Lessons from this experience must be learned! So it is vital that the parish have your cell phone number and email address so that we can reach out to you. Please let us not go through this ever again. Regards,

Archpriest Keith W. Lowe

### **November Perogie Making**

The sisterhood lost hundred of dollars last week-end due to the winter storm in Autumn. The perogie making was effectively shut down soon after the power went out at 09:38 Friday morning of the 16th.

Hundreds of potato balls had to be tossed into the garbage because we could not process them due to spoilage.

So if you didn't get your order that is the reason as why you didn't!

So please order early! Call Kathy to order (724) 312 3783.

At this juncture 105 doz have been ordered. So please get your orders in soon!

## **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the parish will be held following Divine Liturgy, **Sunday, 9 February, 2019**.

### Lenten Services & Beyond

A complete list of our Lenten services for 2019 is being compiled on our web site. The pre-Lenten dinner will be held in this parish.

All services during Great Lent 2019 will be serviced in this parish.

There will be not parish meetings during the month of April, 2019, due to the absence of parish administrator, Fr. Keith W. Lowe, according to the statutes of the OCA.

Following Pascha, 28 April, 2019, Fr. Keith W. Lowe, will be taking holidays and will fly to Australia from JFK airport, NYC on 30 April, 2019. He will resume duties on 25 May, 2019.

The blessing of the graves in 2019 will occur on Pentecost, 16 June, 2019.

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# November 25, 2018

26th Sunday After Pentecost/Leave taking of the Entry to the Theotokos into the Temple 1st Sunday Church Charities/ 2nd Sunday Building Fund

## **Times of Services**

Nov	25	Sun	10:00	AM	Divine Liturgy
Dec	1	Sat	5:30	PM	Vespers
	2	Sun	10:00	AM	Divine Liturgy
	9	Sun	10:00	PM	Divine Liturgy
	15	Sat	5:30	PM	Vespers
	16	Sun	10:00	AM	Divine Liturgy

Dec	23	Sun	10:00 A	M	Divine Liturgy
	24	Mon	5:30 PI	M	Compline & Matins for the Nativity of Christ
	25				Nativity of the Christ
		Tue	10:00 A	M	Divine Liturgy
	30	Sun	10:00 AI	M	Divine Liturgy

#### Poinsettias

Sunday, December 16, 2017, is the cut-off for ordering Poinsettias. Please see Susan, president of the Sisterhood of the Altar. Susan can be contacted on (724) 290 6543.

When ordering please state if it is in memory of or in honour of someone.

# **Pierogi Making Party or Project**

December 12, 13 & 14

Pierogies will be sold on

Friday, 14 December, 2018,

# beginning at noon.

Beginning from 1st January, 2019, the price of pierogies will increase from \$7.50 to \$8.00 / dozen and that there will be discount as was previously.

The Sisterhood of the Altar apologise for any inconvenience caused by the blackout on the week-end of 16 & 17 November, 2018, for being unable to fill orders due to the loss of power.

Please call Kathy at (724) 312 3783 for orders and please do so earlier than later.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

There will be a parish council meeting this Thursday, December 6, 2018, at 6:30 PM

#### **From the Pastor**

Last week-end was not one of the best week-ends that I have ever spent in Lyndora or ever with the black out and then the peculiarities with one person having power but no telephone or television. The church had telephone service after the blackout hit



at 09:38 Friday morning and then on Saturday morning the line went dead. It was a storm that brought down electrical lines and felled trees. It was a storm that disconnected people! It was a storm that we must learn lessons from as a community.

It was a scene where some parishioners did not have electricity until just after 6 PM Sunday evening while others were left in the dark until Wednesday!

It was a storm that made me conscious that we were not prepared for because of all of the different circumstances and eventualities. Once upon a time it was just sufficient to call the local TV channel and be included in church closures for a Sunday that followed a winter storm. But that scenario no longer works today. Since that no longer works we have to think outside of the box as to how we remain connected and in communication. And it is the last word in this paragraph that is so important, communication.

Today people more and people rely on their mobile phones without thought to a black out and how to keep the device charged. Given that and when fewer people have land lines and have modern telephones that must be plugged into a power point to ensure that they work as opposed to those old Mar Bell phones that plugged into a telephone jack and would work under the same conditions.

I noticed when I was searching for a home that the home renovators and smart brains pulled out the old Mar Bell wires and the phone jack and jumped into the "new cellular world"! My response is that the brains behind all of that was a cost saving cosmetic measure that costed!