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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 19, 2017 / Березень 19, 2017

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

3rd Sunday of Great Fast (Veneration of the Holy Cross), March 19, 2017. *The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria.*

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

Tone 3: Epistle: Hebrews 4:14 - 5:6./ Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1.

9:00 a.m. – († Anastasia Oleshko, req. Gloria Tolopka) - **English.**

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

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

4:00 p.m. – Lenten Vespers

Monday, March 20, 2017. *Venerable Fathers of the St. Sabbas Monastery.*

9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Helen Samilo, req. Samilo Family

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

7:00 p.m. – (*Bination Liturgy*) - God's Blessing upon Maria Balaban & Family, Mychailo Sorych & Family, req. Balaban Family

Tuesday, March 21, 2017. *James of Catania Bishop Confessor.*

6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)

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

Wednesday, March 22, 2017. *Mid – Lent. Basil of Ancyra Priest Martyr.*

9:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

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

Thursday, March 23, 2017. *Nicon and Others Venerable Martyrs.*

9:00 a.m. – † Nestor Hudziy, req. M/M Ihor Koretsky

Friday, March 24, 2017. *Zachary Venerable.*

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

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

8:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy for Annunciation – Pro Populo – Eng.

Saturday, March 25, 2017. Annunciation of the Theotokos.

Note: *It's a Holy Day of obligation.*

8:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy – English

6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)

7:00 p.m. – † Divine Liturgy for all the deceased followed by Panakhyda (Sorokousty) {4}

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

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

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

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.

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 12, 2017.

"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: \$215, Terapod: \$5, Rice Bowl: \$10, Poor: \$15, Coffee: \$300, Annual support: \$50, Sundry: 25, Pyrohy: \$104, Refund: \$15, Flowers: \$50, **Pledge: \$360.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,023.00, Total - \$2,172.00.**

Dear Parishioners: Sin cere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, March 12, 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) for sale, with mushrooms – (six for \$6.00). This is a church fundraiser.

3. Upcoming events:

a. March collections: Regular church cleaning: The next free will donation will be collected **today** Sunday, March 19, 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 to support (Rice Bowl and Poor Collection) and to partially support the trips for a missionary priests to come for confession at our parish and preach the Lenten Retreat in preparation for Easter, so that the resurrection of Christ can enrich and fulfill our Christian life.

4. We wish to express our sincere thanks to an anonymous parishioner who continues to volunteer to provide his skilled services as a free will offering to our parish center. May God bless all those who volunteer or make donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.

5. SPECIAL LENTEN COLLECTION: There will be a special collection marked "Rice Bowl and Poor" throughout the Period of Lent (both calendars.) Special collection containers may be found in our vestibule and at the Tetrapod.

6. 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 in order 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.

7. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Yaroslava Smolenets and her Family for her father † Ivan Kalapuzyak, a resident of Ukraine, who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. May his soul rest in peace and everlasting be his memory.

8. 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.**

9. We will make pyrohy with cheese and potatoes on Wednesday March 22, 2017 starting at 7:00 pm. Parishioners, please make every effort to come help us on this day.

10. 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 you will have a nice egg decorated for your Easter basket. More information is attached to our Church Bulletin.

PLEASE NOTE: WHO WE ARE: While most Catholics only think of the Catholic Church as being comprised of the "Roman Catholic" Church, there are, in fact, almost 22 different "churches" which comprise the "Catholic" Church. The largest and best known, of those churches is the "Roman" Catholic Church. However, the next largest church within the Catholic Church is the "Ukrainian- Byzantine" Church. We are Catholics in union with the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, and a successor of the apostle Peter. By virtue of our communion with the Church of Rome, we are a Catholic Church who shares the same faith, beliefs and sacraments with other sister Churches. However, each Church has its own way of expressing the Faith through the Liturgy and ceremonies based on unique customs and traditions. Jesus Christ founded His Church through the Apostles. By the grace received from God at Pentecost, the Apostles established faith communities or churches throughout the ancient world. St. Paul founded the church of Antioch; St. Peter and St. James, the church of Jerusalem; St. Andrew, the church of Constantinople; St. Mark, the Church of Alexandria; St. Peter and St. Paul, the Church of Rome. As they preached the Gospel in different parts of the world, they adapted the ceremony of the Liturgy to the customs and music of the local people. As a result, four great centers of Christianity emerged with their distinctive liturgical customs, but rooted and expressing the same Faith. These centers were located in the cities of Jerusalem, Antioch, Rome and Alexandria. In the beginning of the fourth century when the capital of the Roman Empire was moved to the city of Byzantium and renamed Constantinople, an adaptation of the Antiochean tradition of celebrating the Liturgy was made. A new center emerged in Constantinople, from where the Christian faith spread via Bulgaria among the Slavic people. Later, in the 16th and 17th centuries, some Eastern Churches including the Church of Ukraine reestablished their communion with the Church of Rome, yet continue to celebrate a distinct Liturgy and follow own spirituality, theology and discipline.

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.

Third Sunday of Lent

This Sunday commemorates the venerable Cross and the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The Cross as such takes on meaning and adoration because of the Crucifixion of Christ upon it.

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the Lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10.38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor 1.24).

Therefore, whether it be in hymns or prayers, it is understood that the Cross without Christ has no meaning or place in Christianity. The adoration of the Cross in the middle of Great Lent is to remind the faithful in advance of the Crucifixion of Christ. Therefore, the Passages from the Bible and the hymnology refer to the Passions, the sufferings, of Jesus Christ: The passages read this day repeat the calling of the Christian by Christ to dedicate his life, for "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me (Christ)" (v. 34-35). This verse clearly indicates the kind of dedication which is needed by the Christian in three steps:

1. To renounce his arrogance and disobedience to God's Plan,
2. To lift up his personal cross (the difficulties of life) with patience, faith and the full acceptance of the Will of God without complaint that the burden is too heavy; having denied himself and lifted up his cross leads him to the,
3. Decision to follow Christ.

These three voluntary steps are three links which cannot be separated from each other, because the main power to accomplish them is the Grace of God, which man always invokes. The Adoration of the Cross is expressed by the faithful through prayer, fasting, almsgiving and the forgiveness of the trespasses of others. On this Sunday the Adoration of the Cross is commemorated with a special service following the Divine Liturgy in which the significance of the Cross is that it leads to the Resurrection of Christ.

Adoration of the Holy Cross for the Third Sunday of Lent

In any kind of difficult challenge, it's always inspiring to know that you are half way to the end. It might be a race, a school year, or a project at work; if you've made it this far, you know that you can eventually reach your goal.

We are now half way through the season of Lent, and the Church calls our attention today to the great symbol of victory, the great sign of hope, our Lord's cross. During the time of Jesus Christ's earthly ministry, of course, no one was inspired by the cross, for it was a feared instrument of execution. No one honored the cross and certainly no one thought that God's Messiah would die on one.

So it was profoundly shocking when the Savior told His disciples that He would be rejected, suffer, die, and rise again. When St. Peter tried to correct Him, Christ called him "Satan" and

said that he was thinking in human terms, not God's. Then the Lord told the disciples what they didn't want to hear. They too must take up their crosses and lose their lives; that's the way to enter into the blessed salvation of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The hard truth that Jesus Christ broke to His disciples was that we can't jump ahead to the joy of the empty tomb. We must first go with our Lord to the cross; we too must die in order to rise again. And the unpopular truth is that every last one of us needs to die to our sinfulness, to how we have distorted ourselves, our relationships, and our world. The Son of God offered Himself in free obedience to the Holy Trinity, taking upon Himself the full consequences of sin and death to the point of a horrible execution; He did so out of love for us. And thus He opened the way to the Kingdom of heaven, to life eternal, for you, me, and all humankind; indeed, for the entire creation.

And that way is the cross, for if we want to share in the joy of His resurrection, of His victory over death, we must first participate in the struggle, pain, and sacrifice of crucifixion. We must crucify the habits of thought, word, and deed that lead us to worship and serve ourselves instead of God and neighbor. We must kill our pride, our selfishness, and our slavery to pleasure. If we don't crucify these passions, our souls will be too sick, dark, and weak to share in the glory of the resurrection. Like St. Peter, we will think in human terms, not God's, no matter how religious or moral we appear to others.

And the reality is that we have no shortage of opportunities to take up our crosses. When we struggle to resist a temptation, when we battle angry thoughts against those who have wronged or somehow irritated us, and when we endure deep sorrows and disappointments with trust in God's faithfulness and mercy, we take up the cross.

Fortunately, we do not go to the cross alone. No matter what we are tempted to think at times, our Savior is no stranger to temptation, suffering, pain, and death. He sympathizes with our struggles because He endured them. He was literally nailed to a cross, died, was buried, and descended into Hades in order to bring the joy of life eternal to corrupt, weak, imperfect people like you and me through His glorious third-day resurrection. And in order to follow Him to the joy of Pascha, we must likewise take up our cross.

So as we begin the second half of Lent, let us keep our eyes on the prize, looking to the great trophy of our Savior's victory over sin and death, the cross, through which joy has come into all of the world. And even though it is a struggle and none of us does it particularly well, let us put aside our own preferences and predilections in order to take up the cross through prayer, fasting, forgiveness, mending broken relationships, and showing generosity to those in need. Let us offer our lives in free obedience to the Father, accepting whatever pain and struggle there may be in setting things right in our lives as best we can. And no matter what burdens we may bear, no matter our frustrations and failures, let us press on the joy of Pascha. Jesus Christ participated in death in order to bring us into His life, and we must participate in His death in order to share in the glory of His resurrection. So let us deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Him; for this alone is the way to the brilliant light and eternal blessedness of the Kingdom of God.

Worship Traditions: BYZANTINE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Blessing oneself with two fingers brought to the thumb represents the Trinity. The last two fingers held to the palm represent the two natures of Jesus--God and man. For the first 1,200 years of the Church, in making the Sign of the Cross, the hand was typically brought from the right to the left shoulder. In the East this is still the practice, to signify Christ enthroned at the right hand of the Father.

INCENSE

We use incense as a sign of reverence for the sacred place and the sacredness of the people who are made in God's image and as a sign of preparing for something important about to happen in the Liturgy. It is our prayer ascending like the smoke of incense before the throne of God.

BOWS AND BLESSINGS

We bow and make the Sign of the Cross many times during the Liturgy, as a sign of our faith, and the receiving and accepting of God's blessings. Following the making of the Sign of the Cross, reverence to God is further expressed by bowing the head. We bless ourselves every time we mention the Persons of the Trinity by name, or whenever the priest blesses the congregation. We also bow and sign ourselves whenever we enter or leave the church.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Almost our entire Liturgy is sung a cappella. No instruments are permitted in church.

NO STATUES

The church is decorated with icons painted in the Byzantine form.

Traditional Greetings

For most of the year the greeting is "**Slava Isusu Khrystos**" ("Glory to Jesus Christ").

The response is "**Slava na viky**" ("Glory forever")

Starting on Christmas Day, it is traditional to say "**Khrystos rozhdayet'sya**" ("Christ is born") and to respond "**Slavite Yoho**" ("Glorify Him"). This greeting is continued for 40 days, until February. At Easter one says "**Khrystos voskres**" ("Christ is risen!") and responds "**Voistynu voskres**" ("He is truly risen"). This is used until the Feast of Ascension which is 40 days after Easter.

To celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and guests it is traditional to sing "**Mno-ha-ya lita**" ("Many happy years")

Our Forgiving Of Others

By Ron Boatwright

Jesus in His teaching on prayer and in asking God to forgive us of our sins says, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15). Our forgiving others may be difficult, but it is essential if we want God to forgive us of our sins. If we aren't forgiven of God then our sins will separate us from God and we will be eternally lost. In our striving to be Christ-like we are to try to have the same mind-set that Christ has. Philippians 2:5 says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." According to Jesus, how are we to think of others? "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). Jesus demonstrated this forgiving attitude as He was being nailed to the cross, "Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do' (Luke 23:34). Many of these people were later forgiven of God when they repented and were baptized (Acts 2:38, 41). And also Stephen had a forgiving attitude as he was being stoned to death in Acts 7:60, "Then he knelt down and cried out with a

loud voice, 'Lord do not charge them with this sin'. And when he said this he fell asleep". We must not hold grudges and have hatred in our hearts for the wrongs others have done to us. God's word says to us "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you must also do" (Colossians 3:12-13). We must be forgiving of others if we want God to forgive us so we can go to Heaven.

What To Pray For?

The Blessed Virgin Mary said at Fatima that many souls in this world go to hell because there is no one to pray for them. She also said that more souls go to hell because of sins of the flesh than for any other reason. That was said in 1917, at the beginning of the Communist revolt in Russia. Now with internet pornography being so prevalent and easy to obtain, how much more true that must be today. A lot of people in this world don't pray for anybody but themselves - "I want...", "I need...", "Please help **ME**...", etc. There isn't anything wrong with this, of course, but there is so much more to pray for in the world than for our personal needs. *The Old Testament is full of stories of sin: Sodom and Gomorrah's residents committing the sin of homosexuality. Saul's turning away from God and getting the Witch of Endor to conjure up Samuel; David committing adultery with Bathsheba and killing her husband; Jacob, the younger son, tricking his father into getting the oldest son's blessing; Joseph's brothers selling him into slavery. It's good for us to take a look at these sins, and to see the punishment that God meted out in each case: Sodom and Gomorrah were completely destroyed. For Saul's sin, the Bible says that the spirit of God left him, and then he committed suicide. In David's case his newborn son died as a result of his sin. Jacob's sin was paid back in full when his future father-in-law conned him into marrying the ugly eldest daughter, rather than the pretty younger one. Joseph being sold into slavery by his own brothers (the 12 tribes of Israel) was paid back when the entire nation of Israel in Egypt became slaves themselves. The lesson from all of this is that there is a punishment (justice) due for sin, which is worse than the sin itself. The problem is that we don't see sin as something tangible, which has a debt attached to it. It's like a credit card on which there is a balance due; the balance has to be paid back, with a LOT of interest, at some point. We humans can't see it, but it is still there nonetheless. Sin is also like a boomerang – You throw it, and it feels great. Then, when you least expect it, it comes back full circle and hits you in the back of the head. Jesus did pay back the debt for our sins, but that payment opened the gates of heaven so that we could enter if we are deserving.*

Frequently asked Questions: Yes we are Catholics in union with the Bishop of Rome (the Pope) whom we recognize as the visible Head of the Catholic Church. We are recognized as being "Catholic" by the local Roman Catholic Bishops and the Bishops of the United States of America and the whole world. Having said that we are "Catholics", we must now state we are not Roman Catholics, but Catholics who are identified as being Eastern Catholics. As Catholics, we Eastern and Roman Catholics share the same faith and have the same seven sacraments. The difference is that we Eastern Catholics have a different way or rite of expressing our faith in regards to Liturgy and customs.
