

# **WELCOME TO THE GOD-LOVING & GOD-PROTECTED PARISH OF ST. MICHAEL'S!**

*A parish of the UOC-USA and the Ecumenical Patriarchate*  
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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*

**December 10, 2017**

## **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Tone 2

Epistle: Eph. 6:10-17; Gospel: Lk. 13:10-17

**9:00AM** Divine Liturgy, followed by **15 mins with Father**, for children of all ages.

**Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00PM** Great Vespers

**Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Tone 3

Epistle: Col. 1:12-18; Gospel: Lk. 17:12-19

**9:00AM** Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:00PM** Great Vespers

**Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Holy Forefathers**

Tone 4

Epistle: Col. 3:4-11; Gospel: Lk. 14:16-24

**9:00AM** Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00PM** Great Vespers

**Sunday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday of the Holy Fathers**

Tone 5

Epistle: Heb. 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40; Gospel: Mat. 1:1-25

**9:00AM** Divine Liturgy

*Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue.*

## **PARISH NEWS**

A hearty welcome to our guests and visitors. Please join us in the church hall after the Divine Liturgy for coffee and fellowship.

We extend birthday greetings to: Mary Ann Grintchenko (Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>), Julie Chopquette (Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>), Susan Chase (Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>), and Janice Meschisen (Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>), Ian Eichorn (Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>), Lesia Fasiak (Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>), and we extend wedding anniversary greetings to: William & Sandra Bucci (Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>), may God grant you all, Many, Happy Years. Многая літа

A special THANK YOU goes out to all those who helped with the preparation, installation and clean-up after Michael Kapeluck finished installing the last of the icons commissioned for St. Michael. Thank you! Дякую!

**Today, at 4:00PM, our choir's joint concert with The Slatersville Congregational Church will take place in our church. Please plan to attend this holiday concert.**

**Cookie Walk Prep:** Please, begin bringing your cookies, to the Church Hall on: Thursday evening between 4-8PM and on Friday between 9AM-5PM. The side door to the Hall will be open for your convenience. Please, label your cookies as to type and note if they contain nuts. Pans are available in the Hall. Also, please line your pans with foil or saran wrap. Thank you! Дякую!

**From Eleanor Kogut:** The money collected at the end of the service for the Needy was \$375. This money was used to purchase fifteen \$25 gift cards from Stop & Shop. Thank you for your generosity! Дякую!

### **Sunday Soup Sales!**

For the next few Sundays members of the Sr. UOL will begin sponsoring a Sunday Soup Sale Fundraisers during Coffee Hours with proceeds going toward specific charities.

*Suggested minimum donation of \$3 per bowl. (or take some home for \$5 a container) Soup will be sold at the kitchen window*

Our first effort will be to assist a young woman from a neighbor parish (St. Stanislaus) named Sabina Piorkowski. Sabina was born with Diastrophic Dysplasia (a form of dwarfism) and needs assistance in purchasing a special

wheelchair van so that she can be more independent getting to college and doctor's appointments on her own.

**OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP:** Please donate in the collection basket at the end of Divine Liturgy. Please give generously! Thank you! Дякую!

### **CHRISTMAS PINE ARRANGEMENTS!**

*Mary Ann Grintchenko will be making beautiful Christmas arrangements again this year!*

**Arrangements will be available for pick up at the Cookie Walk on Saturday Dec. 16th and Sunday Dec. 17th.**

We now have a “Kitchen Giving Tree” that will allow all parishioners (young and old alike—because what child doesn’t like to be part of things)?, to help. We have an “item of the month” donation box in both the vestibule and the church hall.

*The item of the month for December: Carnation Brand Evaporated Milk*

**Are you in the midst of your Fall/Winter cleaning?? Save your stuff for us!** Items can be brought to the church basement during coffee hour. Please, do not bring electronic devices (tv, computers and similar items). *We will accept items for the Flea Market until Spring.* Thank you! Дякую!

**Can you help???** We are in need of some coffee hour volunteers!! Your “turn” would come up 2 to 3 times during the year. Explanation will be given on what is needed and how to set up, etc. Please see Cindy Charest to add your name. (The more volunteers we have, the fewer times we each have to volunteer!) Please give it your consideration! **Thank you! Дякую!**

**Our coffee hours** are offered each week for fellowship and sustenance for those who have fasted. While the donations put in the basket are voluntary, they are not nearly meeting the expenses of hosting the coffee hours. Please use a guideline of at least a \$1 donation per person for coffee hour. Your donation benefits our UOL groups. **Thank you! Дякую!**

**If you have any ideas** for fund raisers for the church, please let a council member know! And a reminder, please consider our scrip program for gift cards is an excellent way for the church to benefit from your gift card purchases!! See Val Sternadore for more info.

## **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**Saturday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Cookie Walk**

**Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Nicholas Day Children's Celebration**

**Thursday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – Theophany Eve Dinner**

**Friday, Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ladies Sodality's Lenten Kitchen**

**Saturday, Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Cookie Walk**

## **KITCHEN WORK SESSIONS 2018**

**Friday, January 12, 2018, 7:30AM prepare 30# cabbage  
6:00PM - make cabbage balls**

**Monday, January 15, 7:30Am -- make vareneky**

**Tuesday, February 6, 7:30Am - fried Perohe, 2 batches (28# potatoes)**

**Wednesday, February 7, 7:30Am - fried Perohe , 2 batches (28# potatoes)**

**Monday, Feb 12, 7:30Am - peel and mash 75# potatoes, make potato balls**

**Tuesday, Feb 13, 7:30Am - potato vareneky**

**Monday, Feb 19, 7:30Am - peel and mash 75# potatoes, make potato balls**

**Tuesday, Feb 20, 7:30Am - potato vareneky**

**Monday, March 12, 7:30Am - steam 180# cabbage**

**Tuesday, March 13, 7:30Am - assemble holubtsi**

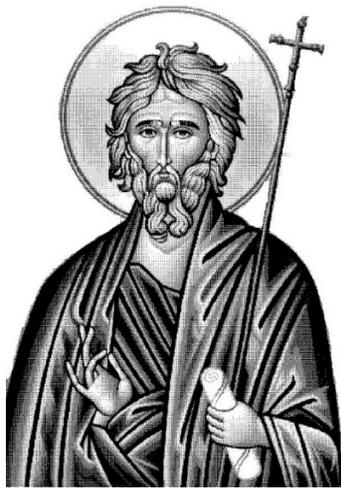
## **THE HOLY APOSTLE ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED**

*Commemorated on November 30 / December 13*

Andrew, the son of Jonah and brother of Peter, was born in Bethsaida and was a fisherman by trade. At first he was a disciple of St. John the Baptist, but when St. John pointed to the Lord Jesus, saying, *Behold the Lamb of God!* (John 1:36), Andrew left his first teacher and followed Christ. Then, Andrew brought his brother Peter to the Lord. Following the descent of the Holy Spirit, it fell by lot to the first apostle of Christ, St. Andrew, to preach the Gospel in Byzantium and Thrace, then in the lands along the Danube and in Rus around the Black Sea, and finally in Epirus, Greece and the Peloponnese, where he suffered. In Byzantium, he appointed

St. Andrew as its first bishop; in Kyiv, he planted a Cross on a high place and prophesied a bright Christian future for the Rus people; throughout Thrace, Epirus, Greece and the Peloponnese, he converted multitudes of people to the Faith and ordained bishops and priests for them. In the city of Patras, he performed many miracles in the name of Christ, and won many over to the Lord. Among the new faithful were the brother and wife of the Proconsul Aegeates. Angered at this, Aegeates subjected St. Andrew to torture and then crucified him. While the apostle of Christ was still alive on the cross, he gave beneficial instructions to the Christians who had gathered around. The people wanted to take him down from the cross but he refused to let them. Then the apostle prayed to God and an extraordinary light encompassed him. This brilliant illumination lasted for half an hour, and when it disappeared, the apostle gave up his holy soul to God. Thus, the First-called Apostle, the first of the Twelve Great Apostles to know the Lord and follow Him, finished his earthly course. St. Andrew suffered for his Lord in the year 62 A.D. His relics were taken to Constantinople; his head was later taken to Rome, and one hand was taken to Moscow.

<http://www.westsrbdio.org/en/prologue/709-november-30>



## **GUIDELINES FOR THE NATIVITY FAST**

*(November 15 / 28 through December 24 / January 6)*

The Nativity Fast is one of the four Canonical Fasting Seasons in the Church year. This 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 15th / 28th through December 19th / 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 December 20th / January 2nd through December 24th / 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**

- between ***December 25 / January 7 and January 5 / January 18*** (even on Wednesdays and Fridays);
- 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.

***The Choirs of***  
**The Slatersville Congregational Church**  
*and*  
**St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church**  
*present*



**A Concert of Christmas Music**

featuring traditional pieces of both parishes and an audience sing-along!

*Donations will benefit*

**The Sanctuary Shelter**

*sponsored by*

The Harvest Community Church of Woonsocket

and

**Woonsocket's Milk Fund**

**Sunday December 10, 2017**

**4:00 pm**

**St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church**

**74 Harris Ave, Woonsocket, RI**

*Goodwill offering accepted at the door*

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE U.S.A.

TIME  
TO TRIM THE  
TREE!

ЧАС  
ПРИКРАЩАТИ  
ЯЛИНКУ!



CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT HANDMADE ORNAMENTS TO BE HUNG ON THE OFFICIAL TREE LOCATED IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE CONSISTORY OFFICES OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE U.S.A.

HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP DANIEL EAGERLY AWAITS THE ORNAMENTS, WHICH HE WILL HANG ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE HIMSELF.

DON'T KEEP VLADYKA WAITING TOO LONG.  
ORNAMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY

**DECEMBER 19, 2017**

ЗАПРОШУЄМО УСІХ ДІТЕЙ НЕЗАЛЕЖНО ВІД ВІКУ, ЗРОБИТИ ОРНАМЕНТ ЩОБ ПРИКРАСИТИ ОФІЦІЙНУ ЯЛИНКУ, ЩО СТОЯТИМЕ В РОТОНДІ КОНСИСТОРІЇ УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ ПРАВОСЛАВНОЇ ЦЕРКВИ С.Ш.А.

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НЕ ЗАСТАВЛЯЙТЕ ВЛАДИКУ ДОВГО ЧИКАТИ, А ВИСИЛАЙТЕ ВАШУ РУЧНУ РОБОТУ ДО

**19 ГРУДНЯ, 2017**