

Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Bulletin

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HOLY MYSTERIES

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

EMERGENCY CALLS – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

BAPTISMS – Celebrated by appointment.

CROWNING IN MARRIAGE – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

BULLETIN DEADLINE – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – For the Needs of the Parish; 2nd Youth Ministry

March 19, 2023
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of March 19 - 26, 2023
Celebrating our 96th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, March 19 – 3rd Sunday of the Fast – Holy Cross – Tone 7

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

4:00 PM –Vespers – St. Herman of Alaska -

1855 Middletown Road, Glen Mills, PA

Monday, March 20

7:00 AM – Matins

8:00 AM – Butter and Onions (150 Lbs.)

Wednesday, March 22

6:00 PM – Lenten Service – Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Thursday, March 23

10:00 AM – Akathist – Memorial Service (Holy Trinity – Whaleyville, MD)

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy (St. Nicholas – Dover, DE)

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Friday, March 24

7:00 AM – Peeling potatoes

9:00 AM - Presanctified Liturgy

10:00 AM – Making cheese balls

6:00 PM – Making potato balls

Saturday, March 25

7:00 AM – Memorial Service

8:00 AM – Making pyrohy

Sunday, March 26 – 4th Sunday of the Fast – St. John of the Ladder – Tone 8

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

4:00 PM –Vespers – St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church

8210 West Chester Pike, Upper Darby, PA

Third Sunday of the Fast - Veneration of the Cross - Matins: John 21:15-25; Liturgy: Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Mark 8:34-9:1.

Monday - Genesis 8:21-9:7; Proverbs 11:19-12:6; Isaiah 14:232

Tuesday - Genesis 9:8-17; Proverbs 12:8-22; Isaiah 25:1-9

Wednesday - Gene 9:1-10:1; Proverbs 12:23-13:9; Isaiah 26:21-27:9

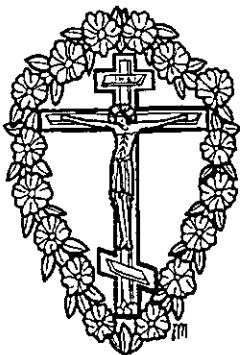
Thursday –Genesis 10: 32-11:9; Proverbs 13:20-14:6; Isaiah 28:14-22

Friday - Genesis 12:1-7; Proverbs 14:15-26; Isaiah 29:13-23

Saturday - Hebrews 6:9-12; Mark 7:31-37; All Souls: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; John 5:24-30

Fourth Sunday of the Fast – St. John of the Ladder – Matins: John 20:11-18; Liturgy: Hebrews 6:13-20; Mark 9:17-31; St. John of the Ladder: Ephesians 5:9-19; Matthew 4:25-5:12

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - ADORATION OF THE CROSS (Mark 8:34-38; 9:1).



This Sunday commemorates the venerable Cross and the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The Cross as such takes on meaning and adoration because of the Crucifixion of Christ upon it. Therefore, whether it be in hymns or prayers, it is understood that the Cross without Christ has no meaning or place in Christianity. The adoration of the Cross in the middle of Great Lent is to remind the faithful in advance of the Crucifixion of Christ. Therefore, the passages from the Bible and the hymnology refer to the Passions, the sufferings, of Jesus Christ: The passages read this day repeat the calling of the Christian by Christ to dedicate his life, for "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me (Christ)" (v. 34-35). This verse clearly

indicates the kind of dedication which is needed by the Christian in three steps: (1) To renounce his arrogance and disobedience to God's Plan, (2) To lift up his personal cross (the difficulties of life) with patience, faith and the full acceptance of the Will of God without complaint that the burden is too heavy; having denied himself and lifted up his cross leads him to the (3) Decision to follow Christ. These three voluntary steps are three links which cannot be separated from each other, because the main power to accomplish

them is the Grace of God, which man always invokes. The Adoration of the Cross is expressed by the faithful through prayer, fasting, almsgiving and the forgiveness of the trespasses of others. On this Sunday the Adoration of the Cross is commemorated with a special service following the Divine Liturgy in which the significance of the Cross is that it leads to the Resurrection of Christ.

THE CROSS: OUR SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

The Great Fast is a lengthy period of prayer, fasting and penance. It is a spiritual struggle that begins with great personal expectations and often ends with feelings of discouragement over what we perceive as a lack of accomplishment on our part.

The Church knows our weaknesses well. On the Third Sunday of the Great Fast, to assist us in our attempt to travel the course of Lent in the proper manner, the Cross is placed before us as a powerful incentive for us to persevere in our quest for a fulfilling celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.

Today, our Holy Orthodox Church encourages us to venerate the Cross of our Lord in a very special way, so that we may be strengthened in spirit. It is significant for us to



note that in the services prescribed for this day, almost no mention of the Cross is made as being an object of suffering and death. Instead, we speak of it today as a symbol of joy, victory and life. One of the hymns from Vespers for this Sunday proclaims: Rejoice, O Life-giving Cross, most beautiful paradise of the Church, the Tree of Immortality which gave us the joy of everlasting life.

It is customary on the Third Sunday of Lent to carry out the Cross in solemn procession and place it on the tetrapod for veneration by the faithful, as we sing: "Come all you nations, let us extol the Cross of the Lord with hymns of praise."

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SUNDAY OF THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

As we celebrate the Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, we stand at the mid-point of the Great Fast. By this time our resolve may be waning, so the Church places into the center of our worship community, the ultimate symbol of love, commitment and sacrifice to re-energize our Lenten journey. The cross is set in our midst to motivate, inspire and give us the grace we need to continue.

"The evil bows before the good, the wicked at the gates of the righteous" (Proverbs 14:19). Evil has been and is a part of the reality of life on this earth. The power of evil in the world has been conquered by Jesus upon the tree of the cross. However each of us must struggle with this concept. God created His people good, yet evil lives in each person because of brokenness. At times there are those urges which seem to control our very desires and needs. Then there are those nasty feelings which one has towards one another. What about those slips of the tongue which we really didn't mean? Does that mean that we therefore are not responsible? Or can something be done?

As one grows in a relationship with God, the various faces and forms of evil become more easily discerned. A growing, living relationship enables one to face the unknown, the fear, the evil within. This relationship is called prayer. Prayer can be words from a book, memorized or recited in a group, yet this is only the first step of the relationship. More advanced prayer is an animated relationship with God where there is mutual acknowledgment, expression, emotionally, spiritually and psychologically. In such a relationship God is a real, living Person! The season of the Great Fast calls us to prayer and intimate prayer with God when one listens and hears. Prayer is as necessary for our lives as breathing.

Like germs of sickness, could it be true that evil when hidden grows in power and strength? Such things as shame, guilt and ignorance provide the same dark atmosphere to grow. The Lord reveals this world to us and its possession of us at times. Sharing in God's power enables us through prayer and fasting, to place the evil outside our world. Only with God's grace can this be identified and cast out as Jesus shows us with the possessed child in Mark: "This kind you can drive out only by prayer and fasting" (Mark 9:29).

FROM VESPERS

Hail! life-giving Cross unconquerable trophy of the true faith, door to Paradise succor of the faithful rampart set about the Church. Through you the curse is utterly destroyed. The power of death is swallowed up, and we are raised from earth to heaven: invincible weapon, adversary of demons, glory of martyrs, true ornament of holy monks, haven of salvation bestowing on the world great mercy.

Come, Adam and Eve, our first father and mother, who fell from the choir on high through the envy of the murderer of man, when of old with bitter pleasure you tasted from the tree in Paradise. See, the Tree of the Cross, revered by all, draw near! Run with haste and embrace it joyfully, and cry to it with faith: O precious Cross, you are our succor partaking of your fruit we have gained incorruption; we are restored once more to Eden, and we have received great mercy.

THE CROSS IS OUR GUIDE

The story is told of a caravan crossing a huge desert. The group had a guide to lead them over the vast terrain. The burning sun seemed beyond endurance. Soon the group's water supply was nearly gone. The people began to see mirages - big palm trees rising in the distance. They started to run towards the trees, but the guide held them back, shouting: "It's only a mirage, it's not real." They obeyed him and continued their journey. But as things got worse, they saw more visions and rushed in the direction of the mirage. Again the guide shouted warnings but they refused to listen, and soon they got lost and perished under the desert sun.

This is a parable of our lives and the place that the Cross should have for us. It is our guide as we journey through life. On the Third Sunday of the Great Fast, the Church places that sacred symbol before us. Let us embrace it as the sign of Christ's love for us.

People often see mirages or visions in life. The grass always looks greener on the other side. We live at a time when it's difficult for people to tell whether they are coming or going, to know which way to live or what to struggle for.

Society presents mirages before us, beckoning us to live its way. Pleasure is one such mirage. The world calls out to all to seek out every form of pleasure, sinful or not. "Do your own thing," it says. The allurements of money, power and fame attract many. Still other mirages are drink and drugs. Thousands get entangled in these and then find that they cannot escape the maze in which they have become lost.

In all these instances, the Cross shouts to us: it is a mirage, don't follow that way or you will get lost and will perish. Our Lord says: "**I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.**" Following Him, following His example of self-denial and sacrifice, we find the right road to our destination here on earth as well as in eternity.

THE PROOF OF FASTING
From the Writings of St. John Chrysostom

Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works.
If you see a poor man, take pity on him.
If you see a friend being honored, do not envy him.
Do not let only your mouth fast, but also the eye and the ear; the feet and the hands; and all the members of our bodies.
Let the hands fast by being free of avarice (greed).
Let the feet fast by ceasing to run after sin.
Let the eyes fast by disciplining them not to glare at that which is sinful.
Let the ears fast. . . by not listening to evil talk and gossip..
Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism.
For what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes but bite and devour our brothers?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to Konstantin Muntyanu, 3/20 & Tijana Beaudean, 3/23. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 19 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur
March 26 - Sandy Cramer
April 2 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik
April 9 - David and Eve Lazaration

DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Mark Andreas or Lorraine Neff for details.

SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH – Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling vents can be avoided.

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD – Monday, April 18 @ 6:30 PM

BAZAAR NEWS

BAKE TABLE NEWS – Kathy Chalfont has volunteered to Chair the Bake Table. There will be a sign up sheet downstairs if you would like to help.

CALLING ALL BAKERS – We need your help to fill the Bake Table. Please plan to make your extraordinary confections!!! Thank you!!

DONATIONS NEEDED – of cases of water, Coke products, and paper towels.

BAZAAR WORK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 27 – 8:00 AM – baking braed

Tuesday, March 28 – 10:00 AM – frying cabbage

Wednesday, March 29 – 10:00 AM – Frying sauerkraut

Thursday, March 30 – 10:00 AM – Making holubtsi

Friday, March 31 – 8:00 AM – Soups

10:00 AM – Setup

2:00 – 5:00 PM – Bake table donations

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

March 26 – Scout Sunday

Saturday, April 1 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 16 – Paskha

Sunday, April 23 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemetery Visitations

Sunday, May 7 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Eagle Scout Ceremony

Saturday, May 13 – 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Eagle Scout Ceremony

Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day Dinner

Sunday, June 18 – Father's Day Dinner

Sunday, July 16 – Patronal Feast Day

Saturday, August 5 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, October 7 – UOL Sponsored Retreat

Saturday, November 4 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 21 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Holly Oak Calvary
Methodist Church 7PM

Sunday, December 10 – UOL Cookie Sale

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 19 - Jean Roeth

March 26 - John Plachuta

April 2 – Andrew Duncan

April 9 - Linda Hnatow

April 16 - Thomas Sulpizi

April 23 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

- Week of March 20 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly
- Week of March 27 - Mark & Laura Andreas
- Week of April 3 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson
- Week of April 10 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus
- Week of April 17 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

- March 19 – Lorraine Neff and John Plachuta
- March 26 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas
- April 2 – Linda Hnatow and Mathew Andreas
- April 9 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff
- April 16 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff
- April 23 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnatow

ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD LENTEN MISSION SCHEDULE

All Services Begin at 4:00 PM

- March 19 – St. Herman of Alaska - 1855 Middletown Road, Glen Mills, PA
- March 26 – St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
8210 West Chester Pike, Upper Darby, PA
- April 2 – St. Michael Orthodox Church
2231 Huntington Drive, Wilmington, DE

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays, 6:00 PM – Lenten Meal to Follow

- Wednesday, March 22 – Holy Rosary Catholic Church
- Wednesday, March 29 – St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

PASKA ORDER FORM – ORDER BY APRIL 2

_____ Small Round (\$8) _____ Large Round (\$10) _____ Butter Lamb (\$5)

Name _____

**Please give to Father Stephen or Kathy Duncan with payment
Paskas will be ready for pickup on Palm Sunday, April 9**

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, father Constantine Christo, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Maria, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Penelope, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Irene Billon, Maria Borowski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Archantula Fanjoy, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, John Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Michael Kapelus, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Beth McKirachan, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Lorraine Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Daphne Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Alexandra Sparco, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook.

“YOU ARE OUR PROTECTION, O PRECIOUS CROSS”

By the grace of God, we have arrived at the Third Sunday of Lent, which is often looked upon as the middle of the Great Fast. We have already endured three weeks of adhering to the severe disciplines our Holy Orthodox Church places upon us during this time. In all honesty, many of us may be experiencing feelings of spiritual fatigue and discouragement as we struggle to keep Lent in a proper and fruitful fashion. Indeed, *“the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

It is significant, then, that the Church places the precious and life-giving Cross before us today. Lest we become overcome by the burdens of Lent, the Church reveals to us on this day the Cross of Christ as a source of inspiration. We are urged to take hope, and to allow the recollection of the suffering and death of our Lord upon the Cross to strengthen us for the remainder of these 40 days of penitence. It has been written that *“The cross is planted in the midst of Lent like the tree of life in the midst of paradise, like the rod of Moses in the midst of the camp of the Israelites, in order that anyone looking upon it may find health, strength and courage to pursue his course.”*

On CROSS-VENERATION SUNDAY, Orthodox Christians are reminded that we have this all-powerful weapon in our constant battle against the forces of darkness. Today, the Cross is raised before us as a symbol of VICTORY and SALVATION. Yes, beyond the suffering that it represents, we are able to see the glory of the Resurrection and the joy of everlasting life when we gaze upon the Cross!

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