

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**2nd Sunday of the Great Fast, March 12, 2017**

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Suto Family r/by Palya Family

Monday, March 13, 2017

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (English)

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

8:45 AM - Lit. + John, Josephine Kwiecinski - Legate

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)

Thursday, March 16, 2017

No Liturgy Scheduled

Friday, March 17, 2017

6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Saturday, March 18, 2017

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration

5:00 PM Lit. + Myron Kataryniak r/by Wife, Eleanor

2nd Sunday of the Great Fast, March 19, 2017

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

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Joseph Kaczmar
r/by Marie & the three gems**Lenten Bible-Liturgy Studies 2017**

Join us as we explore what we believe, why we believe it, and why it matters. The class will be held every Tuesday throughout the season of the Great Lent after Stations of the Cross.

Donations to Church

\$100.00 - Arlene Wright, in memory of parents,
+ JOHN & GOLDIE KODAN

\$25.00 - Peggy Liberti, in memory of
+ SOPHIE SLAWINSKI

St. Ann Society will meet today, Sunday, March 12 after the 11:30 Liturgy. Lunch will be provided.

Lenten Mission

This year's Lenten Parish Mission will take place on Palm Sunday weekend, April 8-9. The mission will be conducted by Fr. Taras Kchik, a Redemptorist Father from Canada. There will be a spiritual talk at each service scheduled during the Lenten mission and time for the Sacrament of Repentance. Please mark these dates on your calendars and plan to attend.

Women's Evening of Prayer

Mark your Calendar: On Tuesday evening, May 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., the ladies from St. Ann's Society invite all ladies from our parish to participate in a Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God, followed by the recitation of the Rosary. It is our hope that you will join us not only in these prayerful devotions, but also in fellowship afterwards in our church hall as guests for refreshments.

Today and throughout Lent :

Instead of „Indeed, it is fitting“...: *In you, Lady full of grace, all creation rejoices, the world of angels and the human race. Sanctified temple, spiritual paradise, boast of virgins, God took flesh from you and became a child; He was God before the ages. He made your womb a throne and made it more encompassing than the heavens. In you, Lady full of grace, all creation rejoices, glory be to you.*

St. Ann's Gift Auction

Thanks goes to all those who attended St. Ann's Gift Auction last Sunday. Everyone seems to agree that it was a big success. The dedication the ladies show is inspiring. Thanks also goes to men from the Holy Name Society for cooking in the kitchen and all the workers who made it possible.

My Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and helping me greet the big 40. I really appreciate your gifts and well wishes as I slowly climb over the hill!

Fr. Ivan

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

This Sunday commemorates the life of St. Gregory Palamas (14th century). The Church dedicates this Sunday to St. Gregory for his orthodox faith, theological knowledge, virtuous life, miracles and his efforts to clarify the orthodox teaching on the subject of Hesychasm (from the Greek, meaning quiet.) Hesychasm was a system of mysticism propagated on Mt. Athos by 14th century monks who believed that man was able, through an elaborate system of ascetic practices based upon perfect quiet of body and mind, to arrive at the vision of the divine light, with the real distinction between the essence and the operations of God. Gregory became noted for his efforts to explain the difference between the correct teaching and this theory. Gregory was dedicated to an ascetic life of prayer and fasting, which are practices of Lent.

Sviachene - Easter Dinner

Great Lent has begun. This year, both Eastern and Western Christians will celebrate Pascha (Easter) on April 16th. The annual Sviachene, a traditional Easter Dinner, will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2017 following a 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Only one liturgy will be held that Sunday. (Saturday liturgy remains the same). The dinner will consist of traditional Easter food, such as ham, kobasa, eggs, paska, cold salads, beets with horseradish, etc. The tickets for Sviachene will be available for sale next week following Saturday evening liturgy, during Coffee Hour and after the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Liturgy or at the rectory during office hours. Please purchase your tickets in advance! The cost is minimal, \$10 per adult, children under 12 free, \$5 is for children age 12 to 18. This event is all about the parish family coming together to enjoy each other's company, to enjoy an Easter meal together. Join us for this traditional event!

Metropolitan Stefan's Great Fast Meditation For The Second Sunday Of Lent

A meaningful journey through Lent ought to unsettle our comfort zones. One of these comfort zones might be an attitude of living with an attitude of entitlement. Recall how some of the apostles were arguing among themselves as to who was the most important. Jesus sat them down and said, "If anyone wishes to rank first, he must remain the last one of all and the servant of all" (Mk. 9:36). How do you and I approach Jesus?

Recall how the Gospels tell of us people jeering, insulting and mocking Jesus on the cross. When you and I judge others, laugh or bully others for what we perceive as different in the way they do things or present themselves, are we not like those unpleasant persons at the foot of the cross? Are we setting ourselves as more important than others just as the apostles did? The friends of the paralytic in today's Gospel reveal to us how we ought to witness to Jesus Christ. They were so motivated that they even made a hole in someone's roof to get their friend to Jesus for healing. Jesus tells them that the paralytic is healed because of the faith of these friends. They vividly reveal what being a servant to one another calls us to do. Others around us are thirsting to hear the healing words of Jesus Christ, and not demeaning, critical or bullying words. Dare to be a servant of others, presenting them to Jesus Christ for healing in our prayers, with our words of love and encouragement, and forgiveness. *Take the challenge!*

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

A typical Lenten service is the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Already in the first centuries there was a custom during the Forty Days Fast to omit the celebration of the Divine Liturgy because, at that time, it was still linked with agape, sacrificial love, a giving love, that is the love banquet, and this was in keeping with the spirit of fasting. Furthermore, the Divine Liturgy is a joyful mystery; for this reason, its celebration is limited to Sunday. On the other days of the week, to give the faithful an opportunity to receive Holy Communion, the Divine Liturgy was replaced by the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts which developed in time and is in essence Vespers with Eucharist attached, the Eucharist received having been sanctified on Sunday and reserved for reception during the week; hence, there is no consecration of the Body and Blood of Christ. Hence, the name of Presanctified Gifts. This is a Liturgy in the sense of the word because liturgy means "public work" and this prayer service is a public work. Please come to our church every Friday at 6:30 pm to celebrate this special Liturgy.