Schedule for the Week

SUNDAY - 26 February - CHEESEFARE SUNDAY - SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS - The Venerable Martinian of Caesarea
Romans 13:11-14:4 Matthew 6:14-21

Monday; 27 February - The Venerable Auxentius, monk of Bithynia

9 AM - LENTEN HOURS

6 PM - LENTEN VESPERS

Tuesday; 28 February - The Holy Apostle Onesimus of the Seventy
Isaiah 1:19-2:3 Genesis 1:14-23. Proverbs 1:20-33

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE ) - St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church 1343 Newport Avenue Northampton

Wednesday: 01 March - The Holy Martyr Pamphilius and others with him at Caesarea in Palestine
Isaiah 2:3-11 Genesis 1:24-2:3 Proverbs 2:1-22

9 AM - LENTEN HOURS

6 PM - LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

Thursday; 02 March - The Holy and Great-Martyr Theodore of Tyro
Isaiah 2:11-21 Genesis 2:4-19 Proverbs 3:1-18

6 PM - GREAT CANON OF ST. ANDREW OF CRETE

Friday; 03 March - The Holy Leo the Great, Pope of Rome

9 AM - LENTEN HOURS

6 PM - AKAFIST TO THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST followed by Educational Series and Pot Luck Supper

Saturday; 04 March - The Holy and Great Martyr Theodore of Tyro
Hebrews 1:1-12 Mark 2:23-3:5

9 AM - DIVINE LITURGY for the repose of the souls who have perished in Russia’s war on Ukraine requested by UNWLA Branch #19.

SUNDAY - 05 March - SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY - The Venerable Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily
Hebrews 11:24-26, 11:32-12:2 John 1:43-51

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY
Announcements

• **SAVE THE DATE:** Annual General Parish Meeting Sunday; 26 March 2023 immediately after Divine Liturgy.

• **COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP SHEET:** The new coffee hour sign-up sheet is now posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider sponsoring a Sunday.

• **AID TO UKRAINE CONTINUES:** As the Russian War on Ukraine continues into a second year, our assistance also continues. We are now partnering with UNITED HELP UKRAINE, an organization that has proven itself over the past year to get the necessary help to Ukraine where it needs to be. In addition to this, we have adopted a military unit, in the Lviv Oblast, to provide them with small items that make their defense of Ukraine easier. Please check the bulletin regularly for updates on the items needed.

• **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to a very special group of the men of our parish: Richie Bodnar, Nik Farutch, Pete Farutch, Metro Hutzalyuk, Ronnie Miller, Dennis Ritter, for their hard work in mounting on our church property the photos depicting the devastation inflicted upon Ukraine during the past year of Russian invasion. Their hard work is already making an impact. Please make sure you visit the display.

• **FRIDAY EVENING EDUCATIONAL SERIES AND POT LUCK SUPPER**– This Lent, we will again attempt to have a series of enrichment on our Orthodox Christian Faith after the evening service. We will be exploring the book “Introducing the Orthodox Faith,” by Fr. Anthony Coniaris. **ALL ARE INVITED.** Anyone planning on attending, should speak to Fr. Richard and please bring a meatless and dairy less covered dish.

• **PUSSY WILLOWS** - The mild winter has caused an early spring. Therefore, things are budding and blossoming very early this year. We ask those of you who have pussy willow bushes to keep an eye on them and cut the branches before they start going to pollen and keep them in a cool place until Willow Sunday - please do not bring them to the church; we simply do not have anywhere to store them. We are very grateful to anyone who can donate branches.

• **PARISH BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED** - The regular monthly Parish Board Meeting has been rescheduled and will take place tomorrow, 27 February at 6:30 PM immediately following Lenten Vespers. All are welcome.

• **SOROKOUSTY COMMEMORATION** - As we begin Great Lent, as a reminder, we will celebrate the commemoration of the deceased on the five designated Sorokousty Saturdays. If you wish to have Father Richard commemorate your deceased family members, please utilize the Sorokousty envelope available in the breezeway and place it in the collection basket with your regular offering.

• **MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH CANCER AND OTHER ILLNESS** - The next special monthly prayer service for those suffering with cancer and other illness, to the Mother of God “Queen of All” will take place this **Monday; 20 March.** If you would like to remember anyone in prayer, please submit their names on the list available in the Chapel and deposit it in the chapel near the icon of the Mother of God, Queen of All. Donations can also be placed in the same receptacle.

• **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES** - Classes continue every Saturday at 10 AM. Our own choir director, John Koretski leads the class. Anyone interested is welcome.

• **Adult Ukrainian Language Classes** - Classes continue every Thursday at 6 PM. Mr. Ihor Mirchuk is the instructor. Anyone interested is welcome.

Today’s Liturgical Proper

*(at the Divine Liturgy)*

**Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)**

When the women disciples of the Lord
learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the apostles:
“Death is overthrown!”
Christ God is risen, //
granting the world great mercy!”

**Tone 6 Kontakion** (from the Lenten Triodion)

O Master, Teacher of wisdom,
Bestower of virtue,
Who teach the thoughtless and protect the poor,
strengthen and enlighten my heart!
O Word of the Father,
let me not restrain my mouth from crying to You:
“Have mercy on me, a transgressor, //
O merciful Lord!”

**Tone 3 Parish Theotokian**
Today the Virgin stands in the church, / and with hosts of Saints invisibly prays to God for us. / Angels worship with Hierarchs, / and Apostles rejoice with Prophets, / for the Birth-Giver of God prays for us/ to the Pre-eternal God.

**Tone 8 Prokeimenon**

Pray and make your vows / before the Lord, our God! (Ps. 75:10a)

V. *In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.* (Ps. 75:1)

**Epistle**

Romans 13:11-14:4

**Tone 6**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High. (Ps. 91:1)

V. To declare Your mercy in the morning, and Your truth by night. (Ps. 91:2a)

**Gospel**
Matthew 6:14-21

**Communion Hymn**
Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Five Saturdays of the Deceased (Sorokousty)

Every year the Church Typikon designates five Sorokousty/Saturdays of the Deceased during Great Lent. In addition the first Saturday for this purpose actually occurs before Great Lent on the Saturday before the reading of the Gospel of the Last Judgement. For 2023 these Saturdays are February 18th; March 8th, 18th, and 25th; and April 1st. It is a tradition of our Holy Church to commemorate the memories of our beloved deceased at Divine Liturgy on these five Saturdays of the year. Please utilize the Sorokousty envelope available in the breezeway, and either place it in the collection basket with your regular offering or send it into the church through regular mail.

NOTE: If you have additional names to be remembered, you may print them on a separate sheet of paper and include it in the envelope. PLEASE ONLY LIST FIRST NAMES!

Donations Wishlist—THANK YOU
UPDATED 02-21-23

UNITED HELP UKRAINE delivers to De-Occupied Territories and to Internally Displaced Families.
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AHEAD TO ARRANGE DROP-OFF.

1. Emergency supplies
   - Solar lights – any type
   - Flashlights, lanterns – preferably solar or hybrid
   - Batteries – any type

2. OTC Medication
   - Hydrocortisone, Preparation H, Athlete foot (and any other useful ointments)
   - Anti-diarrhea and constipation drugs
   - Painkillers and fever reducers
3. **Food**
   Non-perishable, at least 6 months before expiration date, no glass jars, sturdy packaging
   - Canned meat, canned milk
   - High protein canned food: beans with meat etc.
   - Peanut butter, nutella
   - Rice, pasta, mashed potato flakes, other grains
   - Energy bars, chocolate bars, nut bars
   - Non-bulky crackers, fig bars, cereals
   - Tea (bagged and loose leaf)
   - Coffee: instant, beans, or ground (no pods)

4. **Adult Personal Hygiene**
   - Adult diapers
   - Soap bars
   - Pads for women
   - Toothpaste/Mouth Wash/Toothpaste

5. **Household Items**
   - Non-liquid laundry detergents
   - Non-liquid cleaning supplies
   - Disinfecting wipes
   - Mosquito and Ticks Detergents

**KIDS**

6. **Babies**
   - Diapers – sizes 3-5
   - Formula (unexpired)