Bring in your favorite chili. Following anonymous voting by all of us, a prize will be awarded!

All Souls We pray for all the faithful departed on 5 Saturdays during the Lent and Pascha season. The first of these Saturdays is February 9th.

We gather on Friday evening, February 8 at 6:30 for the Parastas the reading of the names of our loved ones.

Please see the list on the bulletin board and please make any additions or corrections.



*Sts. Cyril & Methodius,
Apostles to the Slavs*

Lenten mission Our annual Lenten mission with the Presanctified Liturgy celebrated by the Mon Valley Orthodox clergy is tentatively set for Wednesday, February 28.

The Lenten Triodion

Today the Orthodox Church begins a season known as “*The Lenten Triodion*” which ends at Holy Pascha. This is also the name of the book (*The Lenten Triodion*) which contains the special hymns and prayers used at Vespers, Matins and the Divine Liturgy during this holy season.

The church prepares us to enter Great Lent with 5 Sundays, each with a different theme. These Sundays serve as an “on ramp” to “get us up to speed” for the Great Fast. Today’s focus is the *Parable of the Publican and Pharisee*, followed next week by the *Prodigal Son*, then the *Sunday of the Last Judgment* and finally *Forgiveness Sunday*.

Bible Study / Adult Education

Our spring Bible Study / Adult Education will meet this year on Friday evenings during Lent beginning on February 23.

Our topic will be: ***The Journey to Pascha***. We will examine the events of Holy Week and learn about the Holy Week worship of our Orthodox Faith.

