

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**4th Sunday of the Great Fast, March 26, 2017**9:00 AM Lit. + Paul & Helen Laschuk
r/by Andrew & Irene Laschuk

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

Monday, March 27, 2017

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

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

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

8:45 AM - Lit. + Joseph Kopi - Legate

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

Thursday, March 30, 2017

No Liturgy Scheduled

Friday, March 31, 2017

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

Saturday, April 1, 2017

9:00 AM Lit. Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration

5:00 PM Lit. + Ronald Hutnick r/by Carolyn Maxwell

5th Sunday of the Great Fast, April 2, 2017

Epistle - Heb 9:11-14; Gospel - Mk 10:32-45

9:00 AM Lit. + Roman & Irene Ambrozewycz
r/by Roman & Cathy

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

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.

Sviachene - Easter Dinner

Tickets for the Sviachene are available for sale 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 for children age 12 to 18. Join us for this traditional event!

Lenten Mission-Confession

This year's Lenten Parish Mission will take place on Palm Sunday weekend, April 7-8-9. 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.

2016 Financial Report

In today's bulletin I am sharing our financial report for the 2016 calendar year. I would like to begin by thanking all parishioners who generously support our parish. Our only source of income is you, the ones we serve. Your financial support of our parish allows us to pay the salaries and benefits of our employees, pay our bills, make incremental improvements to our church and school, assist our diocese, and contribute to the ongoing mission of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ in the context of our Catholic faith. We are blessed with a parish rich in tradition and dedicated to Faith, Education, Service and Community. Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

Fr. Ivan - Pastor.

Women's Evening of Prayer

On Tuesday evening, May 9, 2017 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. The homilist at the Moleben will be Rev. Taras Svirchuk, member of Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.) and a pastor of St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Newark, NJ. His preaching topic will be "*Mary in the Gospel of St. Luke*". It is our hope that you will join us not only in these prayerful devotions, but also in fellowship afterwards in our church hall.

Cataract Press is visiting our parish April 1 and 2 with a large selection of Ukrainian Merchandise, including books both in Ukrainian and English, CDs, DVDs, maps of Ukraine, greeting cards, I-Phone covers, mousepads, wristbands, jewelry imported from Ukraine, embroidery and clothing. These items will be displayed in the church hall.

Metropolitan Stefan's Meditation, 4th Sunday Of Great Fast

The Gospel tells us of a time when Jesus returns from the mountain top to find his apostles baffled, helpless, and ineffective. The apostles had fallen into despair and could not help the father with his ill son. Jesus later explains to them that this kind of cure demanded prayer. The apostles had been equipped with power, but needed prayer to maintain it. Great Fast awakes us to rekindle our relationship with God through more fervent and steadfast prayer. Do we take our relationship with the Lord for granted, seeking Him when we are challenged or hurting, and presuming His presence in times of stability and joy? Do we harbor doubts as to the power of the Lord's help? When coming face to face with Jesus, the father of the ill boy exclaimed, "I do believe! Help my lack of trust!" (Mk 9:24). To approach anything in the spirit of hopelessness is to make it hopeless. To approach anything in the spirit of faith is to make it a possibility. Participating within a community of faith which is vibrant in its prayer life is the surest way to ensure living in the spirit of hope. Your parish offers the gift of growing and sharing in prayer life. We come to realize the need for one another in our journey of faith. We come to realize the power of Christ's presence and His healing when journeying with others in shared prayer. Rekindle your relationship of prayer with Christ together with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ within your parish this Great Fast!

Fourth Sunday: Commemoration Of St. John Of The Ladder

In the sixth century, a monk of Mount Sinai named John wrote a book outlining the stages of the spiritual life. He based his entire work on the image of a ladder of thirty rungs, stretching from earth to heaven. Each rung described a step in the pursuit of virtue and the spiritual life. Since it was first written, The Ladder of Divine Ascent has been an essential part of the formation of Christian monastics and ascetic spirituality. However, The Ladder is not just for monks and nuns because all Christians are called to make an ascent to the heights of heaven. For this reason the Church places the commemoration of Saint John and his Ladder on the 4th Sunday of the Great Fast, as the faithful continue their ascent with the Lord to Golgotha and through Golgotha to His Heavenly Kingdom.

Shoes for the needy in Ukraine

The Ukrainian Catholic parish in Newark sent a request for us to assist them in a "footwear" drive. They are asking for donations of new and gently used shoes for adults and children that they will send to many needy people in Ukraine. It would be wonderful if we can collect as many shoes as possible. In Ukraine good shoes are very expensive and a gift of a good pair of shoes is not only very important but also highly appreciated. Imagine not being able to afford to buy a pair of shoes! Please remember that with your shoes donation YOU will help the homeless, people from poor families, orphans, sick children, the elderly and many refugees in many different areas of Ukraine. We will accept these donations until the end of April. You may leave your donations in the large box at the entrance of the church or drop off at the rectory. We ask that all of your donated shoes be in excellent condition! May God bless you for your concern about the poor and your willingness to help them.

Ukrainian Festival Committee Meeting

Our 5th cultural festival will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 12 noon-9 p.m. As always, the festival will feature church tours, entertainment, dancing, family activities, vendors, traditional Ukrainian food/drink and more. The first festival committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 after 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross in the church hall, 7:00 PM.

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.