

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

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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

March 18, 2018

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 18 – Sunday of St. John of the Ladder

Tone 8 / Epistle: Heb. 6:13-20; **Gospel:** Mk. 9:17-31

9:00 AM Typica/Obidna / Father will be in Boston.

5:00PM Pan-Orthodox Vespers / St. John, the Baptist / 501 East School St., / Woonsocket 401-766-3343 / Preacher – Fr Demetrios Panteloukas,

Thursday, March 22 – Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

6:00 PM Canon of St. Andrew of Crete

Saturday, March 24 – Akathist to the Mother of God

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Sunday, March 25 – Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

Tone 1 / Epistle: Heb. 9:11-14; **Gospel:** Mk. 10:32-45

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St Basil The Great

5:00 PM Pan-Orthodox Vespers / Sts. Mary & Mena Coptic Orthodox Church / 2433 Scituate Avenue, Cranston (Hope, RI) / 401-864-7111 / Preacher – Fr Samuel Hana

Wednesday, March 28 – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

6:00 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (w/ Pot Luck Dinner)

Saturday, March 31 – Lazarus Saturday

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 1 – Palm / Willow Sunday

Epistle: Phil. 4:4-9; **Gospel:** Jn. 12:1-18

9:00 AM Blessing of Palms / Willows followed by the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Tuesday, April 3 – Bridegroom Matins

6:00 PM Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 4 – Holy Unction

7:00 P.M. Combined Holy Unction Service with St. John the Baptist Romanian Orthodox Church of Woonsocket

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue.

PARISH NEWS

--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.

--A Very Special THANK YOU goes out to Dan Bourgerly for all his hard work in cleaning out our church property from yet another Nor'easter! May God bless St. Michael's with more people like Dan. Thank you! Дякую!

--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: Sylvester Pitka (Mar. 12), may God grant you, **Many, Happy Years. Многая літа.**

--During Great Lent, we are encouraged to slow down the pace of our lives and spend more time in quiet and prayer. Unless we focus on the basics (prayer, family, worship) and downsize the rest, the additional disciplines of Lent will either go unused or just add stress to our lives. Neither approach is useful.

--From the Church School: You may have seen these little purple containers on the tables in the Church Hall. Our Church School Students are asking each and every one of us to dig deep into our pockets and offer our spare change for the needy throughout Great Lent! Please support our children in their effort to make a difference! **Thank you! Дякую!"**

--A pysanka etching class: -- The pysanka etching class will be held on **Tuesday March 27 from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Cost is \$15. The class is full but Cindy will take names for a waiting list if someone should cancel.**

--Cookie Walk Update: March 31st is the Cookie Walk... “At the Last UOL meeting, it was voted on to donate the proceeds of the Spring Cookie walk toward the purchase of a second new freezer for the kitchen! This means we need your help more than ever to make this dream a reality. Please bake!! Please come help work that morning! We need help from everyone! Thank you in advance.”

--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 March: Herbox Beef Bullion CRYSTALS

--From Cindy: The church board is seeking donations of hard liquor or wine, for its liquor basket raffle at the Pig Roast. Any bottle will be accepted as long as it is clean, sealed and not out of date. A liquor basket is always a good fund raiser and we are asking for everyone’s help for this project.

Also tickets will be available soon for the event! Please start asking your friends to join you at this event! It will be held at the **Circle Laurier Club at 165 East School Street in Woonsocket on Saturday May 19 from 5 to 9 pm.** There will be live music from 5:30 to 8:30 and dinner will be served at 6pm. There will be an additional raffle to see who will take the first cut of the pig. Dave Mallari of The Pig Kahuna (formerly of Woonsocket) is the roaster and chef for the evening. The pig will be on display all day if you’d like to stop by and see it being roasted! **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!! Remember, they can be used for grocery store gift cards to purchase items to make cookies for the upcoming cookie walk, everyday purchases.....also, Easter is coming. Paschal baskets need filling!!!! **Any questions, please see or email Val Sternadore (valiaws@yahoo.com).**

UPCOMING PARISH & INTER-PARISH EVENTS

Sunday, March 18th - 10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Eminence Metropolitan Antony followed by a Lenten Luncheon, at St. Andrew's , in Boston.

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5:00PM St. John, the Baptist Romanian Orthodox Church,
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Friday, Mar. 23rd - Ladies Sodality's Lenten Kitchen

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in the church hall**

Saturday, Mar. 31st – 3rd Annual Spring Cookie Walk

Sunday, Apr. 22nd – Sviachene Dinner

Saturday, May 5th – Flea Market

Saturday, May 19th – Pig Roast (Cercle Laurier Club)





GREAT LENT 2018: SERVICES

(UPDATE: 2/24/2018)

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HOLY WEEK, PASCHA, AND BRIGHT WEEK 2018

Sunday, April 1	9:00 AM	PALM SUNDAY. Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom + blessing of Willows
Tuesday, April 3	6:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday, April 4		GREAT (PASSION) WEEK – WEDNESDAY
	7:00 PM	Combined Holy Unction Service at St. John's in Woonsocket
Thursday, April 5		GREAT THURSDAY – Commemoration of the Mystical Supper
	3:00 PM	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil, preparation of Reserved Sacrament
	7:00 PM	Matins of the Holy Passion (Service of the 12 Passion Gospels)
Friday, April 6		GREAT FRIDAY – Commemoration of the Saving Passion of Christ
	6:30 PM	Great Vespers – Commemoration of the Burial of Christ w/ Procession
Saturday, April 7		GREAT SATURDAY AND HOLY PASCHA And Holy Annunciation
	10:00 AM	Vesperal (Resurrection) Liturgy of St. Basil and Readings; followed by the blessing and sharing of a simple repast to sustain us through our vigil
	10:00 PM	Paschal Midnight Office, Procession, Matins & Divine Liturgy; Blessing (and eating!!!) of Paschal Baskets in the Church Hall
Sunday, April 8		SUNDAY OF PASCHA
	10:30 AM	Paschal Obednitsa followed by Blessing of remaining Paschal Baskets
Monday, April 9		BRIGHT MONDAY
	10:00 AM	Paschal Divine Liturgy
Saturday, April 14		Eve of St Thomas Sunday
	6:00 PM	Great Vespers for St Thomas Sunday
Sunday, April 15		ST THOMAS SUNDAY
	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Graves at St. Michael Cemetery