

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!  
Слава на виви!

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### 3 March 2013: Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross

~ The Holy Martyr Eutropius and His Companions, Cleonicus and Basiliscus ~

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Mar. 02 10:30 AM: Funeral Divine Liturgy of Robert Spirko, Sr.

5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil

+ Cody A. Fullman requested by Marge Hulyk

Sun. Mar. 03 10:30 AM: Third Sunday of the Great Fast: pro populo

Wed. Mar. 06 7:00 PM: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

+Anthony Giacobbi requested by Mary Kathrine Ross

Sat. Mar. 09 9:30 AM: Third All Souls' Liturgy (Rescheduled)

5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil

+Daniel Furwa requested by Jim & Donna Fullman

Sun. Mar. 10 10:30 AM: Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast: pro populo

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#### Acolytes

Sat. Mar. 02 M. Mihalko

Sun. Mar. 03 E. & R. Hess

Wed. Mar. 06 Any Present

Sat. Mar. 09 M. Mihalko

Sun. Mar. 10 D. Cianciotti

#### Readers

D. Cholock

J. Hess

Any Present

M. Hulyk

L. Cianciotti

#### Ushers

J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko

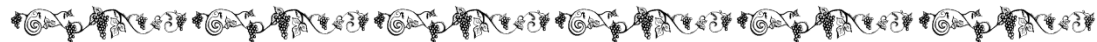
D. Hess, G. Krynicky

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J. Kontir, R. Garber

W. Furwa, J. Overdorff

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**Mid-Lent: The Holy Cross.** At Matins / Orthros the Cross is brought in solemn procession to the center of the Temple and remains there on the Tetrapod for the entire week. It is noteworthy that the theme of the Cross that dominates the hymns of this Sunday is developed in terms not of suffering but of **VICTORY** and **JOY**. More than that, the theme-songs (*hirmoi*) of the Sunday Canon are taken from the Paschal Service – “The Day of the Resurrection” – and the Canon is a paraphrase of the Easter Canon of Saint John of Damascus. *Fr. Alexander Schmemmann*



**Fourth Week of the Great Fast:** During this week, we venerate the Cross, which stands at the center of our salvation. During this week, we begin to say the exorcisms for those catechumens preparing for baptism at Pascha. On Wednesday, at the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, we begin to say the Litany for those about to be enlightened.

**Kontakion, Tone 7:** No longer does the flaming sword guard the gates of Eden; for on them one finds the most glorious seal, the Tree of the Cross. By it the sorrow of death and the victory of the abyss have been conquered, for you, O my Savior, stood and called out to those in the abyss: “Enter again into Paradise.”

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**Wednesday, 6 March, from 6 to 9 pm.** Every parish in the Archeparchy has been asked to



have their doors open and the lights on to welcome those seeking the **Mystery of Reconciliation during this Year of Faith**. Whether it is someone who has been away from the Church for a while, or a Byzantine Catholic who attends regularly but has not received the Mystery of Confession in some time, we invite them to take advantage of this special

night. We will have a visiting confessor here at St. Mary Parish. Parishioners will be able to go to confession from **6 to 7 pm** and **8 to 9 pm**, **before and after the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.**

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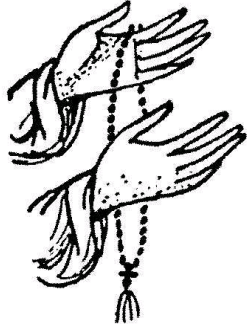
#### ~ Announcements ~

- The **Third All Souls' Liturgy** has been rescheduled for **9 March at 9:30 AM.**
- **Please Remember in Your Prayers** the soul of **Robert Spirko, Sr.**, father of Robert Spirko, Jr. and Allyson Dinsmore, who passed away Wednesday, February 27. *Eternal rest grant unto your servant O Lord and remember him forever. Our prayers and condolences are extended to his family & friends. Вичная Память!*
- **Thank you to Marge Hulyk** for donating baked goods to our Friday Bingo.
- **Special Thank you's to:**
  - **Jim & Donna Fullman** for their special donation in memory of their son Cody.
  - **John Regalla** for the new base to the Holy Tomb and also for the insert on which the holy Плащаница will be placed.
  - **Cassidy & Caitlyn Fullman** for helping their grandfather, **Jim Fullman**, repaint the holy tomb. Check out their pictures on our web page!
- **“Opening the Doors of Faith – Discerning One's Path thru Life”** is the theme of our upcoming weekend for women at Mount St. Macrina, Friday evening, April 5, through 1pm Sunday, April 7, 2013. The Sisters of St. Basil invite single women, ages 18 – 45 to meet together with Sisters to reflect deeply about the vocation of each baptized person and on her own path in life. For information or registration, contact Sr. Barbara Jean at 724-438-7149 or [vocations@sistersofstbasil.org](mailto:vocations@sistersofstbasil.org). Attendance is free. See poster in the Narthex.

~ **The Power of the Name: The Jesus Prayer in Orthodox Spirituality** ~

«When you pray, you yourself must be silent ... let the prayer speak.»

***Tito Colliander***



«In prayer, the principle thing is to stand before God with the mind in the heart, and to go on standing before Him unceasingly day and night, until the end of life.»

***Bishop Theophan the Recluse***

«Why speak at length! Prayer is God Who works all things in all men» «Prayer is the manifestation of Baptism.»

***Saint Gregory of Sinai***

«The aim of the Christian life is to return to the perfect grace of the Holy and Life-giving Spirit, which was conferred upon us at

the beginning in divine Baptism.» ***Saints Kallistos and Ignatios Xanthopoulos***



How do we turn prayer that is really nothing more than the pseudo-prayer or monologue of the self-righteous Pharisee into the prayer of the Publican? One way is through the ***“The Jesus Prayer”***:

***Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.***