

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, March 9, 2014**

10:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**Monday, March 10, 2014**

7:20 AM Lit. + Nicholas Koval r/by Linda Coyne

**Tuesday, March 11, 2014**

7:20 AM Lit. + Wasyl &amp; Mary Cap - Legate

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**8:45 AM Lit. +John Fedynyshyn (100<sup>th</sup> anniv. of birth)

r/by John &amp; Melanie Fedynyshyn

**Thursday, March 13, 2014**

7:20 AM Lit. + John Diakun r/by Wife, Jeanette

**Friday, March 14, 2014**

6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Saturday, March 15, 2014**

9:00 AM Lit. Divine Liturgy and

Lenten Commemoration of the Dead

5:00 PM Lit. + John &amp; Helen Maslak r/by Daughter

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, March 16, 2014**

Epistle - Heb 1:10-2:3; Gospel - Mk 2:1-12

9:00 AM Lit. +Fedir Kichula r/by Petro &amp; Maria

11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**200th Anniversary****Taras Shevchenko, Ukrainian Poet**

After today's Liturgy, in the parish school auditorium at noon, we will have a concert marking the anniversary of the poet's birth, featuring a short production of his dramatic play "Naymychka" (The Servant Girl). Afterwards, Choir "Boyan" will present a moving concert of songs, poems and recitations. Free admission.

**St. Ann's Society**

The Rosary will be recited following Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, March 11. A meeting will follow. Hostesses for the meeting are M. Batista, A. Mascenik, A. Boyko and K. Celecki.

**Senior Citizens Club** will meet on Thursday, March 13, 2014 in the church hall at 12:00 noon.

**Journey through the Great Fast**

On Friday, March 14, Deacon Paul will begin a series of classes scheduled March 14 - April 11 in the church hall following the pre-Sanctified Liturgy, on understanding the importance and meaning of the Great Fast or Lent. Be part of this discussion group and make the journey to strengthen your faith and relationship with Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ.

**Snow Removal Report**

The weather this winter has been particularly difficult and the snow amounts much more than usual. In December, January and February, a big portion of our parish income was spent on snow plowing and sanding of our parking lot, sidewalks, and cemetery driveway. We have already paid \$6,532 for snow removal and salt. C'mon spring!

**Did You Know?**

Geese fly in the V-formation because when each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in the V-formation, the whole flock can fly at least 71% further than if each bird flew on its own. Christians who share a common direction and sense of community can also get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust and uplift of one another. What a great image for Great Lent!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Metropolitan Stefan Soroka Announces Sobor for Archeparchy.**

Metropolitan Stefan Soroka, with the support of the Consultors of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, has announced that a Sobor of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia will take place at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception during the weekend of October 24-26, 2014. Participants will include representatives from every parish and mission of the archeparchy, including the Parish Finance and Pastoral Advisory Councils. Clergy and religious within the archeparchy will also participate.

The theme of the Sobor will be "Being a Vibrant Parish," developing on the vibrant parish initiative of our Patriarch and our Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops. Our focus will be on developing a practical and achievable pastoral plan for the archeparchy and for our parishes and missions, reflecting the current and future needs of our Church. This Sobor will also prepare our contribution to a Sobor of the entire Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide, to take place in Ukraine in the year 2015. The Sobor will also observe the 100th anniversary of the Apostolic Decree establishing the jurisdiction of our first bishop, the Most Rev. Soter Ortynsky, OSBM. The Decree CUM EPISCOPO of the Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith was issued on August 17, 1914. An organizing committee is being formed and will shortly provide more detailed information in preparation for the major opportunity for renewal of our Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Let us focus our attention forward to seek the Lord in prayer and action in all we do as a church.

**1st Sunday of Lent - Sunday of Orthodoxy**

The 1st Sunday of Lent is dedicated to something that is close to our hearts -- Icons. Specifically, it's dedicated to the times where the Church defeated iconoclasm. The heresy of iconoclasm was one started by Emperor Leo the Assyrian, who said that icons should not be allowed in Churches. Iconoclasts destroyed all kinds of icons, and said that Holy Communion and the Cross were the only valid kinds of icons. The Church declared this a heresy because Holy Communion is not a symbol, but is the actual Body and Blood of Christ! When a person kisses an icon or the Cross, they do not worship them, but venerate them (in other words, show them respect). The 7th Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, declared that it is honorable and right to declare our Faith in such a way, depicting our Lord, the Theotokos and the Saints in icons.

**Collection for the Church****In Central and Eastern Europe**

This week and next, Archbishop Stefan is asking parishioners to make a donation for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more.

**Bisho Gabro School Endowment Fund**

\$25.00 - Mr. and Mrs. Anton J. Massopust,

In memory of + CATHERINE MICHALSKI