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Mother of God Cathedral



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10 MARCH, 2024 - SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGEMENT - MEATFARE SUNDAY

Today's Liturgical Propers

Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Kontakion *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

When You, O God, shall come to earth with glory,
all things shall tremble,
and the river of fire shall flow before Your judgment seat;
the books shall be opened, and the hidden things disclosed;
then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,//
and make me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Righteous Judge!

Tone 3 Prokeimenon *(from the Lenten Triodion)*

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power, / His understanding is beyond
measure. *(Ps. 146:5)*

V. Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God! *(Ps. 146:1)*

Epistle

(140) 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2

Tone 8

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**V. Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our
Savior! *(Ps. 94:1)***

**V. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful
noise to Him with songs of praise. *(Ps. 94:2)***

Gospel

(106) Matthew 25:31-46

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! *(Ps. 148:1)*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Announcements

- **PRAY FOR UKRAINE!** - The Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy in the Lehigh sponsors weekly Moleben services for the peace and well-being of Ukraine.. **The next Moleben service will be this Tuesday; 12 March at 6:30 PM at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church Newport Ave. Northampton.** We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!
- **SPECIAL COLLECTION:** The parish of St. Mary Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Church in San Diego, CA has recently become victim of major flooding. These California floods have caused destruction and devastation to the parish property. The church, parish social hall and rectory have become virtually unusable. Today, and for the next two Sundays, we will have a second collection to help this parish rebuild. We ask our parishioners to be generous.
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- **ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH MEETING:** The Annual General Parish Meeting for 2024 will take place on Sunday; 07 April 2024 immediately following Divine Liturgy. As per our current By-Laws (2017), Article V Paragraph B Section 1 - "...Only members in good standing, (active members), i.e., those who fulfill all their obligations to the Church, shall participate in a meeting and have the right to vote." Further, members in good standing are defined in Article III Paragraph A. Among the requirements listed there are going to confession and partaking of Holy Communion and being current with financial obligations to the church. For further information, please check your copy of the parish by-laws.
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- **INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE -** In case of inclement weather, we direct or parishioners to our parish website and Facebook page. Information on the cancellation or delay of scheduled services will be posted there as soon as possible. In addition, the same information will be announced on television channel 69 WFMZ.
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- **PRAYER BOOKS AND MEMORIAL BOOKS AVAILABLE -** Recently a number of people have requested prayer books for their personal use. We have also had requests for the small memorial books wherein the name of deceased love ones, as well as the living for whom we wish to pray, can be written and submitted to the priest. We are happy to announce we now have a supply of both. Please see Robin Bodnar in the office to purchase.

•	READER SCHEDULE: <u>DATE.</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
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	03-10	Liliya Baklovets	John Sokalsky
	03-17.	Dennis Ritter	Bob Noecker
	03-24	Rich Bodnar	Hayden Arp
	03-31	Dennis Ritter	Robin Bodnar

- **COFFEE SOCIAL: Today's coffee hour is hosted by THE CHOIR.**
- **Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church: Fr. John Fencik, Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucul, Fr. Vasyl Dovgan, Fr. Ivan Levitsky, Fr. Bohdan Heleta, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Tania Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, John Chorney, Gloria Dunski, Marie Hinkley, Daniel Milinichuk, Maria Onulack, Michael Onushko, Nancy Onusko, Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, William Radio, Dori Bochnak, Katheryn Solan, Elsie Moroz, Child of God Karina Strashinsky and the Child of God Johnny Walson.**

Schedule for This Week

SUNDAY -10 March - SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGEMENT (MEATFARE SUNDAY)

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Matthew 25:31-46

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

Monday; 11 March - The Venerable Procopius the Confessor

3 John 1:1-14 Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39

Tuesday; 12 March - The Venerable Basil the Confessor

Jude 1:1-10 Luke 22:39-42,45-23:1

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE - **at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church Newport Ave. Northampton.** (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy of the Lehigh Valley)

Wednesday; 13 March - The Venerable John Cassian

Joel 2:12-26 Joel 3:12-21

Thursday; 14 March - The Venerable Eudocia of Heliopolis

Jude 1:11-25 Luke 23:1-34, 44-56

Friday; 15 March - The Holy Hieromartyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia

Zechariah 8:7-17 Zechariah 8:19-23

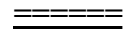
Saturday; 16 March - The Holy Martyrs Eutropius, Cleonicus and Basiliscus

Romans 14:19-23 Matthew 6:1-13

SUNDAY -17 March - SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS (CHEESEFARE SUNDAY)

Romans 13:11-14:4 Matthew 6:14-21

9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY



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 2024 these Saturdays are **March 9th; March 30th, 18th, April 6th and April 13th**. 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 included in today's bulletin 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!

Why Do We Pray for the Dead?

Author Unknown; Edited for the Bulletin—For Local Use Only.

Many people who call themselves Christians (Especially non-Orthodox or non-Catholic) are offended when they hear that we pray for the dead. This begs the question: Why do we pray for the dead? We do this for three easy reasons.

Most importantly, we believe in the resurrection. God is the God of the Living, and not of the dead, our Lord told us, and we believe this truth. If this is true, then the dead have not ceased to exist, because “all are alive to God.” Praying for the dead, as much as asking the dead (those whom we believe to be righteous) to intercede for us shows that we really do believe in the resurrection.

We also know that “all men have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God”, and there is “not one man who lives and does not sin”, and we (at least as a church, if not individually) are profoundly humble. How can we know the judgments of God? They are a vast abyss. We do not presume to declare that one is blessed and another is damned. ONLY God knows, and very rarely does He reveal this information to us with certainty.

We also pray because we love. Love remembers. We continue to remember our loved ones even though they are no longer with us who have living flesh. Why do we pray for the dead? Because, knowing the weakness of flesh and man's predilection to sin, we hope in the resurrection, leaving all judgment to God, and because we love, we remember.

Here is another reason: We pray because we love, and also prayer teaches us to love. It takes effort and time to pray for those from whom we hear no answer. Let's face it – we rarely think of death, and mostly think of ourselves. By making an effort to pray, We not only remember our loved ones; God also remembers us and softens our hearts and teaches us to love. Remember an important principle in the Christian life: What we do affects who we are and vice-versa!



Join us for the Prayerful Commemoration of the Second Anniversary of

RUSSIA'S GENOCIDAL WAR IN UKRAINE

on the Day of Resistance to the Russian occupation of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol

26 FEBRUARY 2024

7pm

UKRAINIAN CULTURAL CENTER
135 Davidson Ave.
Somerset, NJ 08873

ORGANIZED BY THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA



Ukrainian National Women's League of America
Branch 91



UNITED with UKRAINE



25 Feb. 2024
At 4:00PM



St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church

1031 Fullerton Ave, Allentown, PA 18107

TOWNHALL MEETING

Please support Ukraine with your presence at a Prayer Service and Townhall Meeting marking the 2nd anniversary of the full scale war on Ukraine by Russia.

Prayer service to be held at 4pm at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Allentown, PA.

Immediately following the prayer service there will be a Townhall meeting with honored invited guests:

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- US Congresswoman Susan Wild and US Senator Bob Casey are strong supporters of Ukraine and will shed light on the current status of support for Ukraine in the US Congress.
- Khrystyna Hayovvshyn will speak on behalf of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations.
- Following the presentations there will be a Q & A.



US Senator Bob Casey



Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations
Khrystyna Hayovvshyn



US Congresswoman Susan Wild



Please submit your questions for branch91@unwla.org

Please support Ukraine with your donations at the event.



