

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 3, 2017

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 3rd 26th Sunday after Pentecost / Forefeast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

Tone 1

Epistle: Eph. 5:8-19; Gospel: Lk. 12:16-21

9:00AM Divine Liturgy followed by the Semi-Annual Meeting

Monday, Dec. 4th The Feast Day of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple

10:00AM Moleben to the Theotokos, **CANCELED** due to installation of scaffolding.

Saturday, Dec. 9th

6:00PM Great Vespers, **CANCELED** due to clean-up after installation of icons.

Sunday, Dec. 10th 27th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 2

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

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Dec. 16th

6:00PM Great Vespers

Sunday, Dec. 17th 28th Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 3

Epistle: Col. 1:12-18; Gospel: Lk. 14:16-24

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Dec. 23rd

6:00PM Great Vespers

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. 28th)**, **Julie Chopquette (Nov. 29th)**, **Susan Chase (Nov. 30th)**, and **Janice Meschisen (Dec. 2nd)**, and we extend wedding anniversary greetings to: **William & Sandra Bucci (Nov. 30th)**, may God grant you all, **Many, Happy Years. Многая літа**

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. (Fr. Boris will make an announcement about the charity on the days of the collections.)

Please give generously! Thank you! Дякую!

CHRISTMAS PINE ARRANGEMENTS!

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

These make love gifts and are a great way to decorate your home for the Nativity season!

Each arrangement will contain a variety of pine greens, berries and holly and are reasonably priced at \$15-\$20.

All proceeds from the sale will go to St. Michael Church.

Please send your name, phone number and email address to Mary Ann by text message at **401-474-7142** or email her at **Mag131@cox.net** .

Orders must be placed by Sunday December 3rd. Arrangements will be available for pick up at the Cookie Walk on Saturday Dec. 16th and Sunday Dec. 17th.

Mary Ann will also accept any donations of pine greens (spruce, yews, holly, balsam, boxwood, etc) and vases or glass containers to help with this fundraiser. Please contact her by December 10th if you can help! Thank you! Дякую!

In preparation for our choir's joint concert with The Slatersville Congregational Church on December 10th at 4:00PM at St. Michael UOC, there will be a one final rehearsal:

**** Last Rehearsal -- Monday, Dec. 4th -- in the Church at 7:00PM ****

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

*** * Sunday, Dec. 3rd – Semi-Annual Meeting * ***

Sunday, Dec. 10th – Joint Choir Concert at 4:00PM in our Church

Saturday, Dec. 16th – 11th Annual Cookie Walk

Sunday, Dec. 17th – St. Nicholas Day Children's Celebration

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 VENERABLE GREGORY OF DECAPOLIS

Commemorated on November 20 / Decemberr 3

Gregory was born in Isaurian Decapolis of prominent and devout parents, Sergius and Mary. After he had completed his schooling, his parents desired that he marry, but he fled to the wilderness and was tonsured a monk. He lived in various places: Byzantium, Rome and on Mount Olympus. Wherever he was, he amazed men by his asceticism and miracles. At times a heavenly light illumined him and angels of God appeared to him. He gazed upon the beauty of the angels and listened to their

sweet chanting. He lived a long and God-pleasing life and died peacefully in the ninth century in Constantinople, his soul taking up its abode in the joy of his Lord.

SAINT PROCLUS, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Commemorated on November 20 / Decemberr 3

Proclus was a disciple of St. John Chrysostom. In the year 426 A.D. he was consecrated Bishop of Cyzicus, and in 435 A.D. was chosen Patriarch of Constantinople. He governed the Church of God as a prudent hierarch. During his tenure, two significant events occurred. The first was the translation of the relics of St. John Chrysostom from Comana to Constantinople, at the desire of both the emperor and the patriarch. Emperor Theodosius the Younger was then reigning with his sister, Pulcheria. The second event was the great earthquake in Constantinople and the surrounding countryside. Many of the largest and most beautiful buildings were destroyed by this terrible earthquake. Then the patriarch, with the emperor, many of the clergy, nobles and people, came out in a procession of supplication. As they were praying to God, a child was miraculously lifted high in the air, until he was out of sight. Then he returned and was lowered gently to the ground. Asked where he had been, the child replied that he had been lifted up to heaven among the angels and that he had heard the angels sing: "Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us!" Upon hearing this, all the people in the procession began to sing it and the earthquake ceased immediately. From that time on, this beautiful hymn was adopted by the Church. The child soon reposed, and was interred in the Church of St. Irene. In all, St. Proclus served as a hierarch for twenty years and reposed peacefully in the Lord in the year 446 A.D.

<http://www.westsrbdio.org/en/prologue/699-november-20>

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.

Abstinence includes refraining from the food and drink mentioned above, as well as from smoking. The Eucharistic Fast means abstaining from at least the previous midnight for communing at a morning Liturgy.

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.

ЙОГО ВИСОКОПРЕОСВЯЩЕНСТВО АРХІЄПИСКОП ДАНИЇЛ ОСОБИСТО ПРИКРАЩАТИМЕ РІЗДВЯНУ ЯЛИНКУ.

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

19 ГРУДНЯ, 2017