

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
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Glory Forever!  
Слава на вики!

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## 18 FEBRUARY 2024 / 7532 FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

*The Sunday of Orthodoxy. Our Holy Father Leo the Great, Pope of Rome.*



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Feb. 17 17:00 VIGIL: **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
*Suffrages pro populo. 1<sup>st</sup> year Panachida for +Mary Lezo.*
- Sun. Feb. 18 10:30 **FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
*Suffrages for +James Kontir – daughter, Natalee*  
**40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service for John Regalla**
- Wed. Feb. 21 18:30 **LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS**  
*Suffrages for +Patricia Krynicky – The Kontir Family*
- Fri. Feb. 23 18:30 **LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS**  
*Suffrages +Fr. Cyprian Constantine, OSB – The Kontir Family*
- Sat. Feb. 24 17:00 VIGIL: **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
*Suffrages pro populo*
- Sun. Feb. 25 10:30 **SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
*Suffrages for +James Kontir – daughter, Natalee;*  
*for +Rosemarie Macchiaroli – husband, Anthony*

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<b>02 / 11 / 2024</b>	Adults: \$876	Candles: \$80	Maintenance: \$170		
<b>COLLECTION</b>	<b>TOTAL: \$1126</b>				
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A story is told that when Leonardo da Vinci was painting «The Last Supper» he sought out men who could be living models of our Lord and the apostles for his painting. Each model had to have a face that expressed da Vinci's vision of the particular man he would represent. One day, da Vinci saw a young man who had the features of love, tenderness, caring, innocence, compassion, and kindness. This man would be his model for Jesus. However, years went by and the painting was still incomplete. Da Vinci just could not find the right face for Judas. He was looking for a man whose face was streaked with despair, wickedness, greed, and sin. Ten year after starting the picture, he found a man in prison whose face had all the qualities he had been looking for. This prisoner would be the model for Judas. As da Vinci worked, he noticed the prisoner growing more and more uneasy. He stopped and asked him, «What seems to trouble you so much?» The man began sobbing and said, «Don't you remember me? Ten years ago I was your model for Jesus!» The once innocent youth had turned his back on Christ and had started living a sinful life. The face that had once radiated love, now showed misery. The expression of hope once there was replaced with despair. The light of Christ within him had grown very dim indeed. As we begin the second week of the Great Fast, hopefully we will remember to ask ourselves «What do others see in my face?» Is it a face of despair and misery – a Judas face or is it one of kindness and love, is it the face of Jesus – the icon of the Living God of Israel?



## ~ Announcements ~

- **THANK YOU:** The Bingo would like to thank anyone who donated lottery tickets or cash to purchase tickets for the lottery tree at last Friday's bingo. We would also like to thank everyone who donated their time on a Friday evening to volunteer at bingo when you could have been relaxing at home. Your help is always greatly appreciated! We could not have done it without your help!
- **LOOKING AHEAD:** Our parish will again sponsor a **SUPER BINGO** on **SUNDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>** at the parish center. Doors open at noon; games start at 2:00 pm. Tickets cost \$30 for 24 games and must be reserved or paid for in advance. Price includes first set of regular cards (specials are included) one Jackpot and a light lunch. Proceeds benefit the Church's Building and Maintenance Fund. Posters are available in the Narthex for advertising at local businesses. Please take one or two and ask a business owner you frequent to display it.