

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Monday, March 30, 2009**

7:20 a.m. Lit. Special Intention r/by M.H.

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

7:20 a.m. Lit. + Mary, Julia r/by Walter Fedeyko

Wednesday, April 1, 20097:20 a.m. Lit. + Antonette & Joseph Petenko
r/by Daughter, Eleanor

6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 2, 2009

7:20 a.m. Lit. + Kateryna r/by M/M Vasyl Kitchoula

6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Lenten Commemoration of the Dead

Friday, April 3, 20098:45 a.m. Lit. + Michael, Sophie, John, Nicholas,
Martha, John, Joseph, Steve, Boyko and Yaremczak
Families; John Jr., Anna, Stanley Kmiec - Legate**Saturday, April 4, 2009**7:30 a.m. Lit. and Pan. + Andrij, Tatiana, Nadia
r/by Lahola Family

5:00 p.m. Lit. + William Henderson r/by Wife and Son

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009*Epistle - Phil 4:4-9; Gospel - Jn 12:1-18*

9:00 a.m. Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Lit. Special Intention

Epistle Readers, 11:00 a.m. Liturgy:

Kenneth Bialkowski	3/29/09
Peter Baralecki	4/5/09
Nancy Bialkowski	4/12/09
Joan Zaleski	4/19/09
Ralph Iacuzio	4/26/09

Religious Instructions will be held today. The next class is scheduled for April 5, 2009.

Paska Sale

A limited number of paskas will be made for this sale. Today is the last day to order. To place your order sign the sheet in the church hall. Plain paska will be \$6.00 and with raisins will be \$7.00. The baking will be done by several of our parishioners. Pick-up day and time will be announced in next Sunday's bulletin.

Church Renovation Fund

\$20.00 - Katherine Melnyk, in memory of
+ IRENE AMBROZEWCZ

\$10.00 - N.N., in memory of + ANASTASIA KOWALUK

\$10.00 - N.N., in memory of + MYKOLA TULYS

\$10.00 - N.N., in memory of + DOROTHY KOSMYNA

First Friday Sick Calls

The sick and aged of the parish will be visited this Friday, April 3, following the morning liturgy. If you know of someone who cannot attend church and would like to receive the sacraments at home, call the rectory at 732-826-0767.

Relic of Blessed Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky

A reliquary with a relic of the Blessed Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky is on display on the side altar beneath the icon of the Blessed Mother, for veneration. Anyone who wishes to do so may pray by the side altar before or after liturgy. Petition Blessed Vasyl for special favors.

- *Please light candles before or after Divine Liturgy, refrain from doing so during the liturgy.*
- *Do not disturb those who are praying before or after liturgy by excessive or loud talk in church.*

Easter Dinner - Sviachene

The traditional Easter Dinner, Sviachene, will be held this year on Sunday, April 26. Parishioners and friends are invited to share this special occasion. Tickets will be on sale starting Saturday, April 4. Tickets are sold between Sunday liturgies, before the Saturday evening liturgy, or at the rectory during the week. Seating will be reserved when tickets are purchased. Donation is \$17.00 for adults and \$10.00 for child or student.

There are only a few weeks until the Sviachene! Please reserve your tickets as soon as possible. Our schoolchildren will be performing, as well as The Nadiya Dancers!

Metropolitan Stefan Soroka's Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of The Great Fast

Almost every parish of our 67 parishes within the archeparchy sent representatives to the recent Sobor held in Philadelphia. We heard the common observation that our parishes need to become more inviting to others. We spoke of various initiatives that can be taken within the parishes to be more welcoming and evangelizing in spirit. Almost five months have passed and I wonder how much we have progressed in this commonly felt need. The Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Great Fast (Mark 10: 32-45) speaks of Jesus' disappointment in his apostles. Jesus was calling them to a change of mind, a new vision. It was not easy for them to understand that greatness meant becoming a servant of others. Rather, the apostles were caught up in asking for places of honor. The change in the apostles was painfully slow in coming and was not in clear evidence until Pentecost.

Why were the apostles so slow to respond? Why are you and I, who are so much like the apostles, so reluctant to give up the old way of seeing things in order to take as our own the vision of Jesus? It is so difficult for us to give up on our own plans, dreams, the ways we have become accustomed to doing things. It takes so much faith to leave our comfort zones and to journey into the unknown. Risk haunts us, and together with the fear of the unknown, these drown out the voice of God's grace inviting and challenging us. Our only guarantee is the promise of Jesus that we will not walk in darkness if we follow Him.

The problem is our vision, the blindness of the heart. Like the apostles, we are slow to grasp Jesus' vision of joy and peace, slow to accept the truth that sets us free. Resolve to go broke with your personality in serving others in the name of Jesus Christ. Allow your love for Jesus and for your neighbor to be actively expressed in the life of your parish. Like Bartimeus, the blind man sitting outside the gates of the city, let us also pray, "Lord Jesus, son of David, ... I want to see!" (Mark 10: 51)

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to ANNA ELIZABETH RASHKEVYCH, daughter of Yuri and Iryna Rashkevych, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation.

Save the date! A Zabava will be held here on Saturday, May 9, 2009.

Ordination Date

Our seminarian, Sub-deacon Paul J. Makar, is scheduled to be ordained to the diaconate on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009, here in our parish. All are invited to attend the liturgy and see our seminarian ordained a deacon. Mark the date on your calendar!