THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Holy Cross

March 7, 2010

Third Sunday of the Great Fast – Veneration of the Cross

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8 – MARCH 14

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 – 4TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – ST. JOHN CLIMACUS 9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS – NOTE TIME CHANGE!

& Remember in your prayers &&



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community.

Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Stephen Hricko, Bohdanchik James, Lorene Lagrone, Maria Laszok, Maria Leskiw, Lesya Loznycky, Alice Melnyk, Shawn Moore, Sophia Skop and Ariadna Wall. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

Вічная Пам'ять

Bohdan Odezynskyj, Olena Bankston's father passed away Friday evening in Philadelphia. The family will be travelling to Philadelphia for the funeral on the 15th. Services for Wednesday, Friday and Saturday are cancelled.

Liturgy Next Sunday

Because of Fr. James' absence next weekend, the Divine Liturgy will be served by Fr. Sabba Shofany. Due to Fr. Sabba's need to serve his own community the Divine Liturgy will need to start at 9:00AM. Please remember this time change and make a special effort to be on time for the Liturgy.

Remember Those In The Armed Forces

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley,



Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl Lylak, Thomas Orr, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Lituraies to Fr. James.

Cards for sale

Easter Cards, and various other greeting cards are available for sale in the church hall following each Divine Liturgy. See Mary Kitt to purchase.

50th Anniversary Photos

Do you have any photos from the life of our parish? I ask you to loan them to the church in order to scan them and to make a slide-show that will chronicle the past 50 years. Please see Fr. James.

Thank You – Дуже Дякую!

Many thanks to Myra Heltsley and Lubomyra Yoldas for her work in photocopying music and making special music binders for the choir. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. God bless you both.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CROSS ITSELF?

St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, in a letter written around 350 AD to Emperor Constantius, the son of Constantine the Great, states that the true Cross was found in Jerusalem during the reign of Constantine. From the beginning of the fifth century, church writers and historians attribute the finding of the true Cross to St. Helena, the mother of St. Constantine. In his Catecheses, theological discourses which delivered in Jerusalem beginning in 347 AD, he frequently mentions the sacred Cross. St. Cyril briefly describes a tradition that was followed in Jerusalem on the morning of Holy Friday. The bishop, the clergy and the faithful would gather in the Chapel of the Cross which had been constructed by Constantine near Golgotha, and there they would venerate a large relic of the true Cross which was kept in a beautiful silver and gold reliquary.

St. Cyril is the first writer to comment on the fact that relics of the true Cross had been distributed all over the world. By the beginning of the fifth century, fragments of the true Cross were found in churches, monasteries and even in homes. In fact, St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) observed that many individuals in his day wore small gold reliquaries containing particles of the Cross around their necks. The expression "knock on wood" comes from the time Christians touched their reliquary crosses in times of trouble.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



Daylight Saving Time!

Sunday This coming the (March 14) is beginning of Daylight Saving Time. Don't

forget to set you clock **AHEAD** 1 hour before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 13.



He who has become aware of his sins has controlled his tongue, but a talkative person has not yet come to know himself as he should.

- St. John of the Ladder

HAVING COME TO THE MIDPOINT OF THE 40 DAY GREAT AND HOLY FAST... LET ME REFLECT...

- · Have I accepted Great Lent as a "gift" from God, with thanksgiving?
- · Have I spent the last three weeks in a meaningfully different way?
- · Have I participated in the lenten services that are held during the week, Mon-day through Friday?
- Have I used the lenten prayer of Saint Ephraim in my morning and evening prayers, and at other times throughout the day?
- In addition to the Holy Scriptures, what kind of spiritual reading have I done? Have I learned more about my Faith? Have a read spiritual works which can help me in my prayers, dealing with others, and spiritual faults and needs?
- Am I preparing myself to make a good, honest, and humble Confession? Do I really believe that I am confessing my sins to Jesus Christ? Am I aware that the Lord sees my inner heart and will know if I only recite my sins, instead of being truly sorrowful and deeply committed to avoid repeating them?
- In what ways will I struggle in the second part of Great Lent, that I have so far left unattended?
- What price am I willing to pay in order to die and live in Christ? Am I willing to trade the earth for heaven? Am I willing to deny myself, take up my cross and follow Him to His heavenly Kingdom?

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A Great, Precious Treasure

Whoever possesses the Cross owns a treasure. By treasure I mean that it is the most excellent of all that is good - in name and in fact. Through the Cross our salvation attains its ultimate greatness and our state of original justice is restored. Without the Cross, Christ would not have been crucified. Without the Cross, He who is life would not have been nailed to the wood. If He had not been crucified the blood and the water, fonts of immortality, which purify the world would not have flowed from His side. The lien of the debt which our sins contracted would never have been torn in two. We would not have been released from bondage. We would not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree. Paradise would yet be closed to us. Without the Cross, death would not have been defeated nor the abode of the dead vacated.

Thus, the Cross is a great and glorious thing. Great. Because it is the source of countless favors which, like the miracles and sufferings of Christ play a decisive role in His work of salvation. Precious. Because the Cross signifies the suffering and at the same time the victory of God: suffering, because on the Cross He voluntarily tasted death. And victory: through the Cross the devil received a mortal wound, and death, with him. was overcome. On the Cross the gates of the kingdom of death were pulled down and the Cross became the salvation of all men.

St. Andrew of Crete