

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!  
Слава на вики!

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## 10 February 2013: Forgiveness Sunday

~ The Holy Martyr Charalampas ~

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb. 09	<b>5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil</b> + Helen Krynicky requested by Edmund & Mary Ann Davis
Sun. Feb. 10	<b>10:30 AM: Sunday of Cheesefare: pro populo</b> <b>4:00 PM: Forgiveness Vespers</b>
Mon. Feb. 11	<b>7:00 PM: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b> + Robert Hulyk requested by Marge Hulyk & Family
Wed. Feb. 13	<b>7:00 PM: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b> + George & Agnes Rusinko requested by Michael & Aimée Kakos
Sat. Feb. 16	<b>5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil</b> + Anthony Giacobbi requested by David Barlock
Sun. Feb. 17	<b>10:30 AM: First Sunday of the Great Fast: pro populo</b>

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>		
Sat. Feb. 09	M. Mihalko	D. Cholock	J. Kontir, R. Garber		
Sun. Feb. 10	D. Cianciotti	L. Cianciotti	W. Furwa, J. Overdorff		
Mon. Feb. 11	Any Present	M. Hulyk	-----		
Wed. Feb. 13	Any Present	Any Present	-----		
Sat. Feb. 16	M. Mihalko	J. Kontir	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko		
Sun. Feb. 17	E. & R. Hess	S. Vacha	J. & B. Knouse		

**Collection: 02/03/13:** Adult \$680; Candles \$42; Student \$12; Holy Day \$75; Fuel \$5; Special Donation \$1000; **Total: \$1814.00.**

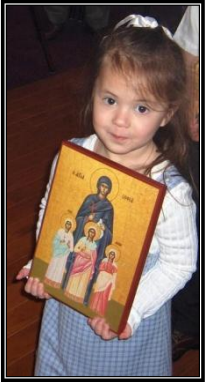


The holy, glorious Martyr **Charalampas** – Άγιος Χαράλαμπος / **Joyful Light** – lived at the time of the Emperor Septimus Severus (*anno Domini* 194-211) in the city of Magnesia on the River Meander near Ephesus. He was 107 years old and had ministered as a priest to the Christians of the city for many years, devotedly instructing them in the way of truth and preaching Christ to all, regardless of the threats of the pagans. The saint's skull is kept at the Monastery of Saint Stephen at Meteora. Many miracles are traditionally attributed to the fragments of his relics, which are to be found in many places in Greece and elsewhere.

The miracles have made this saint, considered the most aged of all the martyrs, especially dear to the people of Greece.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST, 17 February:** originally, the prophets Moses, Aaron, and Samuel were commemorated on this Sunday. The Alleluia verses appointed for the Liturgy reflect this older usage. «*Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel was among those who called upon His Name. They called upon the Lord and He answered them.*»

**THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY, 17 FEBRUARY** marks the celebration of the victory of the **iconodules** (*servers of icons*) over the **iconoclasts** (*destroyers of icons*) by the decision of the **Seventh Ecumenical Council**. As Byzantine Catholics we commemorate the restoration of icons for use in our divine services and in our private devotional life at home. It is a devout custom in many of our Churches to bless new icons and to have a procession. This year I would like to invite **all parishioners regardless of age** (1) to bring to the Divine Liturgy any icons that they may have recently acquired in order to have them blessed; (2) to bring an icon of their **patron saint** or of the **Pokrov** to carry in procession around the church. All children especially are encouraged to take part in this beautiful and pious custom.



### The meaning of the Great Fast:

The ardent **desire** of Zacchæus!  
The great **humility** of the Publican!  
The **self-awareness** of the Prodigal Son!  
**Love** for the hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick, prisoners!  
**Forgiveness** of others!



~ Announcements ~

- *The First All Souls' Liturgy will be rescheduled at a future date.*
- **FYI: The Archeparchy of Pittsburgh has a new web site !** Check it out for some interesting reading. <http://www.archpitt.org>.
- **Thank you** to **Karen Janos & Marlene Spirko** for donating baked goods to our Friday Bingo.
- **Thank you** to Dan Mihalko who has generously given to the church a copy of Paul Roberts Magocsi's book entitled **Our People, Carpatho-Rusyns and Their Descendants in North America**. Anyone interested in borrowing this book should see Father.
- The two part **PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM** offered by the Archeparchy is on **Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>** at our Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist. See Father for the registration form.

To be considered a Catholic in good standing, one...

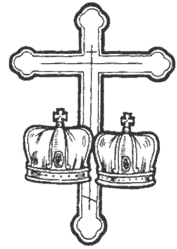
...is registered in a parish.

...regularly attends Divine Liturgy and holy days; observes the fasts.

...is active in the social ministry of the parish.

...supports the Church monetarily according to his or her means.

**...if married, celebrated a valid Catholic marriage.**



If a marriage takes place outside of the Catholic Church without duly granted permission / dispensation, the Catholic spouse incurs the following “irregularities” or restrictions:

- **one may not receive Holy Communion,**
- **one may not serve as a sponsor for Baptism, Chrismation, or Marriage.**

It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that one speak with the parish priest well in advance so that proper permissions / dispensations may be requested and that the above consequences may be avoided!