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**Sunday Divine Liturgies:** 9:00 am - English / 10:15 am - Ukrainian

**Weekday Divine Liturgies:** 8:00 am or 9:00 am or 7:00 pm

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

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**CHURCH BULLETIN – ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК**

**March 4, 2018 / Березень 4, 2018**

**DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:**

**March 4, 2018, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast. Veneration of the Cross.**

*Commemoration of the Miracle of the Great – Martyr Theodore.*

**Tone 6:** Epistle: Hebrew 4:14 – 5:6. / Gospel: Mark 8:34 – 9:1.

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

**9:00 am – Pro Populo - English.**

**10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon All the Members of Khrobak Family, req. Andriy Khrobak) - Ukrainian.**

**12:00 Noon - Special Divine Liturgy for children/family – E. /U.**

**Note:** This week Sanctuary Candle Light will be in Memory of  
✠ Gloria Tolopka, req. Peter Tomeo

**Monday, March 5, 2018 – Conon Martyr.**

**9:00 a.m. – ✠ Irene Steszyn, req. Family**

**7:00 p.m. – Akathistos to the Passion of Christ.**

**Tuesday, March 6, 2018 – 42 Martyrs of Ammorium.**

**9:00 a.m. – ✠ Marta Bojuk, req. Stefania Bojuk**

**7:00 p.m. – 9<sup>th</sup> day – Parastas in Memory of ✠ Ricchard Russo,  
req. by Marta Skrypoczka**

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018 – Basil and Oters Bishop Martyrs of Cherson.**

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

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

**Thursday, March 8, 2018 – Theophylact Bishop Confessor.**

**7:00 p.m. – ✠ 40<sup>th</sup> day for Gloria Tolopka, req. by Our Parishioners**

**Friday, March 9, 2018 – 40 Martyrs of Sebaste.**

**9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross of the Way – English**

**7:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts – Ukr.**

**All Souls Saturday, March 10, 2018. The Holy Martyr Condratus and Those  
with Him.**

**5:15 p.m. – ✠ Divine Liturgy for all the deceased followed by  
Panakhyda (Sorokousty) {4} – E/U.**

**6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)**

**March 11, 2018, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast. Commemoration of St.  
John of the Ladder (Climacus). Our Holy Father Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem.**

**9:00 am – Pro Populo - English.**

**10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Nataliya, Andreea, Andrew &  
Popovici Family; God's Blessing upon Nadiya & Moskalyuk Family,  
req. Family) - 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 9:15 am until 1:35  
p.m.** For more information please call the Rectory or contact the Director, Mr.  
Roman Vaskiv at (631) 225 -1203 or visit our Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HFUkrainianSchool>.

**Ukrainian Cultural Dances** for children ages 5 to 12 are provided by Mr.

Gregory Momot and Khrystyna Momot of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by groups:  
ages (5 – 9) 1:40 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.; ages (10 – 14) 2:25 p.m. – 3:55p.m.; ages (15 –  
19) 3:55 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

**Religious Education:** Classes for religious education will resume on  
September 18, 2017 and will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 5:55  
p.m./6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

**Ministry to the Sick:** Father 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 6, 2018 at 8:30 p.m.**

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

**Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00  
am – 2:00 pm;** Evenings by appointment. **Attention: Monday** 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, March 4, 2018 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 – February 25, 2018.**

*"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: \$190, Tetrapod: \$4, Coffee: \$135, Poor: \$10, Pyrohy: \$20, Sower: \$20, Andrew's Pence: \$25, Flowers: \$10, Bake Sale: \$150, Memorial Donation: \$100, **Pledge: \$170.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,072.00, Total - \$1,906.00.**

**Dear Parishioners:** *Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, February 25, 2018. 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 2018**, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

**Our Church News:**

**1. Parishioner** ☩ **Richard Russo**, fell asleep in the Lord this past week. We wish to express our sincere condolences to **Nadia Russo Skrypochka & family** on the recent loss of her husband. **May his memory be everlasting.**

**2. Memorial Donations:** In honor of ☩ **Gloria Tolopka's** request, memorial donations are to be used toward **Construction/ Installation of a Bell Tower for Holy Family Church:** the following parishioners/friends have donated: M/M John & Olga Donalds - \$100. To date, \$1,325.00 has been donated.

**3. We will prepare necessary food on Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:p.m. for our special supper with seminarians after Liturgical services on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Please come to help us. We rely on your help.**

**4. Upcoming events:**

**A. Next Parish Retreat with Father Stepan Sus, Chaplain in the Garnizony Hram Sts Peter in Paul in Lviv, Ukraine**, scheduled for **March 10-11, 2018 (in both Ukrainian and English)**. Please mark this date on your calendars. See more information attached to our Bulletin.

**B. March 2018 collections:** The next free will donations will be collected on Sunday, March 18, 2018 after both Divine Liturgies.

**C. the Month of March includes the following special collections:** Church in Need, Rice Bowl, Poor, Easter Flowers, Collection for the Missionary Priest and Holy Land. There are special envelopes in your boxed envelopes. This is for Churches in Ukraine that need our support. Our donations help to build churches and support the faith in Ukraine and other countries.

**5. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:**

**A. Volodymyr Chornomydza** who recently donated needed items for our parish van.

**B. M/M Martin & Silvia Smith and Mr. Thomas Laraia** who have volunteered to provide needed work for our parish in the past two months.

**May God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.**

**6. Dear Parishioners:** If you have any unopened and unused merchandise (**with tags and in new condition**) that you don't need, consider donating it for our "Chinese Auction" scheduled for November.

**7. We have a variety of pyrohy** for sale (separate container of onions included) – the cost for one dozen is \$6.00. All proceeds go to our parish. This is a Fund Raiser.

**8. SPECIAL LENTEN COLLECTION: Rice Bowl and Poor Collection.** Containers may be found in our vestibule and beside the Tetrapod.

**9. Outreach program for the Easter Season:**

**A. Please be as generous as possible 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 no later than March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Also, we will gratefully accept cash donations toward the purchase of items for the Easter baskets.

**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.

**10. Please Note: On Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>, Seminarians from the Stamford Eparchy will be our special guests and will sing the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at 7pm. – Everyone is invited to attend. After the Liturgy a special dinner reception will follow.**

**11. Dear Parishioners! Join us for our next Pilgrimage: "Steps of the Saints" – Italy (Rome, Padua, Asisi, etc). Save the dates: September 16 – 28, 2018. More information is attached to our Church Bulletin.**

**Dear Parishioners:** In light of world events, let us pray more every day for God's forgiveness and mercy and for His guidance.

**Please Note: All-souls Saturday; The Second, third and fourth Saturdays of the Great Fast:** Saturday is a day of prayer for departed souls. On Saturday God rested after He created the world and Jesus Christ rested in the tomb, after having accomplished the salvation of the world; hence, Saturday became the symbol of eternal rest and happiness in God. For this reason, the Church dedicates Saturday to all souls, who have gone into eternity, but have not yet entered into eternal rest with the Blessed in heaven. Besides commemorating the faithful departed every Saturday of the week, the Church set aside certain Saturdays in the Liturgical Year dedicated to the commemoration of the departed and to prayers for them. These Saturdays are called memorial Saturdays, or All-Souls Saturdays. These Saturdays include the Saturday before Meat fare Sunday, and the second, third and fourth Saturdays of the Great Fast and Saturday before Pentecost Sunday. The great Fast is not only a time for fasting and penance, but also a time for praying for the departed souls. For this purpose, three Saturdays during the Lenten Season are dedicated to the memory of the departed. In earlier times during the Great Fast, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated only on Saturday and Sunday, while on the other days only the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts was offered. But that the departed souls might not be deprived of the graces and merits of the Divine Liturgy, during the Great Fast, Saturday was designated especially for the commemoration of the dead. Another Saturday of commemoration of the departed souls is Saturday before Pentecost Sunday. The descent of the Holy Spirit on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection was the final act of the redemption of mankind. Hence, the Church wishing the departed souls to have a share in the graces of redemption honors their memory on this Saturday. In our Church the ancient custom still prevails of commemorating the dead on the third, ninth and fortieth day after their death. These memorial days, called The Third Day symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus on the third day. By the commemoration of the Ninth Day we implore the Lord God through the intercession of the heavenly choirs of angels to grant repose to the souls. The commemoration of the Fortieth Day reminds us of the forty-day fast of Christ, and the forty days he remained on earth after His resurrection. Today we practice "Sorokousty" (literally means "forty mouth", i.e., a prayer offered by forty mouths or by forty priests) is the service, or special prayers offered for the deceased during the great Fast.

**Divine Liturgy – Explanation**

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**The Liturgy of the faithful:** This benediction immediately follows Holy Communion. The priest with the Blessed Sacrament in his hands blesses the people saying, "Save Thy people, O Lord, and bless Thine inheritance." The people respond with, "We have seen the true light, we have received the Heavenly Spirit, worshipping the undivided Trinity which has saved us!" During this response the priest carries the Blessed Sacrament to the prothesis where the ablutions will be made at the end of the Divine Liturgy. The priest ends the Mass with the Litany of Thanksgiving. In thanks for the grace of the Eucharist the people sing, "Let our mouths be filled with thy praise, ... for Thy divine, holy pure, immortal, heavenly, life – giving mysteries." This is followed by the petitions of the Litany of Thanksgiving where the priest once again thanks God for the Holy Gifts and asks Him to make the Holy Gifts a means of protection and of our sanctification. Near the end of Mass the priest leaves the sanctuary to stand before the iconostas where he recites the Prayer Behind the Ambo. It receives this name because it is recited from the Ambo or the place where the Holy Gospel and the Epistle are read. This prayer is the last act of praise and thanks to God for all that He has given us.

**The Prayer of St. Ephrem**

**By the Most Reverend Basil H. Losten, D.D., S.T.L., LL.D (Hon) Eparch Emeritus, Eparchy of Stamford, UGCC**

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God always hears our prayers, and responds to them. But there is no guarantee that the response will be what we happen to want at the time. God knows better than we do when He shall do this and when He shall do that. We are not forbidden to ask Him to hurry, and indeed the Gospel teaches that God shortens the time of trial for the sake of His faithful. But we must be patient, as God is patient with us, and we must know that God's schedule is not our schedule. God is the Author of times and seasons; He is not bound by them. And, conversely, we must be patient with God! When God did reveal that He had heard our prayers, and brought down the Communists, and restored freedom to the Church, what did I hear then? "It's too fast!!" Again, sometimes God moves too fast for our convenience.

We must believe that God knows better than we do, and we must adjust our schedules accordingly! We must be patient, whether God seems too slow or too fast. We must be patient with each other. There is almost no need to elaborate; it's remarkable how quickly people sometimes excuse their own faults but nevertheless require the highest standards of behavior from those around them! Lent is especially a time when we should practice patience towards one another. A good test of our fasting is our behavior towards each other. If we find ourselves becoming more irritable and cross with one another, our fasting is doing us no good and we should look again, very carefully, at how we are keeping Lent. And, strange as it may sound, we must be patient with ourselves. That is to say, we must persevere in the effort of repentance, the effort of virtue and Christian living, even though we fall many times. We must be convinced that we can do better, and that God loves us and values our effort. When we seem to be getting nowhere, when we are

tempted to believe that we are as good as we are ever going to be, we must be patient with ourselves and keep trying! "Love"! We ask for the gift of real, authentic love. **Christian love is not a sentiment or an emotion; Christian love is an act of the will, a virtue.** Christian love is a gift of God's grace, but we must make the effort to exercise that gift of grace. We must love God, and we must love one another. If we do that we shall live according to the law of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. *Whoever wishes to know what Christian love is should read the thirteenth chapter of the First Epistle to the Corinthians. In two thousand years, no one has ever improved on Saint Paul's discourse on love.* I could wish that we all knew it by heart, and that this passage were written indelibly upon our souls as well. After praying for these four virtues, we make two more requests of God: "O Lord and King, grant that I may see my own transgressions, and not judge my brother," How often do we not do the reverse? We overlook our own transgressions completely, or cover them with lame excuses that we would never accept from anyone else, and then we turn around and judge other people by the very highest standards, never thinking of mitigating circumstances, and of the likelihood that we are quite wrong anyway. I need to see my own transgressions for two good reasons: to teach me to know myself honestly, without dissembling, and to enable me to improve my Christian life. If I conceal my sins from myself, I will never overcome them. A person who has convinced himself that he has never told a lie in his life is unlikely to become more truthful! And so it goes. A serious examination of conscience, in the light of God's loving truth, is an indispensable part of repentance, just as a serious physical examination is an indispensable part of good medical treatment. We must know what is wrong before we can put it right. "And not to judge my brother" – The Bible asks us "who are you that you should judge another man's servant?" Each of us shall answer to the Lord; God forbid that we should judge each other. We should be afraid ever to judge others, because Jesus Christ himself warns us: "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged!" When we realize how harsh we are in judging other people, it is terrible to think that God might judge us in the same way. So instead of judging, let us pray to God to make us always merciful, as God is merciful to us.

**Where is God When You Need Him?"**

*God with us –by John Breck*

The Gospels, in fact, give the only answer that matters, and that's where we have to begin. Matthew 14 recounts the extraordinary episode of Jesus' encounter with the disciples on the Sea of Galilee...Jesus speaks to them a phrase that reveals both His presence and the significance of His appearance: "It is I, do not fear." The meaning of that phrase is lost in translation. It should be translated, "I Am!". God proclaims Himself to be the One Who Is, the "Existing One," the only true God. The second element of that phrase also reveals Jesus as God and Lord. "Be not afraid", Yet, we can object, because often when we cry to Him, the response is a deafening silence. Where indeed is God, when you need Him? There is only one answer to that agonizing question, one that God Himself gives. It is the truth that ultimate salvation is not of this world but is fulfilled only after our biological death. **...to be continued....**