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Holy Days Liturgy: 9:00 am or Previous Day at 7:00 pm

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CHURCH BULLETIN – ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

March 26, 2017 / Березень 26, 2017

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

4th Sunday of Great Fast (St. John of the Ladder /Climacus), **March 26, 2017.**

Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel.

Note: *Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.*

Tone 4: Epistle: Hebrews 6:13 - 20./ Gospel: Mark 9: 17 – 31.

9:00 a.m. – (God's Blessing upon Fr. Popovici & Family,
req. Steszyn Family) – **English.**

10:15 a.m. – **Pro Populo - Ukrainian.**

Note: This week's Sanctuary Candle Light for God's Blessing
upon Francesca, req. Family.

4:00 p.m. – **Lenten Vespers**

Monday, March 27, 2017. *Matrona Venerable.*

9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Nadiya Sabadakh, req. Family

9:45 a.m. – Panakhyda in Memoriam + Bishop Steven Sotyr Ortynsky

10:00 a.m. – **Akathistos to the Passion of Christ.**

Tuesday, March 28, 2017. *Hilary and Stephen Venerable.*

9:15 a.m. - Panakhyda in memoriam ☩ Helen Luszczycki, req. Family

6:00 p.m. – **Vespers (Вечірня)**

6:45 p.m. – Panakhyda in Memoriam + Bishop Jaroslav Gabro

8:00 p.m. - **Bible Study (Reading, Explanation, etc) – Eng.**

Wednesday, March 29, 2017. *Mark, Cyril and Others Martyrs.*

6:00 p.m. – **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.**

7:00 p.m. - **Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete. / (Prostrations)**

8:00 p.m. - **Bible Study (Reading, Explanation, etc) – Ukr.**

Thursday, March 30, 2017. *Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.*

7:00 p.m. – (Special Intention) God's Blessing upon all
Members of the Rosary Society, req. Rosary Society

Friday, March 31, 2017. *Hypatius Bishop.*

9:00 a.m. – **Holy Cross of the Way / Хресна Дорога**

7:00 p.m. – **Holy Cross of the Way / Хресна Дорога**

Akatistos Saturday, April 1, 2017.

8:00 a.m. – ☩ Nicholas Bojuk, req. Stefania Bojuk

8:45 a.m. - **Akatistos to the Mother of God**

6:00 p.m. – **Vespers (Вечірня)**

7:00 p.m. – ☩ Divine Liturgy for all the deceased followed by
Panakhyda (Ending Sorokousty Service) {5}

5th Sunday of Great Fast (St. Mary of Egypt), **April 2, 2017.**

9:00 a.m. – **Pro Populo – English.**

10:15 a.m. – (God's Blessing upon Nataliya Yanyshyn,
req. Khrystyna Nykolyn) - **Ukrainian**

12:00 Noon – **Special Divine Liturgy for children/Family**

Confessions: Can be heard by appointment daily and on Sundays before or
after the Divine Liturgy.

Baptism and Chrismation: By appointment. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance. *Attendance at pre-
Cana is required.*

Ukrainian Culture School will be held **Every Saturday from 9:00 am**

until 1:30 p.m. For more information please call the Rectory or contact

the Director, Mrs. Izolda Maksym at (631) 225 -1203 or visit our web page:

[ukrainskaschkola.com.](http://ukrainskaschkola.com)

Ukrainian Cultural Dances for children ages 5 to 12 are provided by Mr. Gregory Momot
of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by groups: ages (5 – 8) 1:35 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.; ages (8 –
12) 3:05 p.m. – 4:35p.m.

Religious Education: Classes for religious education will be held every Monday from 5:00
p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

Ministry to the Sick: Rev. Popovici will make visits to the sick on the first Friday of the
month. It is the responsibility of an immediate family member to kindly notify Rev. Popovici
at the Rectory office about any sick or aged individual who is hospitalized or confined at
home or in a nursing home, and he will gladly visit and administer the sacraments. In case
of emergencies please call any time.

Pray the Rosary: The Apostleship of Prayer requests members and parishioners pray the
Rosary on the **First Sunday** of each month, beginning 20 minutes before Divine Liturgy.

The Rosary Society requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **Third
Sunday** of the Month beginning at 10:00 a.m. before Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

Mothers in Prayer: Next prayer group will be held on **April 7, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.**

St. Joseph's Men's Prayer: group will be held every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours: **Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am –
2:00 pm;** Evenings by appointment. **Attention: Tuesday** is a free day for the priest. In
case of an emergency, please call at any time.

Divine Liturgy: Dear Parishioners! Remember your faith; please come every Sunday and
Holy Days to Church.

Divine Liturgy for Children: Special Divine Liturgy (English/Ukrainian language) for
family/children will be held today **Sunday April 2, 2017 at 12:00 Noon.** All parents are
requested to bring their children to church to celebrate the Holy Divine Liturgy.

Sunday Bulletin Deadline: Notices should be phoned in or brought to the Parish Office
NO LATER than 12:00 noon on the Friday prior to the Sunday of publication.

Bequests: In making out your will, kindly remember your church. Holy Family Ukrainian
Catholic Church of Lindenhurst, N.Y. is our legal title.

New Parishioners: Welcome to Holy Family Church! To all who are tired and need rest, to all
who mourn and need comfort, to all who are friendless and need friendship, to all who are
discouraged and need hope, to all who are hopeless and need sheltering love, to all who sin and
need a Savior, this Church opens wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please
stop by the Rectory to introduce yourselves and register. We look forward to meeting you.

Change in address or telephone? Parishioners, kindly provide the rectory with your new
address and telephone numbers as soon as possible.

**Parishioners and guests: after each Divine Liturgy, coffee, rolls, & cakes are
served in the Parish Center for a donation of \$3.00 per person.**

Sunday Collection – March 19, 2017. Voluntary Collection - \$120.00

"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." (Sir. 35: 9 – 10).

Candles: \$260, Terapod: \$5, Rice Bowl: \$10, Poor: \$5, Coffee: \$255, Annual support: \$50, Sundry: \$155, Pyrohy: \$57, Ad Bulletin: \$400, Flowers: \$450, **Pledge: \$388.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,387.00, Total - \$3,542.00.**

Dear Parishioners: Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, March 19, 2017. May God bless you all for your generosity

Our Prayer: Please remember all those parishioners who are ill or elderly within your families. They are part of our parish and need to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion. To schedule a visit by the priest, please call the rectory for an appointment.

Attention: To all who celebrate their birthday during the month of **March**, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

Our Church News:

1. Paschal Flower Donations: You are invited to make a donation between now and Palm Sunday so that flowers may be purchased for the Good Friday bier, and for Paschal Liturgies (April 14, 2017)

2. Pyrohy for sale with: potatoes, cheese, kapusta (onions included). The price for one dozen is \$6.00; holubtsi (stuff cabbage) with mushrooms – (six for \$6.00). This is a church fundraiser, so feel free to donate as you please.

3. Upcoming events:

a. Stewardship Council/Pastoral Council will have a monthly meeting on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. This is a request and invitation for all of you who would like to take part in the life of the Church and take part in preparations for our festival on June 11th, 2017.

b. Dear Parishioners: Fish Fry Luncheon – scheduled for Sunday, April 2, 2017, which is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Mark this date on your calendars! More information is attached to our church bulletin.

c. On the fifth Sunday of Lent, April 2, 2017, there will be a benevolent Collection after each Divine Liturgies to raise necessary funds for support (Rice Bowl and Poor Collection); and to partially support the trips for missionary priests. They come for confessions at our parish and preach the Lenten Retreat in preparation for Easter. It's so that the resurrection of Christ can enrich and fulfill our Christian life.

d. April collections: Regular church cleaning: The next free will donation will be collected on Sunday, April 23, 2017.

4. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. those ladies from the Apostleship of Prayer who offered their time in preparing a special luncheon for St. Patrick's Day on Sunday March 12, 2017 after 1st Divine Liturgy. A net income of \$150.00 was accumulated.

b. M/M Martin Smith who purchased a few childrens' Bibles and donated them for the needs of our Church.

c. those ladies and gentlemen, (27) from our parish for donating their time and energy in making an assortment of pyrohy on Wednesday March 22nd for sale and for the needs of our Parish events.

d. all our Parishioners who participated in the voluntary collection this past Sunday (Cleaning support). The total amount collected was **\$120.00.**

e. Ms. Elena Popovici who voluntary cleaned our yard last week and raked over five bags of leaves and garbage after the winter storm to prepare our yard for spring time.

f. Mrs. Anna Ivasyuk who voluntarily cleaned our Church on Thursday, March 23, 2017.

May God bless all those who volunteer or make donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.

5. Fundraiser events of the Parish:

a. Outreach Program. M/M Ihor & Olesia Warywoda have volunteered to be responsible for the parish outreach program and are asking parishioners to participate in a canned food drive for the needy in our community. Items needed are: canned vegetables, fruit juice, gravy, coffee, tea, tuna fish, baked beans, pasta sauce, etc. Please bring your items to the church vestibule between today and April 10th so that we may prepare Easter baskets for the needy.

b. The Members of the Rosary Society are asking parishioners to bring children's clothes and shoes (ages 5–14), snacks, candies or a monetary offering to help ship packages to the orphanage in Ukraine. Our funds are limited so we rely on your special donations. Thank you, in advance, for your attention and donation.

6. The month of *March* has a special collection called "*Church in Need*". Special envelopes for this collection are included in your boxed envelopes and are also available in the vestibule. This collection is to help build churches & faith in Ukraine and for churches in need of support in Ukraine and other countries. **Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

7. We will continue one more time before Easter to make pyrohy with cheese and potatoes on Monday March 27, 2017 starting at 7:00 pm. Parishioners, please make every effort to come help us on this day.

8. Ladies from the Rosary Society invite us to come on Thursday, March 30th, 2017 after 6:00 p.m. to start baking our Paskas for sale as our Annual Fundraiser.

9. Interested in learning about "Pysanky"? - Mr. Roman Vaskiv will present and teach our parish adults and children (over 10 years of age) on Sunday March 26, 2017 starting at 1:00 p.m. on the first floor of our parish center. Please come and join us and it will bring joy to your Easter basket with decorated eggs. More information is attached to our Church Bulletin.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to Saint John of the Ladder (Climacus), the author of the work, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. The abbot of Saint Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai (6th century) stands as a witness to the violent effort needed for entrance into God's Kingdom (Mt 10: 12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is a real one, "not against flesh and blood, but against . . . the rulers of the present darkness . . . the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places . . ." (Eph 6.12). St John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, according to the Lord, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Mt 24.13).

News from St. Basil College Seminary: Special course for all who would like to attend: Cantors Program titled, "Services of the Holy Week" PROGRAM AT ST. BASIL SEMINARY to be held between March 24 – 26, 2017. For more information and a schedule of the program please visit at www.stamorddio.org.

HAVING COME NEAR TO THE END OF THE 40 DAY GREAT AND HOLY FAST... LET ME REFLECT...

- Have I accepted Great Lent as a "gift" from God, with thanksgiving?
 - Have I spent the last four weeks in a meaningfully different way?
 - Have I participated in the Lenten services that are held during the week, Monday through Friday?
 - Have I used the Lenten prayer of Saint Ephraim in my morning and evening prayers, and at other times throughout the day?
 - In addition to the Holy Scriptures, what kind of spiritual reading have I done?
- Have I learned more about my Faith?
- Have I read spiritual works which can help me in my prayers, dealing with others, and spiritual faults and needs?
- Am I preparing myself to make a good, honest, and humble Confession?
- Do I really believe that I am confessing my sins to Jesus Christ? Am I aware that the Lord sees my inner heart and will know if I only recite my sins, instead of being truly sorrowful and deeply committed to avoid repeating them?
- In what ways will I struggle during the coming Holy Week that I have so far left unattended?
 - Am I willing to die to my old self in order to live in Christ? Am I willing to trade the earth for heaven?
- Am I willing to deny myself, take up my cross and follow Him to His heavenly Kingdom?

Please Note:

Q. Do you celebrate mass the way it was celebrated before Vatican II? (Tridentine)

A. No, we use the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, which dates back to the 300's.

Q. How is communion given in a Byzantine Catholic Church?

A. During Communion, both the Body and Blood of Christ are given to the person.

Rather than wafers, the Byzantine Catholics use little chunks of bread cut from a loaf.

The bread is put in the chalice with the wine and gently placed into the person's mouth with a gold spoon.

Can Roman Catholics receive communion in a Byzantine church?

Yes, any Catholic can receive communion in any Catholic Church, whether it is Eastern or Western.

Q. I've seen infants receive communion in a Byzantine Church? Why is that?

A. It has been the tradition of the Byzantine Church to always give communion to infants. The reasoning behind this is that the children are innocent and therefore should be able to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. It is a practice that goes back to the early church.

Q. I'd like to become a Byzantine Catholic. I'm currently a Roman Catholic. How do I do it?

A. To attend a Byzantine Catholic Church on a regular basis, you don't have to do anything special if you are already a Catholic. Simply go.

Some people find that they are spiritually fulfilled at a Byzantine Church and in order to bring closure to their spiritual journey they would like to be officially recognized as a Byzantine Catholic. The process is known as changing rites.

Basically, the process goes like this"

After discussing this with your priest, you write a letter to your Roman Catholic Bishop and the Byzantine Catholic Bishop. In the letter you state your spiritual reasons why you want to change rites. At that point they will begin to process the paperwork and will get back to you. You are not converting. You are simply changing rites. If you are not currently Roman Catholic, you can become a Byzantine Catholic.

Please contact the priest and he will help you through the process.

Letters of St. Basil The Great: Do you worship what you know or what you do not know?

Letter to Amphilochius, in reply to certain questions.

Do you worship what you know or what you do not know? If I answer, I worship what I know, they immediately reply, What is the essence of the object of worship? Then, if I confess that I am ignorant of the essence, they turn on me again and say, so you worship you know not what. I answer that the word to know has many meanings. We say that we know the greatness of God, His power, His wisdom, His goodness, His providence over us, and the justness of His judgment; but not His very essence. The question is, therefore, only put for the sake of dispute. For he who denies that he knows the essence does not confess himself to be ignorant of God. Because our idea of God is gathered from all His attributes which I have enumerated. But God, he says, is simple, and whatever attribute of Him you have reckoned as knowable is of His essence. But the absurdities involved in this sophism are innumerable. When all these high attributes have been enumerated, are they all names of one essence? And is there the same mutual force in His awfulness and His loving-kindness, His justice and His creative power, His providence and His foreknowledge, and His bestowal of rewards and punishments, His majesty and His providence? In mentioning any one of these do we declare His essence? If they say, yes, let them not ask if we know the essence of God, but let them enquire of us whether we know God to be awful, or just, or merciful. These we confess that we know, if they say that essence is something distinct, let them not put us in the wrong on the score of simplicity. For they confess themselves that there is a distinction between the essence and each one of the attributes enumerated. The operations are various, and the essence simple, but we say that we know our God from His operations, but do not undertake to approach near to His essence. His operations come down to us, but His essence remains beyond our reach. But, it is replied, if you are ignorant of the essence, you are ignorant of Himself. Retort, If you say that you know His essence, you are ignorant of Himself. A man who has been bitten by a mad dog, and sees a dog in a dish, does not really see any more than is seen by people in good health; he is to be pitied because he thinks he sees what he does not see. Do not then admire him for his announcement, but pity him for his insanity. Recognize that the voice is the voice of mockers, when they say, if you are ignorant of the essence of God, you worship what you do not know. I do know that He exists; what His

essence is, I look at as beyond intelligence. How then am I saved? Through faith. It is faith sufficient to know that God exists, without knowing what He is; and "He is a rewarder of them that seek Him." So knowledge of the divine essence involves perception of His incomprehensibility, and the object of our worship is not that of which we comprehend the essence, but of which we comprehend that the essence exists. And the following counter question may also be put to them. "No man hath seen God at any time, the Only-begotten which is in the bosom hath declared him." What of the Father did the Only-begotten Son declare? His essence or His power? If His power, we know so much as He declared to us. If His essence, tell me where He said that His essence was the being unbegotten? When did Abraham worship? Was it not when he believed? And when did he believe? Was it not when he was called? Where in this place is there any testimony in Scripture to Abraham's comprehending? When did the disciples worship Him? Was it not when they saw creation subject to Him? It was from the obedience of sea and winds to Him that they recognized His Godhead. Therefore the knowledge came from the operations, and the worship from the knowledge. "Believest thou that I am able to do this?" "I believe, Lord;" and he worshipped Him. So worship follows faith, and faith is confirmed by power. But if you say that the believer [also knows, he knows from what he believes; and vice versa he believes from what he knows. We know God from His power. We, therefore, believe in Him who is known, and we worship Him who is believed in.

4th Sunday of Lent – St. John Climacus



Let us honor John, that pride of ascetics, that angel on earth, that man of God in heaven, that adornment of the world, and that bliss of virtues and good deeds; for, planted in the house of God, he flourished with justice; and, like a cedar tree in the wilderness, he caused the flock of Christ to grow, those sheep endowed with speech, in righteousness and justice. -Vespers of the Feast

Prayer and Fasting: weapons for souls

Today is the fourth Sunday of Lent, dear friends, and we celebrate the memory of our venerable father John of Sinai (Climacus), author of the Ladder (The Ladder of Divine Ascent). We are slowly ascending towards Holy and Great Friday and the Sunday of Pascha, and our Church is preparing us as Christ prepared his disciples and Apostles for His voluntary Passion.

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, transports us to Mount probably named Tabor. Jesus and His three well-known disciples have gone up the mountain where He was transfigured before them and they saw, as much as they were able to, the glory of His Divine nature, so that they could get strength and have courage also during the hour of His Passion. They came down from the mountain and found the rest among many people and a sick person, who was possessed, whose father came to Jesus because the Apostles were not able to heal him and complained to Him. Jesus was saddened and called them all "a faithless generation". He was saddened at finding Himself among faithless people, among people who had no trust in Him and people who did not understand Him. The father shouted and said: "The Apostle could do nothing, so if you can, do something".

Prayer – because what that father did was also prayer, even though it was weak and fainthearted – does great good for people, always, especially during great difficulties and problems. Our lives too have become extremely difficult today and we need God's presence, His love and His protection. We get God's strength through prayer, as well as through fasting, especially now in the period of Holy and Great Lent. It is through prayer that we rise to the Lord and leave behind all concerns. Through fasting even our bodies become light and can rise too. Our bodies become spiritual and through fasting can also avoid illness and torment and many other things. The Church which appointed fasting, is omniscient, even from a medical and scientific perspective.

Christ shows His concern for the possessed man. He asked how long he had been suffering and his father replied: "Since he was a child, so if you can, do something". And Jesus said to him: "If you have faith, I can do everything". And then, seeing that crowds were assembling and as He does not like conceit and exhibition, he ordered the demon to depart. Let people say that there is no demon and that demons are a philosophical explanation of evil. It would be great if this was true. There are demons and they torment us and only Christ and the Church can liberate us from them. So, He ordered the demon to depart. And after it had screamed loudly and quivered and tormented his possessor, it departed. The child fell down and many thought that he had died. Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up. That's what Jesus does. After prayer and fasting we give Him our hand and He gives us His. And so we build a relationship with Him, we communicate with Him and gain strength. He then gave the child to his father.

Our youth today can be demonized and can shake and fall and die, many times literally. Only Christ and the holy Church can help them. Finally, His Apostles asked Him, when they were alone with Christ, why they were not able to get rid of the demon. The Lord did not rebuke them for their faithlessness and difficulties. Jesus does not reprimand, we do. But he told them that this type of demon does not depart in any other way other than with prayer and fasting. Prayer and fasting then are the most powerful weapons in our lives.

Finishing the Gospel, Jesus made a second forewarning of His Passion, telling them that He would be crucified, given over to the hands of the people, not the hands of demons who are the worst, but into the hands of people who He befriended who would kill Him, but that He would rise on the third day. He told them of the Resurrection so that they could have courage. Every time we have a problem and we are crucified, Christ gives us a window to look towards the future, the optimistic future, to the Light and the Resurrection.