

WELCOME TO THE GOD-LODING & 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 19, 2023

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Mar. 19 – 3rd Sunday of the Great Lent / Adoration of Cross Tone 7 / Epistle: Heb. 4:14–5:6; Gospel: Mk. 8:34–9:1 9:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great – Live video broadcast on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/ 5:00PM Pan Orthodox Vespers at St Mary's Parish - 249 High Street - Pawtucket - Preacher: Mike Mekler

WEEKDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

GREAT LENT

Mon., Mar. 20: The Holy Hieromartyrs of Cherson: Basil, Ephraim,

Capito, Eugene, Aetherius, Elpidius, and Agathodorus

Vesp.: Gen. 8:21–9:7; Prov. 11:19–12:6

Tues, Mar. 21: St. Theophylactus, bishop of Nicomedia

Vesp.: Gen. 9:8-17; Prov. 12:8-22

Wed., Mar. 22: The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste

Vesp.: Gen. 9:18-10:1; Prov. 12:23-13:9

7:00PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Thur, Mar. 23: Martyrs Codratus and with him: Cyprian,

Dionysius, Anectus, Paul, and others

Vesp.: Gen. 10:32-11:9; Prov. 13:20-14:6

Fri., Mar. 24: St. Sophronius, patriarch of Jerusalem

Vesp.: Gen. 12:1-7; Prov. 14:15-26

Sat., Mar. 25: Memorial Saturday / St. Theophanes the Confessor of Sigriane

Epistle: Heb. 6:9-12; Gospel: Mk. 7:31-37

11AM Sorokousty for the Departed, followed by Bible Study

<u>Sunday, Mar. 26 – 4th Sunday of the Great Lent / St. John of the Ladder</u>

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

9:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great – Live video broadcast on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelUOC/
5:00PM Pan Orthodox Vespers at St Michael's Parish - 74 Harris Ave

Woonsocket -Preacher: Fr Shnork Souin

Remember: even when you are absent, expenses continue

PARISH NEWS

-<u>WE EXTEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:</u> Donna Eichorn (Mar. 19), may God grant you, Many, Happy Years! Многая літа!

-BIG BROTHERS & BIG SISTERS PARTNERING WITH ST.

MICHAEL'S: "We are instituting a new fund raiser for St Michael, and partnering with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of RI. Starting March 22 there will be a clothing bin in the parking lot for depositing clothes, textiles and shoes. Please consider supporting your church and the BBBSRI Community." Irene Shewchuyk

--FROZEN FOOD AND SPRING COOKIE/BAKE SALE:

Pick up date Sat April 1, 9-11 am / Online frozen food ordering opens on March 25 https://st-michael-uoc.square.site/

In person orders welcome as well. Easter cookies and breads will be available. Our Ukraine Aid shop will also be open - please help support the people of Ukraine. Slava Ukraini! Heroyam Slava!

--WE WANT TO REMIND PARISHIONERS that services will still go on even when there is inclement weather. **PLEASE** use your best

judgement about attending and use extreme caution when driving during winter weather.

- **--2**ND COLLECTION for March and April collection will be to replace the sewer pipe in the church.
- **CEMETERY PLOTS:** St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church Cemetery is located on Hewes St. in Cumberland, RI. The cemetery has been in existence since the 1940's. It was once only affiliated with St. John's Church and its parishioners. However, the Church was dissolved in 1982 and the Cemetery is now open to all Orthodox and Christian faiths. There are an estimated 635 plots available on 2.5 acres of land. If you would like further information, please contact: Leo Andryc (Trustee) at (401)-480-2529 or Eleanor Kogut (Treasuer) at (508)-883-7176.
- **--FEED RI:** The MAE organization/Feed RI meets at Bouley Field on Social Street pretty much every Sunday from **11:45 to 12:45** to pass out food, bagged lunches, etc. This organization is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please talk to **Sue Chase** for more information.

Also, we are committed to providing 150, PB&J sandwiches for **April 30th** & **May 14th**. (These dates have been changed and as soon as we have that info we will provide it here.) Volunteers are needed.

-- FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Dues and Diocese Obligation: \$105

A reminder that St. Michael parish must meet a monetary obligation of \$105 per adult member to the Consistory of the UOC of USA at the beginning of each year. To reconfirm your membership with St. Michael parish we ask that you please use an envelope marked "dues and diocese" and submit this obligation as soon as possible at the start of each calendar year. Thank you!

Offering Envelopes will soon be available in the Narthex of the Church for those that use them. Offerings can also be submitted by mail or through your bank's "bill pay" system if you are unable to attend services in person. (This is helpful to the parish so that we can continue to keep up with any weekly or incidental expenses!) Guidance for sacrificial giving for the year 2023 is forthcoming.

If you have recently moved or have new contact information, please contact Erika ASAP so the parish database can be updated and the correct information will appear on your statement.

Please contact Erika (Financial Secretary) with any questions regarding membership or to confirm that your information is up to date in the Parish database. Erika - einamaka@gmail.com Thank you!

-- SPRING COOKIE WALK! Saturday, April 1, 2023

Remember: The Sr. UOL has agreed to donate (at least) 50% of all proceeds from the cookie sales to help off-set the cost of the new boiler for the rectory! The more cookies we have to sell the more funds will be offered for this cause!

BAKERS NEEDED!!! The freezers are ready for your cookies! Bins for freezing are available in the Parish Hall and are preferred. (so we can stack them in the freezer!)

For the Spring Cookie Walk we are aiming for variety over quantity. (ie., rather than the usual 10-12 dozens of the same exact cookie, maybe make 6-8 doz. each of two or more different kinds of cookies?)

Vegan Easter Sugar Cookies (Gluten Free-Options)

Please talk to Janice or Erika if you can help out or have any questions. Sponsored by the Sr. UOL

CURRENT GUIDELINES FOR COMING TO CHURCH DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- 1--Please stop at the desk in the Narthex and greet the ushers so they can register you in (for contact tracing purposes.)
- 2--You should NOT be in attendance if you have ANY symptoms of COVID-19, or are seriously ill. Please use your best judgment.
- 3--People who have knowingly been in contact with anyone who has been infected/diagnosed with COVID-19 should NOT enter the church and should quarantine according to State guidelines. They should not return to church until they have tested negative for COVID-19

** If you have been to church and have later tested positive for COVID-19 you MUST:

- 1-Inform Father Boris OR a parish officer as soon as possible
- 2- Tell them the date you were last in church
- 3- Tell them date of your positive test

This information is VERY important for the health and safety of our (YOUR) parish family! Parishioners who attended at the same time as an infected person need to know in order to be tested and stay healthy, or be treated.

Please remember to keep an eye on your emails before coming to Church for any changes in guidance due to the pandemic. **Thank you!**

UPCOMING PARISH & INTER-PARISH EVENTS

-Sun, March 19 -- St Mary's in Pawtucket / Lenten Vespers @ 5PM

- **-Sun, March 26 -** St. Michael's Festival Organization Meeting, during coffee hour. **ALL ARE INVITED**. St Michael's in Woonsocket / Lenten Vespers @ 5PM
- --Sat, April 1 Spring Cookie Walk and Frozen Food Sale 9 11AM
- **--Sun, April 2 --** St Mary/Mina in Cranston (Hope) / Lenten Vespers @ 5PM
- **-Sun, April 30 St. Thomas Sunday** Sviachene / blessing of graves at parish cemetery.
- --Sat, May 6 -- Artisan Fair at the Beef Barn
- --Sun, June 4 First Confessions
- -Sun, June 11 Annual Meeting with Election of Officers
- --Sat, August 26 Jamestown Festival

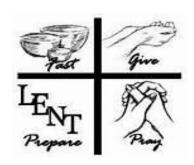
UOL CORNER

- **--UOL'S MISSION STATEMENT:** "The Ukrainian Orthodox League is a national volunteer organization of members in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, who are committed to promoting the Orthodox Faith, supporting the Church, developing the potential of our youth and their active participation in the life of the Church, and preserving Ukrainian heritage and culture."
- -- UOL MOTTO: "Dedicated to our Church, Devoted to Its Youth"
- **--MEMBERSHIP IN THE UOL:** Anyone wishing to join us in our ministries, please contact Erika Namaka or Janice Meschisen.
- --Sunday, March 19 UOL Meeting, after Liturgy
- --Saturday, April 1, Spring Cookie Walk
- --Saturday, April 8 Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy followed by church clean-up.

RI Orthodox Clergy Fellowship Services

for Great Lent 2023

~Open to All~



Sunday March 19 - St Mary's Parish - 5PM

249 High Street - Pawtucket = Preacher - Mike Mekler

Sunday March 26 - St Michael's Parish - 5PM

74 Harris Ave Woonsocket = Preacher – Fr Shnork Souin

Sunday April 2 - St Mary/Mena's Parish - 5PM

2433 Scituate Avenue Hope (Cranston) = Preacher – Fr Samuel Hanna

In Addition

EVE OF ANNUNCIATION GREAT VESPERS with 4th Stanza of the Salutations – Friday March 24

Annunciation Parish / 175 Oaklawn Ave – Cranston – 6PM



GREAT LENT 2023

Sunday, March 19	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy of St Basil The Great	
	5:00 PM	Pan Orthodox Vespers – St. Mary's in Pawtucket	
Wednesday, March 22	7:00 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts	
Saturday, March 25	11:00 AM	Sorokousty for the Deceased, followed by Bible Study	
Sunday, March 26	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy of St Basil	
	5:00 PM	Pan Orthodox Vespers – St. Michael's in Woonsocket	
Wednesday, March 29	7:00 PM	Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete	
Saturday, April 1	11:00 AM	Akathist to the Mother of God	
Sunday, April 2	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy of St Basil	
	5:00 PM	Pan Orthodox Vespers – Sts. Mary/Mina in Cranston	
		(Hope)	
Friday, April 7	10:30 AM	Holy Annunciation Divine Liturgy	
Saturday, April 8	8:00 AM	Divine Liturgy – Lazarus Saturday	



HOLY WEEK, PASCHA, AND BRIGHT WEEK 2023

Sunday, April 9 9:00 AM PALM SUNDAY - Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom + blessing of Willows

Wednesday, April 12 GREAT WEDNESDAY –

6:00 PM Service Of Holy Anointing at St Michael

Thursday, April 13 GREAT THURSDAY – Commemoration of the Mystical Supper

12:00 PM Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil, preparation Reserved Sacrament

7:00 PM Matins of the Holy Passion (Service of the 12 Passion Gospels)

Friday, April 14 GREAT FRIDAY – Commemoration of the Saving Passion of Christ

6:30 PM Great Vespers – Commemoration of the Burial of Christ Procession

Saturday, April 15 GREAT SATURDAY

10:00 AM Moleben for Great and Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 16 SUNDAY OF PASCHA

6:00 AM Paschal Midnight Office, Procession, Matins & Divine Liturgy;

Blessing of Baskets

Monday, April 17 BRIGHT MONDAY

10:30 AM Paschal Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 23 ST THOMAS SUNDAY

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Graves at St. Michael Cemetery

The purpose of Lent is not to force on us a few formal obligations, but to "soften" our hearts so that it may open itself to the realities of the spirit, to experience the hidden "thirst and hunger" for communion with God.

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.

GUIDELINES FOR GREAT LENT

The Lenten Services

Why does Liturgy seem longer on Sundays during Lent? Because it is. It is the Tradition of the Church to celebrate the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great on the 5 Sundays of Great Lent, Holy Thursday morning, Holy Saturday morning, in addition to Christmas Eve, the Eve of Epiphany (January 5) and the Feast of St. Basil (January 1). St. Basil wrote his liturgy in the middle part of the 4th century. St. John Chrysostom would later edit some of the priestly prayers of Basil's liturgy, significantly shortening them. The Anaphora of St. Basil (from the Creed until right before the Lord's Prayer) has the priestly prayers significantly longer. They contain all the theology of the Orthodox Church.

What We Celebrate on the Sundays of Lent

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATON TO THE VIRGIN MARY—

March 25 / April 7 The Angel Gabriel came directly to the Virgin Mary and told her that she was going to have a child. Naturally, she was alarmed at first and asked many questions. "Do not be afraid," said the Archangel Gabriel, "the Lord is with you because God has chosen you among all the women in the world and in history." The announcement of Christ's birth is placed on March 25, 9 months before the feast of the Nativity. We, in turn are told to spread the Good News of Christ as well, imitating the faithful example of the Virgin Mary.

Other Opportunities This Lent

Sacrament of Confession-Many people have already made appointments

for their confessions to be heard, many for the first time in their lives. It is confidential. It helps you re-connect with God and unburden yourself of guilt. It helps you to make a new start in your spiritual journey and is an integral part of any successful Lenten journey. If you have questions about confession, please ask. There is no better way to prepare for Pascha than to receive this sacrament.

<u>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT—VENERATION OF THE LIFE-GIVING</u> <u>CROSS</u> -- What we celebrate on the Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross?

On this third Sunday of the Great Lent we are celebrating the Veneration of the Cross; the Cross helps us to prepare for the Crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are not just witnessing from afar the passions of our Lord, but we participate in them. In the Synaxarion we read, "Through the forty-day fast, we too are in a way crucified, dying to the passions". Our efforts to keep up with the Fast, through prayer, fasting and alms giving, might take a toll over our bodies; we need help and encouragement, and the help and encouragement comes from the power of the Cross.

In the middle of Great Lent, the Church gives its faithful a sign of victory, one that can bring strength to them in this time of fasting. The Sunday of the Holy Cross is one that brings everything into perspective, especially with the Gospel reading (Mark 8:34-9:1), the Lord saying to all His disciples: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT—ST. JOHN OF THE LADDER — St. John of the Ladder was only 16 years old when he left Palestine and went to St. Catherine's monastery (at Mt. Sinai, Egypt). He lived there for 50 years, where he wrote his famous book, —The Ladder of Divine Ascent. This is a spiritual ladder; Christians follow certain rules so that they can get closer to God, and symbolically climb to heaven. He had struggles, like any person does, but he won over those struggles that the Devil put for him. That's why we celebrate his memory on this Sunday of Lent: St. John is a perfect example of how a person could be faithful all of their life, and be together with God in the Kingdom of Heaven.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT—ST. MARY OF EGYPT — St. Mary of Egypt was anything but a Saint throughout the first part of her life. From a very young age, she was a prostitute. Being from Egypt, she decided that

she wanted to see the Holy Land and the Tomb of Christ (also known as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre). As she went to enter the Church, a force kept her from entering. She was unable to enter, while so many others did. She realized that God had done this to have her stop her sinning. She promised to God that day she would stop. She repented with a pure heart, and she was allowed to enter. She went for Confession, received Holy Communion, and then went to the desert to live for years in repentance. Years later, she was visited by a Priest-monk, Zosimos (later a Saint in our Church). He gave her Holy Communion, and they discussed her trials and tribulations. Although she suffered much, she was so happy to be with Christ. Later that same day, she fell asleep in the Lord. Her example of repentance is SO great, we commemorate her life many centuries later.

10 RULES AND SUGGESTIONS FOR GREAT LENT

To avoid turning Lent into hard and senseless weeks of diet, one should keep several simple rules. The aim of a fast is to bend our body to our soul, to multiply love, to sharpen attention to our spiritual life, to train our will and gain our powers for spiritual fight.

1. "Always be happy, pray all the time, be thankful for everything"
The temptation to fall into despair is strong. "How can I live without tasty food? No more entertainments! How long the services are!" In fact, there is no reason for despair. Often we can face the other side of the Lenten despair: "I cannot fast according to the statue. I miss services. I get distracted by secular vanity." Remember that God needs our heart, not our legs or stomach. He sees in a soul the desire to serve Him, and He sees the weaknesses, too. This constant recollection about God will become our constant joy about Him.

2. Keep praying!

We need to devote more time to prayer than we do usually. We should be more attentive during services – sometimes it might be useful to take a book with the texts of services. We should perform the prayer rule more thoroughly – leave your computer half an hour earlier and read the evening prayers. Add the prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian. It is rather useful to fight against numerous temptations during Great Lent with prayer: when you feel angry or get despaired you can cope with this condition with the help of the short Jesus' prayer.

3. Church prayer

If we did not manage to organize our life in a way that we can only eat

permitted foods, read the entire prayer rule or just pray during the day because of the everyday routine, the church comes to our rescue. These are the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete during the first four days of Great Lent, the reading of the entire Canon of St. Andrew of Crete on the Wednesday evening during the fifth week, Akathist to the Mother of God on Saturday, and the services of the Holy Week. It is advisable to attend the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at least once during Great Lent.

4. "Open to me the doors of repentance, O Life-giver!"

It is known that it is not God who needs fast, but we. For example, Great Lent consists of two parts: the Lent itself and the Holy Week. The Church offers us to read the Great Canon twice during Lent for good reason. Three weeks before Great Lent the Church appeals for repentance with the parable about the Publican and Pharisee, and the recalling of the Last judgement and Adam's expulsion. We need these 40 days of Lent exactly for repentance. If you are not going to repent, then there is no need to fast. It will be just a waste of your health.

5. Watch your health

If you feel that your health is getting worse during Lent, you should discuss the degree of your abstinence with your spiritual father. If you have any diseases of the stomach or metabolic dysfunction, you cannot fast in full or partial accordance with the Church statue just because you want to. Today even some monasteries do not fast with only dry food; so, the Lord will not judge a working person who has health problems, too. Gastric ulcer will not bring you closer to the Lord. In fact, it can even distance you from God. The border between pure desire to follow the Church canons and the pride for your personal efforts is rather thin.

6. Eyes on your own plate

"Boasting while fasting" is dangerous and goes hand in hand with judging others. Your brother eats fish while you are on bread and water? Not your business. He drinks milk while you do not even put sugar in tea? You have no idea about the condition of his organism. He has eaten a sausage and is going to partake of Holy Communion next morning while you have begun the Eucharistic fast? This concerns only him and the priest who lets him to take part in the sacrament. Here we can say only what children in kindergarten are told: "Eyes on your own plate".

7. Man does not live by bread alone

Think less about food. Fast is not about changing your food regime. Vegetarians do not eat animal food at all but it neither brings them closer to God nor keeps them from Him, just like the Apostle said. The continuation of this well-known phrase is, "but with any word of God" – it

suits perfectly to the period of Great Lent, when we pay special attention to reading Bible, which is the word of God.

8. Hurry to do good

Concentration on our personal spiritual condition must not turn into negligence towards other people. Fast is supposed to develop in us both love towards God and love towards our neighbor. St. John Chrysostom offered to donate the money saved during Lent to people in need. What is more, during Great Lent there is no need to stop communication with those people who can need it – a pregnant friend, a sick neighbor, a lonely relative. A short talk with these people over a cup of tea is not just entertainment but helping others.

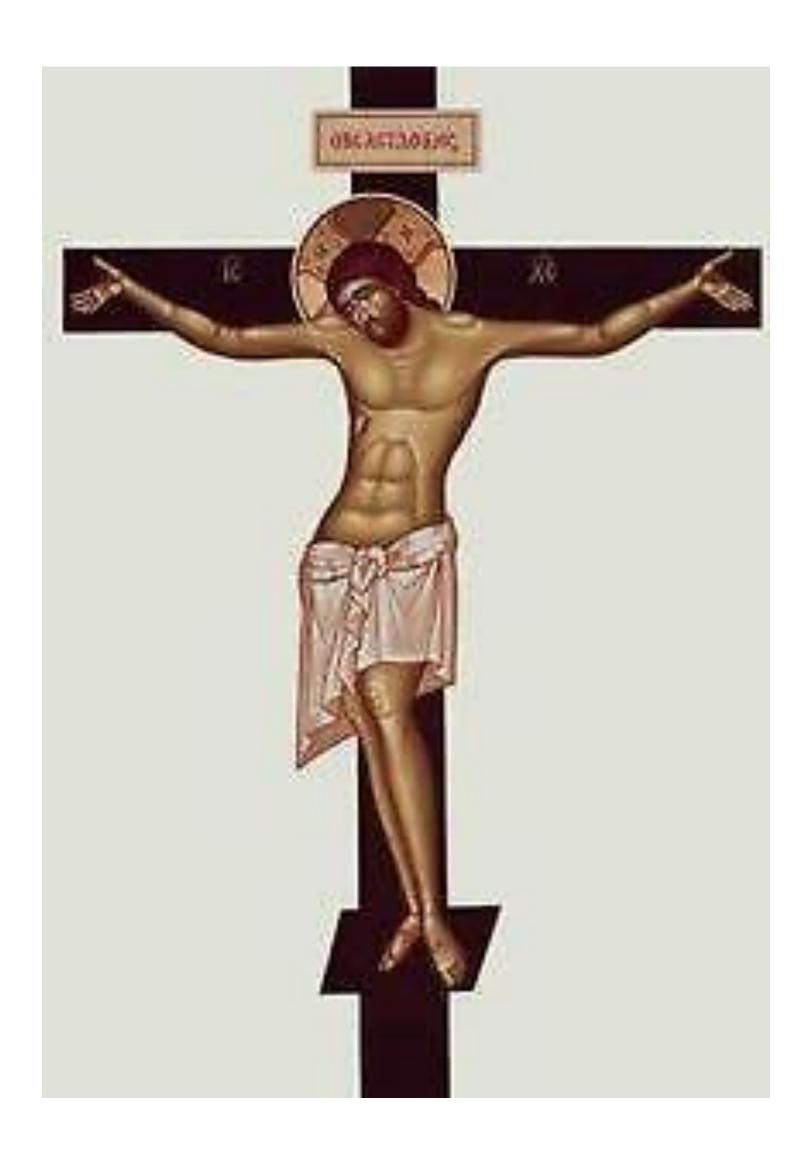
9. Loving people without pleasing people

Good attitude towards our neighbors can sometimes lead to such an unpleasant thing as people pleasing. In fact, there is no good attitude in it at all, while there is personal flabbiness and dependence on the opinion of other people. During Great Lent, this passion becomes especially sharp. "Let's meet on Friday after work and go to a café!" your friend says, and here you are ordering a cake with her: I don't want to offend her! "Come to us on Saturday evening!" your neighbors say, and you are going to miss the evening service. "Have one more piece of chicken if you don't want to hurt my feelings!" your relative says capriciously, and here one can even hide behind respectful attitude towards older people. However, it will be a wickedness. Unwillingness to come into conflict is not always connected with love towards others. To get rid of the sin of people pleasing we can recall the advice by St. Paisios the Hagiorite: we should conceal our personal fasts in order not to fast for show, while the fast for the whole Church is being strong in our faith. We should not only strive to respect other people, but make others respect our faith, too. Quite often, a polite explanation is enough for people to understand your position. What is more, most often it comes out that all our explanations are fanciful: a friend in a café will not be confused by your empty espresso cup, your neighbors will be glad to meet with you after the service.

10. Follow Christ

Finally, the most important rule of Great Lent is to remember about the aim of this period. Fast is a period of concentrated anticipation of the feast to which it leads, such as Resurrection of Christ. If we speak of Great Lent, it should be an anticipation of a hardworking person. We try to go through Lent together with the Lord; together we will reach the grave of Lazarus; together we will enter Jerusalem; we will listen to Him in the Temple and partake of Holy Communion with His Apostles at His Last Supper; we will follow Him on His way of the Cross; we will mourn on

Golgotha with the Mother of God and His favorite disciple John. Finally, together with the myrrh-bearing women we will come to the opened Grave and will feel joy for He is not here. Together with them, we will exclaim, "Christ is risen!"



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WEEKLY THEME/READINGS DATE **PARTICIPATION** JANUARY Like Zacchaeus, make a personal effort to see Christ. **7ACCHAFUS SUNDAY** Participate in Divine Liturgy.

If you have been dishonest - fix it like Zacchaeus did.

ee* Christ is all those around you (not as easy as it sound) EPISTLE: 1 TIM. 4:9-15
GOSPEL: LUKE 19:1-10 29 Normal Fasting Week Do not think too highly of yourself. Realize your own sinfulness, asking the Lord for forgiveness and strength to overcome your shortcomings.

Do a good deed in secret, telling nobody (not boasting). **PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE FEBRUARY** EPISTLE: 2 TIM. 3:10-15 GOSPEL: LUKE 18:10-14 **5** Fast-free Week God awaits our awakening to our mistakes and welcomes **FEBRUARY** PRODIGAL SON RETURNS us with open arms. Partake in the Eucharist. mit to breaking a bad habit (watch less TV, spend le ne on Social Media, spend more time with family...) EPISTLE: 1 COR. 6:12-20 GOSPEL: LUKE 15:11-32 12 Normal Fasting Week Final week to enjoy meat products Contemplate the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats (Matthew 25:31-46) - when were you like a "goat" and when where you like a "sheep"? Buy someone lunch (homeless person, bring a meal to a THE LAST JUDGMENT **FFBRUARY** EPISTLE: 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2
GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46 19 Meatfare Sunday (Final Day of meat) Final week to enjoy cheese products and dairy EXPULSION OF ADAM/EVE FROM PARADISE FORGIVENESS SUNDAY **FEBRUARY** Ask each other for forgiveness, and forgive them (and mean it). Go to Confession/Communion.

Each day this week make an effort to ask forgiveness of others (at work, school, and home). 26 EPISTLE: ROMANS 13:11-14:4 Cheesefare Sunday (Great Lent begins tomorrow) GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:14-21 Final day for cheese/dairy. Lent begins tonight at 6 PM Bring an icon to church with you. TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY Clean your icon corner at home. You are a living icon of Christ - make an effort to show Christ to the world around you this week. Be patient, kind, smile, MARCH 5 EPISTLE: HEB. 11:24-26, 32-12:2 GOSPEL: JOHN 1:43-51 and point others towards God and salvation. St. Gregory Palamas advocated for constant prayer, use a ST. GREGORY PALAMAS prayer rope to remind you to pray and help you focus.
Nurture silence (don't listen to music, talk less) so you can
better focus on God.
Every day, as often as you can, pray the Jesus Prayer.
"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." MARCH EPISTLE: HEBREWS 1:10-2:3 12 GOSPEL: MARK 2:1-12 Place a cross in the center of your icon corner. MARCH ADORATION OF THE CROSS Visibly wear your cross all week Each morning and evening this week pray:
"Before Your Cross we bow down in worship, O Master, and EPISTLE: HEBREWS 4:14-5:6 19 GOSPEL: MARK 8:34-9:1 (Half way to Pascha) Your holy Resurrection we glorify.' We constantly climb a ladder through our lives as we work to reach Christ. Often we fall and start over...again and again. Never stop climbing. Spend time with family - preparing and enjoying meals. Tell each other of an issue you encountered in your day and how you turned a negative into a positive. ST. JOHN CLIMACUS MARCH (OF THE LADDER) EPISTLE: HEBREWS 6:13-20 26 GOSPEL: MARK 9:17-31 Saint Mary of Egypt became a saint only after realizing her sinfulness.

Contemplate which qualities you like/dislike in others, and then do a self-assessment. Would you like yourself?

Do you think God is happy with you? **APRIL** ST. MARY OF EGYPT 2 EPISTLE: HEBREWS 9:11-14 GOSPEL: MARK 10:32-45 By resurrecting an unquestionably dead Lazarus, Christ reaffirmed that all things are possible with God. Out of LAZARUS SATURDAY APRIL compassion the Lord wept. 8 EPISTLE: HEBREWS 12:28-13:8 GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45 Bring Palms (Pussy Willows) to church to be blessed, and then take them home and place them in your icon corner. When the Lord entered Jerusalem the people yelled out, "Hosanna in the highest" which is more than praise and doration, but is used when crying out for help and means "save us". These same people later cried out "Crucify Him!" Take care not to use the Lord's name in vain. ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM (PALM SUNDAY) APRIL EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9
GOSPEL: JOHN 12:1-18 (Great Week begins) The sinful woman anointed the Lord's feet with expensive GREAT WEDNESDAY
(ANOINTING/UNCTION SERVICE) APRIL oil, and wiped them with her hair.

As you comb your hair today, realize the great love the Lord has for you, in that he knows the exact count of hairs upon your head. Show your love for God by helping someone open a door, carry a burden, give a lift, feed them... 12 GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26:6-16 (Presanctified Liturgy) After the Mystical Supper, the Lord washed the feet of the Disciples to show them how they are to treat each otherwith humility, compassion and love.

They were to serve, and not wait to be served.

We are to serve and not be served.

Without grumbling - make dinner, wash the dishes, sweep the floors, and pray for others. GREAT THURSDAY (MYSTICAL SUPPER) (WASHING OF FEET) APRIII 13 LIT.: 1 COR.11:23-32; MT.26:1-20; JN.13:3-17; MT.26:21-39; Lx.22:43-45; MT.26:40 - 27:2; MT.26:6-16 RITE OF THE WASHING OF FEET: JN. 13:1-11 JN. 13:12-17 The Lord suffered, was tortured, an NAILED TO THE CROSS TODAY. APRIL GREAT FRIDAY (CHRIST IS CRUCIFIED) Abstain from joviality. No TV. No music, singing, dancing. It is a STRICT fast day. Try to abstain from food until after venerating the Holy Shroud. 14 ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS (STRICT Fast day) GREAT SATURDAY (HARROWING OF HADES) Christ's Body rests in the tomb, as He frees the righteous souls in Hades.

Nurture peace. No loud music. No TV. No arguing.

Prepare Paschal meal. Color eggs. **APRIL** 15 EPISTLE: ROMANS 6:3-11 MATTHEW 28:1-20 (Liturgy of St. Basil) **PASCHA** APRIL CHRIST IS RISEN! **CHRIST IS RISEN!**

EPISTLE: ACTS: 1:1-8

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-25

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and rejoice!

ДАТА ЩОТИЖНЕВА ТЕМА/ЧИТАННЯ **УЧАСТЬ** Подібно до Закхея, докладіть зусиль, щоб побачити $\overline{\Box}$ 29 НЕДІЛЯ ПРО ЗАКХЕЯ Христа. Беріть участь у Божественній Літургії. Якщо ви були нечесними - виправте це, як це зробив Закхей. Апостол: 1 Тим. 4:9-15 Євангеліє: Лк. 19:1-10 СІЧНЯ Тиждень звичайного посту DKBa «Вбачайте» Христа в усіх навколо вас (це не т просто, як ие звучить), НЕДІЛЯ ПРО МИТАРЯ ТА ФАРИСЕЯ Не будьте високомірними. Усвідомте власну 5 гріховність, попросивши у Господа прощення і сили подолати свої недоліки. Робіть добру справу таємно, нікому про це не Апостол: 2 Тим. 3:10-15 Євангеліє: Лк. 18:10-14 ЛЮТОГО O Тиждень без посту Бог чекає, коли ми усвідомимо свої помилки, щоб прийняти нас з розкритими обіймами. Причащайтесь. Намагайтеся позбутися поганої звички (менше дивіться телевізор, витрачайте менше часу на 12 ВНа НЕДІЛЯ ПРО БЛУДНОГО СИНА ЛЮТОГО
Тиждень звичайного посту
(Останий тиждень для споживания Апостол: 1 Кор. 6:12-20 Євангеліє: Лк. 15:11-32 соціальні мережі, проводьте більше часу з сім'єю...)
Останній тиждень для споживання м'ясних продуктів. восла Поміркуйте над притчею про овець і козлів (Матвія 25:31-46) - коли ви були схожі на "козла" та чим вам подобається "овечка"? Купіть комусь обід (безхатченку, принесіть знедоления чи заплатіть за чиюсь їжу). ПРО СТРАШНИЙ СУД 19 лютого (F) 1 a Апостол: 1 Кор. 8:8-9:2 Євангеліє: Мт. 25:31-46 Неділя М'ясопусна (Останній день для споживання м'ясних продуктів.) Останній тиждень для споживання сирними та молочними продуктами. B НЕДІЛЯ ПРОЩЕННЯ
Попросіть один в одного прощення і пробачте інших (від щирого серця). Підіть до Сповіді/Причастя. Кожного дня цього тихня намагайтеся просити пробачення в інших (на роботі, у школі, вдома). СПОМИН ПРО ВИГНАННЯ 26 0 **АДАМА 3 РАЮ** лютого Апостол: Рим. 13:11-14:4 Неділя Сиропусна.Прощена Останній день для споживання сирних/молочних продуктів. Сьогодні о 18:00 починається Великий Піст. **Євангеліє: Мт. 6:14-21** країнська Візьміть з собою ікону до церкви. Приберіть вдома свій Молитовний Куточок. А Ви - це жива ікона Христа – намагайтеся цього тижня показати Христа світу навколо вас. Будьте терплячими, добрими, посміхайтеся та вказуйте іншим шлях до Бога і спасіння. ТОРЖЕСТВО ПРАВОСЛАВ'Я **БЕРЕЗНЯ** Апостол: Євр. 11:24-26, 32-12:2 **Євангеліє: Ін. 1:43-51** Св. Григорій Палама навчав постійній молитві. Використовуйте чотки, щоб нагадувати собі молитися і допомогти вам зосередитись. Практикуйте тишу (не слухайте музику, менше розмовляйте), щоб ви могли краще зосерейштися на Богові. Кожен день, якомога частіше моліться Ісусову молитву. «Господи Ісусе Христе, Сину Божий, помилуй мене грішного.» СВТ. ГРИГОРІЯ ПАЛАМИ 12 Апостол: Євр. 1:10-2:3 **БЕРЕЗНЯ** Євангеліє: Мр. 2:1-12 Розмістіть хрест в центрі вашого Молитовного Куточка. Носіть свій хрест на видноті весь тиждень. Кожного ранку і ввечері цього тижня помоліться: 19 **ХРЕСТОПОКЛОННА БЕРЕЗНЯ А**постол: **Є**вр. 4:14−5:6 (Половина шляху **Є**ВАНГЕЛІЄ: Мр. 8:34-9:1 «Хресту Твоєму поклоняємось, Владико, і святе Воскресіння Твоє славимо.» до Пасхи) Ми постійно піднімаємось по драбині протягом нашого життя, намагаючись досягти Христа. Часто ми падаємо і починаємо знову... знову і знову. Ніколи не припиняйте йти по цій драбині. Проводьте час із родиною, готуючи та разом споживаючи їжу. Розкажіть один одному про проблему з якою ви стицнулися протягом дня, і про те, як ви перетворили ПРП. ІОАНА ЛІСТВИЧНИКА **БЕРЕЗНЯ** Апостол: Євр. 6:13-20 **Євангеліє:** Мр. 9:17-31 Преподобна Марія Єгипетська стала святою, лише усвідомивши свою гріховність. Поміркуйте, які якості вам подобаються/не подобається в інших, а потім проведіть власну самооцінку. Чи подобаєтьсь ви самі собі? Як ви думаєте, Бог радіє вами? 2 ПРП МАРІЇ ЄГИПЕТСЬКОЇ **КВІТНЯ А**постол: Євр. 9:11-14 **Є**ВАНГЕЛІЄ: Мр. 10:32-45 Воскресивши безсумнівно мертвого Лазаря, Христос ЛАЗАРЕВА СУБОТА 8 ще раз підтвердив, що для Бога все можливо. Зі співчуття Господь заплакав. Коли зустрічаєте людину з сумом на обличчі, чи в когось видався тяжкий день - розрадьте їх. **КВІТНЯ** Апостол: Євр. 12:28-13:8 **Є**вангеліє: Ін. 11:1-45 Принесіть віття до церкви, щоб їх освятити, а потім візьміть їх додому та покладіть у свій Молитовний Куточок.
Коли Господь увійшов до Єрусалиму, людя вигукували: «Осанна на висоті», вихваляючи та обожнюючи Христа, водночас просячи Христа про допомогу «спаси нась. Ці самі люди пізніше кричали: «Розіпни Мого!»
Стережіться, щоб не вживати ім'я Господа даремно. ВЕРБНА НЕДІЛЯ 9 ВХІД ГОСПОДНІЙ В ЄРУСАЛИМ **КВІТНЯ** Апостол: Флп. 4:4-9 (Початок Страсного тижня) **Є**вангеліє: Ін. 12:1-18 Грішниця помазала ноги Господа дорогою олією і витерла їх своїм волоссям. Розчісуючи своє волосся сьогодні, пам'ятайте про велику юбов Господа до вас, адже Він єдиний знає точну кількість волосся на вашій голові. Проявіть й ви свою любов до Бога, допомагаючи комусь: відчиніть двері, допоможіть **ВЕЛИКА СЕРЕДА** (СЛУЖБА МИРОПОМАЗАННЯ) 12 **КВІТНЯ** (Літургія Ранішосвячених Дарів) **Євангеліє:** Мт. 26:6-16 Після Тайної Вечері Господь вмив ноги учням, щоб показати їм, як вони повинні поводитися один з одним -зі смиренням, співчуттям і любов'ю. Вони повинні були служити, а не чекати, коли їм послужать. ВЕЛИКИЙ ЧЕТВЕР (СПОМИН ТАЙНОЇ ВЕЧЕРІ) (МИТТЯ НІГ) КВІТНЯ Літ.: 1 Кор. 11:23-32; Мт.26:1-20; Ін.13:3-17; Мт.26:21-39; Лк.22:43-45; Мт.26:40 - 27:2; т.26:6-16; На вмивання ніг: Ін.13:1-11; Ін.13:12-17 ужити, а не чекати, коли нам п нь приготуйте вечерю, помийт піть підлогу і помоліться за іни Сьогодні Господь страждав, був катований і ПРИБИТИИ ДО ХРЕСТА.
Утримуйтеся від веселощів. Без телевізора, без музики, без співів та танців. Це день СТРОГОГО посту. Намагайтеся утримуватися від їжі до того як приклонитеся до Святої Плащаниці. ВЕЛИКА П'ЯТНИЦЯ (ХРИСТА РОЗІПНУЛИ) 14 **КВІТНЯ ЦАРСЬКІ ЧАСИ І ВЕЧІРНЯ** (СТРОГИЙ ПІСТ) Тіло Христа поховане в гробниці, у той час коли Він звільняє праведні душі з Пекла. Плекайте мир. Ніякої гучної музики. Без телевізора. Без суперечок. Приготуйте пасхальну трапезу. Розфарбуйте яйця. ВЕЛИКА СУБОТА (БОРОНУВАННЯ ПЕКЛА) 15 **КВІТНЯ** Апостол: Рим. 6:3-11 (Літургія Свт. Василія Великого) **Євангеліє:** Мт. 28:1-20 СВІТЛЕ ХРИСТОВЕ ВОСКРЕСІННЯ 16 XPUCTOC BOCKPEC! ПАСХА ХРИСТОВА! **КВІТНЯ** Апостол: Діян. 1:1-8 Євангеліє: Ін. 1:1-17 ня і радійте!

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THOMAS WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE

BRIGHT SATURDAY

APRIL 22, 2023

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
St. Andrew Memorial Church

11:30 AM Memorial Service
at the Grave site of Metropolitan John

3:00 PM - Picnic at St. Sophia Seminary

6:00 PM Vespers/Confessions

at the Seminary Chapel

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

APRIL 23, 2023

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

St. Andrew Memorial Church, celebrated by
His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel

11:30 AM Memorial Service in front of St. Andrew Memorial Church Commemorating the departed servants of God: Patriarch Mstyslav, Metropolitan John, Metropolitan Constantine, and all departed hierarchs, clergy and faithful of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A, along with the victims of the Genocidal Famine in Ukraine of 1932-33, the victims of the Chornobyl disaster, those who sacrificed their lives for the freedom and independence of Ukraine and the U.S.A, as well as our fallen soldiers throughout the world, especially the fallen heroes of the Ukrainian Revolution of Dignity – the Heavenly Hundred, and those who have died in the present war with the Russian Federation.

3:00 PM Ice Cream Social - St. Sophia Seminary
(Sponsored by the Office of Youth Ministry)

PLEASE NOTE: MEMORIAL SERVICES ARE NOT PERMITTED
DURING BRIGHT WEEK – MONDAY TO FRIDAY (APRIL 17-21). THESE
DAYS ARE RESERVED FOR GRAVE CLEANING AND CEMETERY
PREPARATION FOR ST. THOMAS SUNDAY.

PARKING REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS: As directed by the Consistory, all parking on Memorial Church and Cemetery grounds is strictly prohibited on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23. Parking is permitted only on the Consistory grounds located at 135 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873.

All Panakhydas (Memorial Services) are permitted only after the conclusion of the general Panakhyda.

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ІАЛОМНИЦТВО ФОМИНОІ

СВІТЛА СУБОТА

22 KBITHЯ, 2023

10:00 - Літургія

в Церкві-Пам'ятнику св. Андрія

11:30 - Панахида

на могилі митрополита Іоана Теодоровича

15:00 - Пікнік

при Семінарії Святої Софії

18:00 - Вечірня і сповідь

у каплиці семінарії

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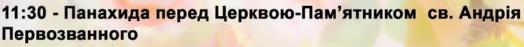
23 KBITHA, 2023

10:00 - Божественна Літургія

в Церкві-Пам'ятнику св. Андрія, очолена

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Даниїлом



за спокій душ слуг Божих: світолії пам'яті Патріарха Мстислава, Митрополита Іоана, Митрополита Константина та всіх спочилих єпископів, священиків і вірних УПЦеркви, а також за спокій душ жертв Геноциду - Голодомору 1932-33 р.р., Чорнобильської трагедії, всіх тих, що життя своє поклали в боротьбі за волю й незалежність України і США, та всіх загиблих воїнів, особливо за душі героїв що полягли під час Українського Майдану Гідності — Небесної Сотні та усіх хто загинув у теперішній війні з Російською Федерацією.

15:00 - Морозиво для дітей та молоді у Семінарії Св. Софії.

(Спонсорує Відділ Праці з Молоддю УПЦ США)

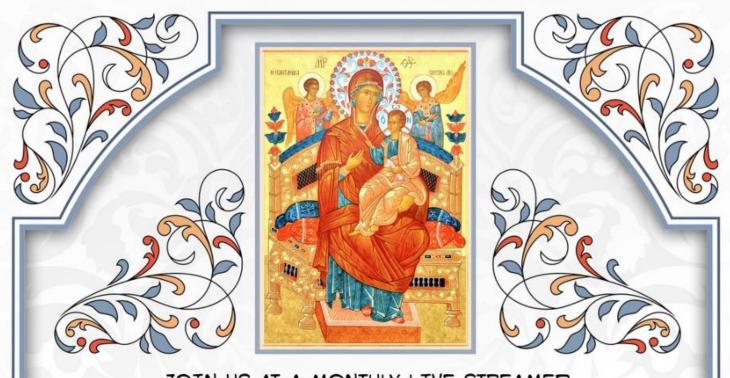
УВАГА!: НА ПРОТЯЗІ СВІТЛОГО ТИЖНЯ ВІД ПОНЕДІЛКА ДО П'ЯТНИЦІ ВКЛЮЧНО, 17-21 КВІТНЯ, 2023 р. ВІДПРАВЛЯТИ ПАНАХИДИ НА ЦВИНТАРІ НЕ ДОЗВОЛЕНО. ЦІ ДНІ ЗАРЕЗЕРВОВАНО НА ВПОРЯДКУВАННЯ МОГИЛ ДО ПРОВОДІВ.

ЗАГАЛЬНІ ПРАВИЛА: Консисторія повідомляє, що паркування автомобілів в суботу 22 квітня та неділю 23 квітня 2023 року буде тільки на площі Консисторії при 135 Davidson Ave, Somerset, NJ 08873. Паркування автомобілів біля Церкви-Пам'ятника і на цвинтарі суворо заборонене!

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5 1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT LENT: TRIUMPH OF ORTHODOXY

НЕДІЛЯ 1-ША ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ: ТОРЖЕСТВО ПРАВОСЛАВ'Я

11 MEMORIAL SATURDAYПОМИНАЛЬНА СУБОТА

12 SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT LENT: ST. GREGORY PALAMAS НЕДІЛЯ 2-ГА ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ: СВТ. ГРИГОРІЯ ПАЛАМИ

18 MEMORIAL SATURDAY ПОМИНАЛЬНА СУБОТА

19 3RD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT LENT: ADORATION OF CROSS

НЕДІЛЯ 3-ТЯ ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ: ХРЕСТОПОКЛОННА

25 MEMORIAL SATURDAYПОМИНАЛЬНА СУБОТА

