

Glory to Jesus Christ!
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Glory Forever!
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24 February 2013: Second Sunday of the Great Fast
~ First and Second Finding of the Head of John the Baptist ~

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb. 23	9:30 AM: Second All Souls' Liturgy 5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil <i>+ Mark Simko requested by Helen I. Troyan & Family</i>
Sun. Feb. 24	10:30 AM: Second Sunday of the Great Fast: pro populo
Wed. Feb. 27	7:00 PM: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts <i>+ George Stephen Rusinko requested by Michael & Aimee Kakos</i>
Sat. Mar. 02	9:30 AM: Third All Souls' Liturgy 5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil <i>+ Cody A. Fullman requested by Marge Hulyk</i>
Sun. Mar. 03	10:30 AM: Third Sunday of the Great Fast: pro populo

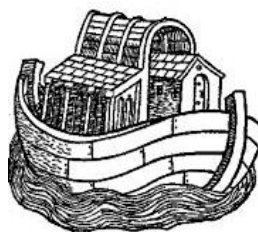
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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>		
Sat. Feb. 23	M. Mihalko	L. Knouse	J. Kontir, R. Garber		
Sun. Feb. 24	D. Cianciotti	B. Chirdon	C. & D. Cianciotti		
Wed. Feb. 27	Any Present	L. Knouse	-----		
Sat. Mar. 02	M. Mihalko	D. Cholock	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko		
Sun. Mar. 03	E. & R. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, G. Krynicky		

Collection: 02/17/13: Adult 518; Candles \$35; Student \$11; Lenten Offering \$170; Maintenance \$25; **Total: \$759.00.**



Historical Note: Saint Polycarp was the saint specially commemorated on the Second Sunday of the Great Fast before Gregory Palamas who lived from *anno Domini* 1269 – 1359. Gregory was canonized by Patriarch Philotheus and the synod held in Constantinople in 1368. The main point of “Palamism” is the distinction between the **divine essence**, inaccessible to men, and the **divine «energies»**, which are uncreated but are accessible to human vision [as at the Transfiguration, at the death of Saint Benedict]. The vision of ‘uncreated light’ – a divine energy – held a great place in the doctrines of the Byzantine mystics called «hesychasts». **Because of the feast of the Baptist today, the memory of St Gregory is transferred.**

Third Week of the Great Fast: during this coming week, we read the story of the Great Flood and the salvation of Noah in the ark (Genesis chapters 6 – 9). This is a foreshadowing of our baptism, by which we are saved from sin by the mystery of water, a sign of death to sin and life in God.



Kontakion, Tone 6: In your anger, Christ our God, during the days of Noah, You submerged the ocean of sins by your power. In these last days, You renew the world by baptism, and in the days to come, You will purify the earth by fire. Save us from anger in your love for us, O Redeemer of all.

Lamech named his son Noah, which means “*to give rest*”. Noah is a key ancestor in Saint Luke’s genealogy of Christ and is a type of Christ, Who said: «Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and *I will give you rest.*»

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«As we begin the third week of this holy Fast, O faithful, let us praise the Holy trinity. Let us spend the rest of the time filled with joy, and let the passions of our flesh fade away. Let us gather the divine flowers of our souls and weave a crown for that Sunday, the king of days. With crowns upon our heads, we shall praise the victory of Christ.»



~ Announcements ~

- **Thank you** to **Susan Vacha, Allyson Dinsmore, and Julie Gonofsky** for donating baked goods to our Friday Bingo.
- **Thank you also to:**
 - 1) *Dorothy and Tina Osif for cleaning the chandelier in church;*
 - 2) *Tom Shultz for tooling the staves for the new processional lanterns;*
 - 3) *Jim Fullman who is renovating the tomb for the holy Плаццануца.*

Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe: A special collection will be taken on **March 2 - 3** to aid our sister churches in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports pastoral, educational, and construction projects in



the previously mentioned areas along with Central Asia formerly under Soviet control. “Restoring the Church, Building the Future” is this year’s theme. It will focus on strengthening Catholic education and intellectual life, seminary formation, and the development of new leaders. Place your contribution in one of your **Special Offering envelopes** or any envelope and mark it **with your name and envelope number**, then place it in the collection basket.

- ***Notate bene:*** Given the unpredictability of winter weather, it is understandable that attendance may be down at any given Liturgy. Caution is urged when venturing out onto the snow-covered and icy roads. There is still, however, a great need for your offertory envelopes to be turned in as soon as possible as our bills still come on time. Mailing your envelopes to the rectory is always an option.



Birthday Blessings to Parishioners Born in March

02—Jim Kontir

09—Shane Kontir

09—Kathy DeFlorio

10—Greg Semensky

15—Sarah Hulyk Maxwell



19—Bozhena Regalla

22—Edward Boytim

25—Jerry Chirdon

30—Aimee Kakos

31—Renie Reagan