



WELCOME TO THE GOD-LOVING & GOD-PROTECTED PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL!

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“Each one shall give what he has decided in his own mind, not Grudgingly or because he is made to - for God loves a cheerful giver.” - II Cor. 9:7

November 24, 2019

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Nov. 24th – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 6 / Epistle: Eph. 2:4-10; **Gospel:** Lk. 10:25-37

9:00AM Divine Liturgy, *with 15 Minutes with Father*

Weekday Scripture Readings:

Mon, Nov. 25: Epistle: 1 Thess. 2:20-3:8; **Gospel:** Lk. 14:12-15

Tue., Nov. 26: Epistle: 1 Thess. 3:9-13; **Gospel:** Lk. 14:25-35

Wed., Nov. 27: Epistle: 1 Thess. 4:1-12; **Gospel:** Lk. 15:1-10

Thurs., Nov. 28: **BEGINNING OF NATIVITY FAST:**

Epistle: 1 Thess. 5:1-8; **Gospel:** Lk. 16:1-9

Fri., Nov. 29: Epistle: 1 Thess. 5:9-13, 24-28; **Gospel:** Lk. 16:15-18; 17:1-4

Sat., Nov. 30: Epistle: 2 Cor. 11:1-6; **Gospel:** Lk. 9:57-62

6:00PM Vespers *followed by class with Fr. Boris*

Sunday, Dec. 1st – 24th Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM Service of Repentance

Tone 7 / Epistle: Eph. 2:14-22; **Gospel:** Lk. 12:16-21

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue.

PARISH NEWS

--A HEARTY WELCOME to our guests and visitors. Please sign our Guest Book, and include either your mailing &/or email address, so we can keep you informed of parish events and be sure to join us in the church hall after the Divine Liturgy for coffee and fellowship.

--WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: to Barbara Johnson (Nov. 18), and Jennifer Hreczuck (Nov. 19), and **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS** to: Fr. Borislav & Pani Matushka Izabela (Nov. 18), may God grant you all Many, Happy Years. Многая літа.

--SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 - SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, following the Divine Liturgy. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting in the life of our parish.

--ST. MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY BANQUET: If you haven't submitted your payment for the dinner, please do so, today. Thank You!

--TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, we will change our round tables over to the long ones in preparation for our cookie walk. Please plan on helping to put the round tables away and setting up the rectangular ones. These tables are heavy and we need help please. Thank you!

--PLEASE CONSIDER, extending a helping hand to assist with the clean-up after our coffee hours on Sunday. Thank You!

--COOKIE WALK REQUEST: When packing your cookies for our walk, please: **1)** Line your tray with waxed paper. **2)** Please place your cookies in the tray do that the tray is facing the side way. We can place two trays front to back on the tables this way. Thank You!

--FOR OUR COOKIE WALK THIS YEAR, our penny social table will be GIFT CARDS ONLY due to space constraints.

Please consider buying yours from our Scrip program!! See Val Sternadore! (valiaws@yahoo.com).

--WE WILL BE COLLECTING items for the New Beginnings Soup Kitchen. The list of items Here is a partial list of items for the stuff a bus: Boxed stuffing mix, Instant rice, 1 lb bags of rice, Instant mashed potatoes, Cranberry sauce, Olives, Canned sweet potatoes, Tuna, Mayo, 9 inch styrofoam plates, 6 inch styrofoam plates, Heavy duty plastic forks, spoons, knives, Napkins, 6oz or 8 oz styrofoam cups, Heavy duty foil/ heavy duty plastic wrap (BJ's brand is good), Sterno, Hand/ eet warmers, Socks, Gloves- winter, Hats- winter, Toiletries- shampoo/ conditioner/ deodorant/toothpaste/ body wash/ lotion, Tissues - pocket packs Hand sanitizer. **FINAL COLLECTION DATE TBD.** Thank you!

--WINE GLASS PAINTING for parishioners on Wed., Dec. 4th. There will be 2 classes: 9:30 – 11:30AM & 6:30 – 8:30PM. **Final count is needed today, Nov. 24th for the wine glass painting. Please see Cindy, today to reserve. Thank you!** Fee: \$10.

--PLEASE CONSIDER OUR SCRIP PROGRAM for gift cards and it's an excellent way for the church to benefit from your gift card purchases!! Remember, they can be used for everyday purchases. They can also be used to buy gifts for others, and to donate to our upcoming festival as a raffle item or to the kitchen/bar (grocery cards...). Also, you can get in touch with Val and she can send you an invitation to do your Scrip orders online. Its very simple. **Next Scrip date is: Dec. 8.** If Val should not be available on any of these days, please give your orders to Fr. Vasyl and he'll pass them on to Val. Any questions, please see or email Val Sternadore (valiaws@yahoo.com).

KITCHEN WORK SESSIONS

Wed., Dec. 18, 7:30am fry 3 batches of perohé

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

*** * Every 1st. Sunday of the month is Ukrainian Sunday, when a majority of the Divine Liturgy is sung in Ukrainian, also, we celebrate the Rite of Confession, before the Divine Liturgy at 8:45AM.**

*** * Every last Saturday of the month is Father Borislav's class on different theological topics, right after Vespers, in the nave of the church.**

*** * Every last Sunday of the month is Father Borislav's "15 mins with Father", a talk aimed at our youth of St. Michael's, in the church nave, after the Divine Liturgy. "CHILDREN" OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.**

Sunday, December 1 - Semi-Annual Meeting

Wednesday, December 4 – Painting Wine Glasses: 2 classes: 9:30 – 11:30AM and 6:30 – 8:30PM

Wednesday, December 18 – Parish Board Meeting @ 6:30PM

Saturday, December 21 – Cookie Walk

Sunday, December 22 – St. Nicholas Day Program

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 – Parish Board Meeting @ 6:30PM

Saturday, January 18 – Theophany Eve dinner

Tuesday, February 4 – Painting Wine Glasses: More info to follow

Wednesday, February 19 – Parish Board Meeting @ 6:30PM

Sunday, February 23 – Meatfare Sunday

Sunday, March 1 – Cheesefare Sunday

Wednesday, March 18 – Parish Board Meeting @ 6:30PM

Wednesday, April 8 (2nd Wednesday due to Holy Week) – Parish Board Meeting @ 6:30PM

Sunday, April 26 – St. Thomas Sunday and Easter Dinner

Wednesday, May 20 – Parish Board Meeting @ 6:30PM

Sunday, June 7 – Annual Meeting

Praying Our Way Together Through Nativity Lent 2019

Come join our Lenten journey

as we read

*Scriptural wisdom from
Proverbs and Ecclesiastes*

What: Scriptural readings from Proverbs and Ecclesiastes;
Commemoration of Saints and Feast days in Lent

Where: The comfort of your own home or wherever you
may be!

When: November 28, 2019 - January 4, 2020, Mon.– Sat.

Why: To prepare for the Nativity by refocusing your journey of
faith!

**As we prepare for the Nativity, journey with us! Please email
your name, address, phone number, parish name and parish
address, to Janice Meschisen at:**

Praying-our-way@uolofusa.org and more information will be
sent to you.

Please sign up by November 27, 2019!

GUIDELINES FOR THE NATIVITY / ST. PHILIP'S FAST

(November 28 through January 6)

The Nativity Fast is a *joyous* fast in anticipation of the Nativity of
Christ. That is the reason it is less strict than other fasting periods.
The fast is divided into two periods.

**The 1st period is November 28th through January
1st** when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, dairy, fish,
wine, and oil) is observed. There is dispensation given for wine
and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Similarly, fish, wine, and oil
are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays.

The 2nd period is January 2nd through January 6th

when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, dairy, fish, wine, and oil) is observed. There is dispensation given for wine and oil only on Saturday and Sunday during this period.

The Purpose of Fasting

The purpose of fasting is to focus on the things that are above, the Kingdom of God. It is a means of putting on virtue in reality, here and now. Through it we are freed from dependence on worldly things. We fast faithfully and in secret, not judging others, and not holding ourselves up as an example.

- Fasting in itself is not a means of pleasing God. Fasting is not a punishment for our sins. Nor is fasting a means of suffering and pain to be undertaken as some kind of atonement. Christ already redeemed us on His Cross. Salvation is a gift from God that is not bought by our hunger or thirst.
- We fast to be delivered from carnal passions so that God's gift of Salvation may bear fruit in us.
- We fast and turn our eyes toward God in His Holy Church. Fasting and prayer go together.
- Fasting is not irrelevant. Fasting is not obsolete, and it is not something for someone else. Fasting is from God, for us, right here and right now.
- Most of all, we should not devour each other. We ask God to "set a watch and keep the door of our lips."

Do Not Fast

- if you are pregnant or nursing a newborn;
- during serious illness;
- without prayer;
- without alms-giving;
- according to your own will without guidance from your spiritual father.
- between *January 7 and January 17* (even on Wednesdays and Fridays).

THE GOOD SAMARITAN:

