

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
Слава на вьку!

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2 March 2014: Forgiveness Sunday ~ Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Eden
The Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrene.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Mar.	01	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil + <i>William Lipko requested by Brother Steve, Daughter Julie & Grandchildren Logan & Jade</i> <i>40th day Memorial: Michael Brehun – Panachida w/ Kólylva</i>
Sun.	Mar.	02	10:30 AM: Forgiveness Sunday : pro populo <i>First Year Memorial: Robert Spirko, Sr. – Panachida w/ Kólylva</i> 12:00 Meager Meal followed at 12:45 PM w/ Forgiveness Vespers.
Wed.	Mar.	05	7:00 PM: The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts <i>+ Michael Osif, Jr. requested by James & Brittney Knouse</i>
Sat.	Mar.	08	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil <i>+ Frank Adzima requested by sister Marge & Family</i>
Sun.	Mar.	09	10:30 AM: Sunday of Orthodoxy: pro populo

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat.	Mar. 01	M. Mihalko	L. Knouse	D. Mihalko, J. Kontir
Sun.	Mar. 02 AM	E. & R. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, R. Garber
Sun.	Mar. 02 PM	Any Present	-----	-----
Wed.	Mar. 05	Any Present	TBA	-----
Sat.	Mar. 08	M. Mihalko	D. Cholock	R. Garber, J. Snitzer
Sun.	Mar. 09	-----	S. Vacha	G. Krynicky, J. Overdorff

02/23/14 Collection: Adult \$831; Student \$09; Fuel Oil \$230;
Candles \$60; Maintenance \$10; Eastern Europe \$ 30; **Total: \$1170.00**

✠ **READINESS TO FORGIVE. CHRYSOSTOM:** Nothing makes us so like God as our readiness to forgive the wicked and wrongdoer. For it is God Who has made “the sun to shine on the evil and on the good.” For this same reason again in every one of the clauses Jesus commands us to make our prayers together in one voice, saying, “Our Father,” and “Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven,” and “give us the bread, and forgive us our debts,” and “lead us not into temptation,” and “deliver us.” So everywhere He is teaching us to use this plural word that we may not retain so much as a vestige of resentment against our neighbor. How great a reproof then must they deserve, who, after all this, still do not forgive and even ask God’s vengeance on their enemies. In doing so they diametrically transgress this command. Meanwhile Christ is seeking in every way possible to hinder our

conflicts with one another. For since love is the root of all that is good, by removing from all quarters whatever mars it He brings us together and cements us to each other. For there is not one, not a single one, whether father or mother or friend, who loves us as much as the God Who created us. THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, HOMILY 19.7.

Why is the plural “our” preferred to the singular “my”? We are more like God in the act of forgiveness than at any other moment. To forgive is to be like God. His forgiving act is toward us in the plural, all humanity. Hence we are to forgive all who are indebted to us, as we have all been forgiven our indebtedness.

Next Sunday’s Readings:
Epistle, Hebrews 11:24-26.32-12:2 Faith
Gospel, John 1:43-51 The Calling of Philip and Nathanael

CLEAN MONDAY – March 3 is a day of strict abstinence as prescribed by our Metropolia. **MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS ARE NOT PERMITTED.** One is also to abstain from meat on Wednesdays AND Fridays during the Great Fast. This is the minimum required of us. Those who wish to follow the more traditional Orthodox fast may do so, but first seek advice from Father.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST marks the change from the Anaphora of St John Chrysostom to that of St Basil the Great in the celebration of the Divine Eucharist. The Anaphora of St Basil is much older than either the Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom or the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. During the Great Fast, the Anaphora of Saint Basil is used on all Sundays, except Palm Sunday, and on Great and Holy Thursday and Saturday.

THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY: As Byzantine Catholics we commemorate the restoration of icons for use in our churches and in our private devotional life at home – the domestic church. All are encouraged to bring to the Liturgy any icons they may have recently acquired to have them blessed; to bring an icon of their patron saint or of the Pokrov to carry in procession around the church. All children are encouraged to take part in this beautiful and pious custom.

~ Announcements ~

- **Sincere Thanks to: Mary Ann Kontir, Nancy Shultz, Susan Vacha, Joanne Krynicky, Annie Stroz, and Karen Janos** for providing baked goods for our Friday bingo.
- **Seven New Communion Cloths** have recently been purchased for the parish thanks to a generous donation by **Tina Osif** who also volunteers her time to wash and iron these sacred linens. Thank you Tina – спасибо большое!
- **Ukrainian Pysanka / Easter Egg Workshop: 5 April, Saturday,** Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Carnegie, PA. **48th Annual Ukrainian Pysanka Sale: 13 April, Sunday,** Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Carnegie, PA. See posters in the Narthex for more information.

- **During the Great Fast a special collection is always taken up by the Archeparchy to aid our sister churches in need in Eastern Europe.** Some of you may have already donated since there was a specially marked envelope for this collection in your box 2 weeks ago. If you have not submitted your donation, there is still time to do so. Either use the specially marked envelope or just use one of the extras from the back of the box labeling it «**Eastern Europe.**»
- **HEATING OIL:** to date the extreme winter has required us to use **4416 gallons** of heating oil, w/ a cost of **\$16,025** to the parish. Any spare change lying around the house would be greatly appreciated to build up sufficient funds to continue buying oil for what promises to be a drawn out winter. Thank you!



~ March Birthdays ~

We wish the following parishioners many spiritual blessings on their birthday and many happy years! Mnohaja L'ita!



02—Jim Kontir
 09—Shane Kontir
 09—Kathy DeFlorio
 10—Greg Semensky
 19—Bozhena Regalla



22—Edward Boytim
 25—Jerry Chirdon
 30—Aimee Kakos
 31—Renie Reagan