



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

December 29, 2019

SERVICE SCHEDULE

St. Philip/Nativity Fast: Nov. 28 through Jan. 6

Sunday, Dec. 29th – 28th Sunday after Pentecost

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

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Weekday Scripture Readings:

Mon, Dec. 30: Epistle: Heb. 3:5-11, 17-19; Gospel: Mk.9:42-10:1

Tue., Dec. 31: Epistle: Heb. 4:1-13; Gospel: Mk. 10:2-12

Wed., Jan. 1: Epistle: Heb. 5:11-6:8; Gospel: Mk. 10:11-27

Thurs., Jan. 2: Epistle: Heb. 7:1-6; Gospel: Mk. 10:17-16

Fri., Jan. 3: Epistle: Heb. 7:18-25; Gospel: Mk. 10:23-32

Sat., Jan. 4: Epistle: Eph. 2:11-13; Gospel: Lk. 16:10-15

10:00 AM Royal Hours for the Nativity

6:00PM Vespers

Sunday, Jan. 5th – Sunday before Holy Nativity

8:45 AM Service of Repentance

Tone 4/ Epistle: Heb.11:9-10,17-23,32-40; Gospel: Matt. 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 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 Cella Sternadore (Dec. 23), **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS:** Fr. Dn. Paul & Pani MaryAnn Cherkas (Dec. 26), and **Diaconal Ordination greetings:** Fr. Dn. Paul Cherkas (Dec. 29), may God grant you all with Many, Happy Years. Многая літа.

--IT IS WITH A PROFOUND SADNESS that we notify the parish that Irene Sarachman has fallen asleep in the Lord. The Calling Hours will take place on Sunday December 29th 4PM to 7PM with a Memorial Litia at 6PM at S.DiPardo Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 1583 Diamond Hill Rd, Woonsocket RI. The Funeral will take place at St Michael Church at 11AM on Monday the 30th of December. **May Her Memory Be Eternal!**

--DRUM ROLL PLEASE.....!!!! It is because of the continued help of parishioners that we are able to announce the following; Our Christmas Cookie Walk and frozen Ukrainian Foods Sale numbers are as follows:

Income-	\$6985.77
Expenses.	\$746.27
Profit.	<u>\$6239.50</u>

We already have bigger and better plans for next year, and hope that those of you who were not able to contribute this year will consider helping some as we grow! Together we can be even better!! **Thank you!**

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

--From Fr. Borislav & Joe Cherkes: In the event of inclement weather, parish services and events will be canceled, if the city of Woonsocket declares a No Parking ban. The safety of our parishioners and guests are too important.

--FOUND CAR KEYS: Jennifer Rousseau Hoyle found a set of Kia Car Keys in our cemetery. If anyone is looking for those please let Fr. Boris know so he can put them in touch with Jennifer.

--FROM PANI MARY ANN CHERKAS: All those who would be interested in attending a potluck Holy Supper, in the Church Hall, after Great Compline on Jan. 6th, please contact me ASAP. 401-470-6591 or NausetPaul@aol.com **Thank You!**

--PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE NATIVITY/THEOPHANY SCHEDULE: Vespers for the Feast of the Circumcision has been changed from 6:00PM to 4:30PM.

--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 JAN. 7, 2020.** **Thank you!**

--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. If Val should not be available on any of these days, please give your orders to Fr. VasyI and he'll pass them on to Val. Any questions, please see or email **Val Sternadore** (valiaws@yahoo.com).

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.**

**Saturday, January 4th – Saturday before Holy Nativity
10:00 AM Royal Hours**

Monday, January 6th - 7:00 PM Great Compline for Holy Nativity

**Tuesday, January 7th – Christmas/Nativity Day 9:30 AM
Divine Liturgy: The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

**Wednesday, January 8th – Synaxis of the Mother of God
10:30 AM Moleben to the Mother of God**

**Thursday, January 9th – St. Stephen's Day
10:30 AM Moleben to St. Stephen**

**Monday, January 13th – Eve of Circumcision of the Lord
4:30 PM Great Vespers with Litia**

Tuesday, January 14th – Circumcision of the Lord/St. Basil's Day 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

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

Saturday, January 18th – The Eve of the Theophany of Our Lord 5:00 PM Great Compline followed by Blessing of Waters
6:30 PM Holy Eve Supper at Parish Hall (Sponsored by Sr. UOL)

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

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).



**St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church
Nativity/Theophany Schedule 2020**

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9:00 AM Divine Liturgy Sunday before Holy Nativity

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Sunday, January 12th – Sunday after Nativity

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9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil with Blessing of the Parish Grounds

***Orthodox Christians have their homes blessed after Theophany.
Please let Fr. Borislav know when he can come by and bless your home.***