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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; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**March 27, 2022**  
**Volume 58: Number 13**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of March 27 – April 3, 2022**  
**Celebrating our 95<sup>th</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

**Sunday, March 27 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast – Holy Cross – Tone 7**

**8:30 AM – Confessions**

**9:15 AM – Hours**

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful**

**Coffee Hour – UOL Soup Sale**

**4:00 PM – Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood Vespers – St. Stephen Cathedral, Philadelphia**

**Monday, March 28**

**8:00 AM – 50 lbs of onions**

**Tuesday, March 29**

**No Bible Study**

**Wednesday, March 30**

**10:00 AM – Making holubtsi**

**6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy (Departed Perpetual)**

**Thursday, March 31**

**10:00 AM – Akathist Our Lady Softener of Evil Hearts (Holy Trinity, Whaleyville, MD)**

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

**Friday, April 1**

**7:00 AM – Lenten Matins**

**7:00 AM – Peeling potatoes**

**6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy (Departed of Parishioners)**

**7:00 PM – Making potato balls**

**Saturday, April 2**

**7:00 AM – Making pyrohy**

Sunday, March 27 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast – St. John Climacus – Tone 8

8:30 AM – Confessions

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4:00 PM – Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood Vespers – Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish – Philadelphia, PA

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Third Sunday of the Fast - Veneration of the Cross - Matins: John 20:1-10; Liturgy: Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Mark 8:34-9:1.

Monday - Genesis 8:21-9:7; Proverbs 11:19-12:6; Isaiah 14:23

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

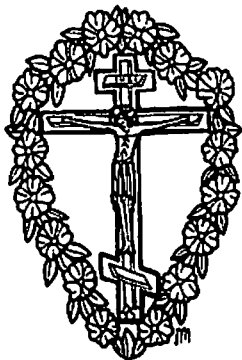
Friday - Genesis 12:1-7; Proverbs 14:15-26; Isaiah 29:13-23

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

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### 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.

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### 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.



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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.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Melanie Walsh, 3/29 & Michael C. Synczyszyn, 4/1. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**SPECIAL THANKS** – words could not express my sincerest thanks to Sandy Cramer, Chairperson, and all who helped with loading the truck this past Friday. I am working on an article with pictures of the event. May God reward you all a hundred fold!

### **CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Week of March 28 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of April 4 – Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of April 11 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of April 18 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of April 25 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of May 2 – John Plachuta and David Lazaration

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

**UOL RETREAT** – April 2, 2022 at the St. Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Road in Bethlehem, PA. The Retreat will focus on Holy Week. Father Anthony Perkins will be the Retreat Master. Registration is \$40 for adults (\$50 after March 22); \$30 for adolescents 13 – 18 (\$40 after March 22); \$20 for children 7-12 (\$30 after March 22) Registration includes breakfast, lunch and snacks. For more information contact Oleh or Natalie Bilynsky at [nsufler@aol.com](mailto:nsufler@aol.com) or call (610) 892-7315. Registration forms are on the coffee hour table.

### **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

March 27 - Linda Hnatow

April 3 - Jean Roeth

April 10 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

April 17 - John Plachuta

April 24 - Andrew Duncan

## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

March 27 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan

April 3 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan

April 10 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

April 17 - Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

April 24 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

May 1 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

May 8 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

## **ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD LENTEN SERVICES 4:00 PM**

March 27 – St. Stephen Cathedral 8598 Veree Road, Philadelphia, PA

April 3 – Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish – 723 N. Bodine St., Philadelphia, PA

April 10 – Holy Assumption Parish 2101 South 28<sup>th</sup> St., Philadelphia, PA

## **TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Saturday, April 9 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 24 – Paskha

Sunday, May 1 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemeteries

Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day

Sunday, June 19 – Father's Day

Sunday, June 19 – Graduate Sunday

Sunday, July 17 – Patronal Dinner

Saturday, August 6 – UOL Flea Market

Sunday, August 14 – Dormition Fast Begins

Saturday, September 24 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Troop #70 (Tentative)

October 12 – 15 – UOC Sobor

Saturday, November 5 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 22 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Sts. Peter & Paul)

Sunday, December 18 – UOL Cookie Sale

**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 events may not occur.



**GETTING READY FOR THE TAKE-OUT BAZAAR – WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO!!! Please come and help:**

Monday, March 28 – 50 lbs of Butter and onions

Wednesday, March 30 – making holubtsi

Thursday, March 31 – making holubtsi (if needed)

Saturday, April 2 – Making pyrohy

Monday, April 4 – Frying Sauerkraut

Tuesday, April 5 – frying cabbage

Wednesday, April 6 – Making soups

Friday, April 8 – Packing

Saturday, April 9 – Spring Take-out Bazaar – Need help at the serving table  
Need help for cleanup

**DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON?** – Did you know that if you would get on Smile Amazon and choose our Parish as your beneficiary that Amazon would donate a percentage of your purchase to us? Search on Orthodox Wilmington and choose SS Peter & Paul Ukrainiaan (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

**WHEAT FIELDS OF UKRAINE** – by artist Andrew Duncan is on display in the vestibule of the Church. The prints which are 11 X 14 will be available for a donation of \$50.00 which will be donated to the Humanitarian Relief Fund for Ukraine. There is a rich symbolism involved with the print: the gold and the blue is obvious, the red is for the blood of the soldiers defending Ukraine, three clouds in the sky represent the Holy Trinity, white is for hope, the wheat is hard and prickly representing the hardness of the people after eight days of war, green is for the broken peace, black and dark brown is for the cheap oil to Europe which mixes with the blood. There is also a suggestion of a heart in the clouds. You can see Andy after Church or get onto his web site: [andrewduncanartist.com](http://andrewduncanartist.com) to order prints. Thanks for your support.

**GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

March 27 - John and Sandy Cramer

April 3 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

April 10 - David and Eve Lazaration

April 17 - Zina Twardus

**IOCC RELIEF KITS** – Our UOL is collecting items for the International Orthodox Christian Charities to provide relief in disaster areas. Beginning today, you can either donate a complete kit or any of the items so that we can make a kit. The items are: A one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure and fill it with the following items: One cotton hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or microfiber); One cotton washcloth (no microfiber); One wide-tooth comb removed from the package; One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package; One bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper; One toothbrush in the package; Ten standard size Band-Aids. The IOCC has boots on the ground in any natural disaster any where in the world. Please help us to complete these kits to help them help others. Thank you.

**RULES FOR ATENDING SERVICES BY OUR SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** Those who have **not been vaccinated** must voluntarily wear masks at liturgy or other parish family events. Those who **have been vaccinated** but have been part of any gathering of people – indoors or outdoors – which includes individuals whose vaccination status is unknown to them should voluntarily wear masks during liturgy or other parish family events.

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**PASKA ORDER FORM – ORDER BY April 10**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Small Round (\$8)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Large Round (\$10)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Butter Lamb (\$3)**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please give to Father Stephen or Kathy Duncan with payment  
Paskas will be ready for pickup on Palm Sunday, April 17**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL –** Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Maria Borowski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Larry Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, 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, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Elizabeth Kaliakin, Rosalie Ann Kane, Michael Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, 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, Paul Markow, Frederick McCarthy, Victor Melnychenko, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Lorraine Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Ivan Otamas, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Janylyn Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Daphne Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley & James Zook.

## THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

**O**ur focus on the Third Sunday of Great Lent is the CROSS, the greatest of Christian symbols. After being brought out in solemn procession today, the Cross will remain in the center of Orthodox churches everywhere, calling us to remember that we must all “take up our cross” and follow Christ if we are to attain salvation.

A popular place to visit on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem is the CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE. It was built by the Emperor Constantine in 335 A.D. as a means of enshrining the tomb of Jesus. Little emphasis was placed upon the spot of His Crucifixion, with a simple cross marking this sacred site. In the 12th century, the Crusaders fully integrated Calvary into the general structure of the reconstructed Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

The hill of Calvary is a perfect example of the “SACRED MOUNTAIN”: the meeting of the three cosmic levels of the universe, namely, HEAVEN, EARTH and the UNDERWORLD. On the summit of Calvary, heaven and earth meet in the crucified Christ. The Divine Life which came from above was not intended to stop at this summit, but to descend the axis to its very depths. The form taken for this was the Living Blood of Christ, which, after being shed on the Cross, seeped down through the earthquaked-opened cracks in the rocks. It brought salvation and life to those lost in the darkness of the world below.

The Cross is an everlasting reminder to us of the sacrifice made by Christ for our sake. Through the Cross, our Saviour has redeemed us!

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