

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, March 16, 2014**

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

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

**Monday, March 17, 2014**

7:20 AM Lit. Special Intention Anna Kovalczyk on her Birthday r/by Edith

**Tuesday, March 18, 2014**

7:20 AM Lit. + John &amp; Josephine Kwiecinski - Legate

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

8:45 AM Lit. + Steve Koval r/by Linda Coyne

**Thursday, March 20, 2014**

7:20 AM Lit. + Harry Masley; Joseph &amp; Ann Romanetz - Legate

**Friday, March 21, 2014**

6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Saturday, March 22, 2014**

9:00 AM Lit. Divine Liturgy and

Lenten Commemoration of the Dead

5:00 PM Lit. + Joseph, Dorothy, Mary, Steve, Joseph Andrews; Andrushetsko Family - Legate

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, March 23, 2014****Veneration of the Cross***Epistle - Heb 4:14-5:6; Gospel - Mk 8:34 - 9-1*

9:00 AM Lit. + Michael Blyskun r/by Family

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent -****Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas**

The city of Thessaloniki is known for its many Saints. One of them, the one to whom the Cathedral is dedicated to, is celebrated this Sunday. St. Gregory Palamas was Archbishop of Thessaloniki in the 14th century, and defended the Faith against Barlaam the Calabrian (who was against monasticism). He taught that divine grace is not created, but the uncreated energies of God are poured out throughout creation; otherwise, humanity could never have authentic communication with God. He reposed in the Lord in 1359. As we celebrated the Sunday of Orthodoxy last week, the Church decided to celebrate the memory of a man who was dedicated to the Faith and was one of its chief defenders at a time where heresy was threatening the Church. We also read the Gospel of Christ healing and forgiving the sins of the paralytic. We see in this Gospel reading that Christ is not only a man, but the God-Man who came to save us from corruption. He is the one to forgive our sins, and to bring us back to Paradise.

**Special Presentation by the Metropolitan Tribunal of our Philadelphia Archeparchy**

Saint John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, located at 733 Sanford Avenue in Newark, NJ 07106 will host the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 7:00 pm during which a presentation explaining the work of the Tribunal and the process to apply for Marriage annulments will be offered. It is open to anyone seeking a Marriage annulment, who has questions as to their marital status or just wants to learn about this Church ministry. Members of the Tribunal will be available for private consultations after the presentation if necessary. For more information, please contact the Tribunal at 215.627.0143 or by e-mail [metropolitantribunal/@catholic.org](mailto:metropolitantribunal/@catholic.org).

**Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine**

All parishioners are invited to the Special Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine, which will be held this today, March 16, 2014. The service will begin at 5 p.m. in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA.

**Family Bowling** sponsored by the Holy Name Society will be held Sunday, March 30 at Majestic Lanes, Hopelawn, NJ. The cost is \$20.00 per person, refreshments and prizes included. See the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule, or call Charlie Boyko at 732-254-3966 for information and times. Deadline to sign-up is March 26.

**All-you-can-eat Breakfast**

The Holy Name Society will hold an "all-you-can-eat" Breakfast on Sunday, April 6 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for teens aged 12-17, under 12 years free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling Charlie Boyko, 732-254-3966. The menu includes eggs, omelets, pancakes, sausage and more.

**Taras Shevchenko Commemoration Essay Contest Winners**

To commemorate the bicentennial of the birth of Ukraine's greatest poet, Taras Shevchenko, ACS students and parishioners took part in a Taras Shevchenko Essay Contest. They had to write an essay on the theme "Why even today, Taras Shevchenko is still considered Ukraine's Greatest Hero." Almost 70 people participated in the contest and this week the winners were announced: First Prize (\$200) - Cassandra Rizkallah, Second Prize (\$100) - Steven Marcucci and Third Prize (\$50) - Yuriy Deyneka. Congratulations to Our Essay Contest Winners!

**Church Renovation Fund**

\$50.00 - Kwiecinski Family, in memory of + KASH MICHALSKI

**ASK THE PASTOR:**

*A number of the prayers that are said during Lent refer to giving alms. In our day, when we contribute to the church all year long are these prayers really necessary?*

Yes, the reason for these prayers is very simple. It is very important that we make some personal contribution to help out those who are less fortunate than us. The giving of alms is a very worthwhile thing to do. The giving of alms, in the form of money, food, etc. during the Lenten season forces me to recognize that I have been particularly blessed by God if I am in a position to help others. It is not because of my own deeds that I was born in a family where I had everything that I needed. Whenever I help others, I realize that they are just like me, except I happen to have something they do not. It may be giving someone some money, or it may be changing a flat tire or shoveling the snow off the steps, but whenever I do something for someone else, it helps me see more clearly that we are all in the same position in the eyes of God. Some of these things can be challenging, but it is a challenge that makes our faith something living and dynamic.

**Property Insurance**

Due in March, our parish recently paid property insurance in the amount of \$30,848.00.