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Archbishop of Thessalonika

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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 24, 2019**  
**Volume 55: Number 12**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of March 24 - 31, 2019**

**Celebrating our 92<sup>nd</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

Sunday, March 24 – 2nd Sunday of the Fast – St. Gregory Palamas - Tone 2

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

4:00 PM – Vespers – Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish (Romanian) – Elkins Park, PA

Monday, March 25

7:00 AM – Matins

6:30 PM – Akathist to Our Lady, Softener of Evil Hearts

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Tuesday, March 26

7:00 AM – Matins

9:30 AM – Baking Nut Rolls

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 AM – Matins

6:00 PM – Community Lenetn Service – St. Joseph on the Brandywine

Thursday, March 28

7:00 AM – Matins

10:00 AM – Baking Pound Cakes

6:00 PM – Making cheese Balls

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Friday, March 29

7:00 AM – Matins

7:00 AM – making sauerkraut and cheese pyrohy

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 30 – All Souls Saturday

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

10:30 AM – UOL Meeting (continental breakfast)

Sunday, March 31 – 3rd Sunday of the Fast – Holy Cross - Tone 3

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhida: +Basil Hlywiak (25 Yr. An.); +Anthony Serednicki (21 Yr. An.)  
& +Paul Hambiski (57 Yr. An.) – Nancy Hlywiak

Coffee Hour

4:00 PM – Vespers – St. George (Antiochian) – Upper Darby, PA

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Fast – Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy: Hebrews 1:10–2:3; Mark 2:1-12  
To St. Gregory: Hebrews 7:26 - 8:2; John 10:9-16

Monday – Sixth Hour: Isaiah 8:13-9:7; Vespers: Genesis 6:9-22; Proverbs 8:1-21

Tuesday - Sixth Hour: Isaiah 9:9-10:4; Vespers: Genesis 7:1-5; Proverbs 8:32-9:11.

Wednesday - Sixth Hour: Isaiah 10:12-20; Vespers: Genesis 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18.

Thursday - Sixth Hour: Isaiah 11:10-12:2; Vespers: Genesis 7:11-8:3; Proverbs 10:1-22.

Friday - Sixth Hour: Isaiah 13:2-13; Vespers: Genesis 8:4-21; Proverbs 10:31-11:12.

Saturday - Hebrews 10:32-38; Mark 2:14-17; for the Departed: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17;  
John 5:24-30.

Third Sunday of the Fast - Veneration of the Cross - Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy:  
Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Mark 8:34-9:1.

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### Second Sunday of the Great Fast



With the relief of modern medicines and the sophisticated techniques of surgery, we are finding it all the more difficult to realize and accept the fact that illness and disease in the world is a result of our sinful nature. If we don't think that there is a connection between sin and suffering, we can reflect on our own pattern of life and try to remember when was the last time we went to Confession and Communion before a scheduled hospital stay, or before we went out to face the tension of a job interview, or before we made an important decision in our life? We all desire as many graces as possible during final exams, but did we receive Confession and Communion before the semester started? Our Israelite ancestors clearly explained it to us with the creation account in the

Book of Genesis which is handed down to us. God created us with the free will to love Him and He created the world and the Universe for us to respect and enjoy. However, people soon began to turn away from God. They began to lose their cautious respectfulness of the world and their enjoyment of Creation was taken over by misery, despair and tiredness.

Sinning is the act of turning away from God and His ways; trying to do things on our own. When we sin or turn away from God, we turn away from our source of strength and life. We become weak and paralysis takes over; not only physically and mentally, but worse yet, spiritually. However, this sinful character of mankind is something which we all share in common and so it takes a group effort to bring ourselves and one another back to the Source of life. But we must remember that we each have to do our own fair share of the effort. And our fair share means using the full power which God has given us.

The men who carried the mat of their friend in the Gospel share the burden of his paralyzed life. They not only brought him to the building where Christ was present, but they also shared his faith and made every effort to bring him directly into the presence of Christ. Great things can be accomplished through faith and if we want to come closer to God and follow His ways bad enough, we can find ways to do so. Jesus saw that they had a sincere faith and desire to become well again and so the first thing he did was to get to the root of the problem and forgive his sins to heal that gap between the man and God. After his sins were forgiven and a new life was given to the paralytic. Christ told him to pick up his mat and go home; to return to his family and friends, show them what God had done for him, and live the new life which he had received.

Perhaps in our own lives we may have fallen into the bad habit of leaving the confessional feeling like we just left a car wash with our old car all cleaned and polished. This is wrong. Rather than leaving like an old car, cleaned and polished, we should leave as if we received a completely brand new car which has never been driven before.

Through the forgiveness of our sins we receive a completely brand new life. All past suffering and anguish should be forgotten and, through Communion, We receive the strength to face future burdens and Christian tests of courage and faith.

## **Second Sunday of Lent**

One of the themes presented in today's gospel is a lesson in faith. The gospel tells how four men carried a man suffering from palsy to Jesus, and when they were prevented from getting to Him, they made an opening in the roof over where Jesus was preaching. Jesus was moved by this display of faith in Him but did not immediately cure the man of his physical infirmity. First Christ forgave him his sins because he was also diseased by the spiritual sickness of sin.

The gospel, through the lesson of this sick man's faith, teaches that faith is belief in a person. It is meeting and seeing God who accepts us for what we are; loves us for what we are; and invites us to friendship and sonship with Him. Through the eyes of faith, we see God as more than a schedule of rules, more than a spiritual "Excedrin" for your troubles. We see Him as the all-providing Father who loves us. Faith is our response to His call of love.

The beginning of our faith was implanted in our souls as a totally free gift from God. But it is up to us to nurture this seed of faith and help its roots to deepen and grow. How can we do this? When we see the beauty of created things, the talents and goodness in the people God has created, we should realize that all this is but a faint reflection of the beauty and goodness of the person of God.

We can learn about God by reading the Bible, the book He wrote for us Himself through inspired men. Look at what Jesus has told us about His Father in the New Testament! He tells us His Father is like a good shepherd, like a man who has a prodigal son, like a sower sowing the seed of eternal life, like a fisherman casting His net into the sea of men's lives.

We can learn about God through the liturgy. Power went out from Christ in those beautiful gospel stories recounted for us throughout the year. A woman in one of those stories just touched the cloak. Christ was wearing, and she was cured!

In today's gospel story we heard how He healed a man sick not only from physical palsy but also from the spiritual palsy of sin. Other stories tell how the word of Christ touched hearts and converted people. We hear that same word of God Sunday after Sunday in the epistle, gospel and sermon. Has that Word ever really meant much to you? If it has not really affected you, something may be wrong with your reception which required careful attention.

As our ears listen to the word of God and our hands touch the Church, something in the deepest core of our person comes into play, namely the conviction that it is good to

believe. Together with faith go hope and love: hope that what we believe will one day be realized and actualized in love. Our faith is a task because even though we acknowledge the revelation given us by God, we have to make that truth a living concrete reality which we believe profoundly without seeing and without feeling. It is a leap in the dark which must be taken again and again; it is a lowering of our selves before the Providence of God just as the man sick with palsy had himself lowered before Christ because He believed in Him.

When we are almost overwhelmed by the seduction of a temptation, it is a leap in the dark to make our faith a reality and to say no. On a day of bad weather on the road, arguments at work or school, quarrels at home, it is an act of dedication to believe in the Holy Spirit and in the potential goodness of other and yourself. When one is almost suffocated by suffering, it is an act of great faith to bring home to yourself God's faithfulness and the meaning which Jesus gave to suffering.

Faith is a very positive power at work for you. Take that leap in the dark, which faith is, realizing that it will carry you out of yourself and into the realm where you belong, heaven.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Ian Kaliakin, 3/26. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**UOL LENTEN SOUPS** – will be available for purchase from March 17 – April 21. A list of the soups will be announced. Soups are sold at \$8.00 per quart. Order yours today!

### **MEETINGS - MINISTRIES**

**UOL GENRAL MEETING** – Saturday, March 30 @10:30 AM – Continental Breakfast

**PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, April 2 @ 6:30 PM

**BREADS IN THE FREEZER** – Special price: \$4.00. See Kathy!

**WE ARE COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE CLAYMONT CIVIC CENTER** – For Easter. We are collecting turkeys, hams, non-perishable foods to help supply Easter Dinners for those less fortunate than us. Please help!

**THE POWER OF PRAYER** – Please remember your daily prayer for our country. Today, we begin Day 9.

**DUE TO A SCHEDULE CONFLICT** – The Icon of Our Lady of Taylor, PA will visit our Parish on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. More later.

**TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

March 24 – Linda Hnatow and Lorraine Neff

March 31 – Linda Hntaow and Lorraine Neff

April 7 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

April 14 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

April 21 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

April 28 - Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

May 5 – Lorraine Neff and Victor Kaliakin

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**PASKA ORDER FORM – ORDER BY April 14**

\_\_\_\_\_ Small Round (\$7) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 21**

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**GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

March 24 - David & Eve Lazaration

March 31 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

April 7 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

April 14 - John and Sandy Cramer

**GOOD FRIDAY – PASKA SIGN UP SHEET** – Will soon be in the back of the Church. We shall have a few extra hours to fill since I shall be celebrating Paska with Holy Trinity Parish in Whaleyville, MD on Holy Saturday at 4:00 PM. Please make plans to give up an hour to be at the Tomb of Our Lord!!



## **READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

March 24 - Jean Roeth

March 31 - Thomas Kasprzak

April 7 - John Plachta

April 14 - Irene Maskaly

April 21 - Andrew Duncan

April 28 - Jean Roeth

May 5 - Linda Hnatow

May 12 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

**DONATIONS FOR THE BAZAAR** – of Coke products and water as well as Bounty (Paper Towels) and Bathroom tissue will be graciously accepted.

## **99<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE**

**6:00 PM Service – Light Lenten Supper to Follow**

**ALL SERVICES ARE ON WEDNESDAYS**

March 27 – St. Joseph on the Brandywine RC Church 10 Old Church Road, Wilmington

April 3 – St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church 801 Lea Boulevard, Wilmington

April 10 - Chester-Bethel United Methodist Church 2619 Foulk Road, Wilmington

**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 Ukrainian (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

## **ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD LENTEN MISSIONS**

**(All Services Begin at 4:00 PM)**

March 24 – Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish (Romanian) – Elkins Park, PA

March 31 – St. George (Antiochian) – Upper Darby, PA

April 7 – Holy Assumption (OCA) – Philadelphia, PA

April 14 – Mother of God Church (Georgian) 412 Philmont Ave., Feasterville, PA

**UOL ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT** – focusing on the Ladder of Divine Ascent: Our Spiritual Journey One Step at a Time, April 13, 2019. Speakers: His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory & Fr. Anthony Perkins. St. Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridal Path Road, Bethlehem, PA. Registration: \$45 (\$10 Late Fee), Adolescents \$25 (\$10 Late Fee) children under 12 \$7 which includes breakfast, lunch and supper. For more info call Oleh or Natalie @ (610) 892-7315.

**GETTING READY FOR THE SPRING BAZAAR** – we have much to prepare for with the number of people we had at the last Bazaar. Here is the schedule of work parties that are scheduled so far:

Making nut rolls, Tuesday, March 26 @ 9:30 AM

Making pound cakes – Thursday, March 28 @ 10:00 AM

Making sauerkraut and cheese pyrohy – Friday, March 29 -7:00 AM

### **DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS FOR PASCHA**

We shall be taking donations to help pay for the flowers that we order to decorate the Tomb for Good Friday and the Church for Pascha. You can donate in memory of a loved one or for the health of a loved one(s). If you are interested, please see Linda Hnatow. Thank you!

#### **Tentative 2019 Schedule**

Saturday, April 13 – Spring Bazaar

Sunday, April 28 – Pascha

Sunday, May 5 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemeteries

Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day Dinner

Saturday, June 15 – Visit by Weeping Icon from Taylor, PA

Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day Dinner

Monday, June 24 – First Day of the Apostle's Fast

Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Feast Dinner

Monday, July 15 – 19 – Summer Camp

Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market

Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)

Sunday, December 15 – UOL Cookie Sale

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

Week of March 25 - John Cramer, Victor Melnychenko & Joseph Thurstlic

Week of April 1 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of April 8 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

Week of April 15 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of April 22 – Dawn Daniels, David Duncan & Kathy Duncan

Week of April 29 – John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of May 6 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Nestor Kowal, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Krystyna, Julian, Madison, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Mary Berbick, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Betty Bosland, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Mary Crystal, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, David Duncan, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Stephen Farrell, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Mary Eleanor Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Betty Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Josephine Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Paul Markow, Natalia McDonough, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Lynn Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Fred Royer, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Dana Sargent, Charles Scully, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczszyn, Wasyl Szeremeta, Tatiana Szweg, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Anna Tur, Charles Tyrawsky, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, John Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

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## ENLIGHTEN MY DARKNESS

**T**he Saints of the Church, as a rule, did not live easy lives. Their faith was constantly put to the test. Stumbling blocks were always thrust before them. How often their only consolation must have been the words of our blessed Saviour: **"If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me first!"**

ST. GREGORY PALAMAS certainly fits into the category of saints who were **"tried and tested."** At an early age, he entered a monastery on Mt. Athos, where he would have been content to live a contemplative life for the course of his days. But the Lord had other plans for Gregory! He was directed to leave his beloved Mt. Athos to oversee other monasteries. Later, he was given the position of Bishop of Thessalonika. Gregory found that the world outside the monastery was often cruel. Several times he was imprisoned by the Turks. Once he was accused of heresy and imprisoned for four years by his own people. Still, his faith sustained him and ultimately allowed him to prevail.

Gregory strove for spiritual excellence through constant prayer, emphasizing the necessity of making a concentrated effort to come closer to God in one's own heart. **"Enlighten my darkness"** became his continuous meditation, maintaining that all man really needs in life is to have his eyes opened to the will of God.

While his teachings were sometimes difficult to understand, our Church honors St. Gregory Palamas as one of her saints. His spiritual views strengthened and sustained monasticism in the Church at a time when its impact on society was declining. For this we give thanks.