

## PARISH CALENDAR

**TODAY**—Breakfast provided by our ByzanTEENS after the Sunday morning liturgies.  
GCU Meeting in the conference room in the parish hall after the 10:00 am Liturgy.

Every Friday during the Great Fast--**FISH & PIEROGI DINNER** 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We need your help for this project. People are counting on your parish to provide the Lenten Meal. Be sure to give us your time and talents. Bring your friends and relatives.

7 Friday—Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts: Noon.  
Fish & Pierogi Dinner: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

**PENANCE SERVICES IN PREPARATION FOR PASCHA**, sponsored by the Eastern Catholic Clergy of Arizona. 4 to 5 priests will be available to hear confessions.

- \* Sunday, March 9—6:00 pm at Dormition Ukrainian Church. Dcn. James Danovich homilist.
- \* Monday, March 10—7:00 pm at Holy Trinity, on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Dcn. Michael Hanafin homilist.
- \* Tuesday, March 11—7:00 pm at Mar Abraham Chaldean. Fr. Ghattas or Dcn. Boyce homilist.
- \* Wednesday, March 12—7:00 pm at St. John of the Desert Melkite. Dcn. John Montalvo homilist.
- \* Thursday, March 13—7:00 pm at St. Joseph Maronite Church. Dcn. Michael Sullivan homilist.
- \* Friday, March 14—7:00 pm at St. Stephen Pro-Cathedral. Dcn. Marion Rimmer homilist.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

“**Life in Christ**” Archeparchial Ministry Conference for catechists, adult faith formation teams and directors of youth ministry. May 2-4 in Antiochian Village, Ligonier, Pennsylvania. Call Sr. Celeste Strohmeier at 412-231-4000 ext. 23 or [youthministry@archeparchy.org](mailto:youthministry@archeparchy.org)

“**Alive in Christ through Mary**” A retreat experience for girls and women from 7 years of age through adulthood. June 27-29 at Mount Claret on Lincoln Drive. For more information refer the to flyers on the Greeting Table. Plan now.

**ByzanTEEN Youth Rally 2008** “Moved by the Spirit in the Windy City” Thursday, July 31—Sunday, August 3, at University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois. July 1 deadline for registration. See Father Stephen for registration forms.

✠ **ALTAR SOCIETY**—The Milton Family are the church cleaners for this week. To volunteer, contact Gilda Dougherty at 602-944-2769.



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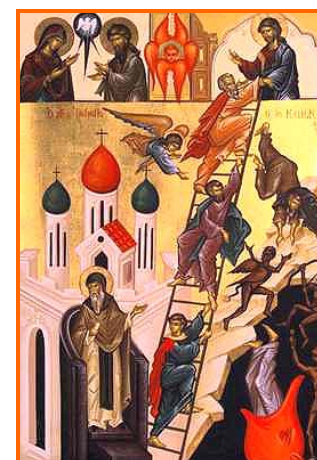
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Deacon John Montalvo III, Deacon James Danovich and Deacon Michael Hanafin  
Sr. Christopher Malcovsky, OSBM, Pastoral Associate  
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST



**ONE DAY A FATHER BROUGHT HIS SICK SON TO JESUS** with the faint hope that Jesus could cure him. “If you can do anything, have mercy on us and help us.” The most important word in the man’s appeal for help was “if”—“If you can do anything”. Jesus countered with another “if”—“If you can believe: all things are possible to him who believes.”

Jesus suggested that the father’s faith had a lot to do with the whole situation. The problem, says Jesus, is not whether I have the power to heal; the problem is whether or not you believe I have the power. For “all things are possible to him who believes.” God’s power is limited only by our faith.

Jesus performed two miracles. He not only healed the epileptic boy; He also increased the father’s faith. From saying: “If you can do anything”, the desperate father reached the point where he could say: “I believe”. And yet it was not a change from unbelief to complete belief. His one-sentence prayer—“Help the little faith I have”—showed that he did not possess complete and absolute faith. He expressed and acted on the faith he had, but he did not hide his doubt. He was honest with Christ. No person believes perfectly. Miracles happen not because of perfect faith, but rather because of imperfect faith in the perfect Christ.

Lord, we acknowledge that the size of our cup of faith is small. Increase it—we pray—that our lives may be filled with your peace, power and love. Amen.

**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY TO HIM FOREVER!**

## SCHEDULE OF LENTEN SERVICES & DIVINE LITURGIES

### 1 Fourth All Souls Saturday p. 428 & Panachida Service p. 432

9:00 am Divine Liturgy and reading of the names of our deceased

### Sunday Vigil p. 104 for the Vesper/Liturgy and special handouts for propers.

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom +Laura Haugen by Mary Popovich

### 2 FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST & Tone 7, pgs: 156 & 226

8:00 am Liturgy of St. Basil the Great +Joseph Chupko by John, Julie & Phillip Pete

9:45 am The Third Hour *(be sure to use the white Lenten hymnals)*

10:00 am Liturgy of St. Basil the Great Fr. John Becker, S.J.

*Fifth Week of the Great Fast—In the fifth week of the Great Fast, we chant the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete to reaffirm our commitment to follow Christ. On Friday we read of Abraham's faith in his willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac. What the Father forbade to Abraham, he allowed for Christ, who was sacrificed for the life of the world.*

### 3 Monday Martyr Eutropius & his companions

9:00 am Lenten Matins with Prostrations

### 4 Tuesday Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan

9:00 am Lenten Matins with Prostrations

### 5 Wednesday Martyr Conon p. 60 *simple abstinence—no meat*

7:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts +Paulina Soutus by Mary Washko & Fr. Stephen

### 6 Thursday The Great Canon of Our Holy Father Andrew of Crete

9:00 am Matins & Andrew of Crete Canon

### 7 Friday Martyrs & Bishops of Cherson p. 69 *simple abstinence—no meat*

12 Noon Liturgy of the Presanctified Gift God's Blessing on the Fish & Pierogi Dinner  
Volunteers by Mary Popovich

### 8 Akathistos Saturday see special books.

9:00 am Akathistos Service to the Mother of God

### Vigil for Sunday page 104 for the Vesper/Liturgy & handouts for propers

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for our parish family and friends

### 9 FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST, Tone 8, pgs: 161 & 230

8:00 am Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great +Marie Chelena by Mike, Nancy & Tuche College

9:45 am The Third Hour & Confessions

10:00 am Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great +Geri Russnak by Peter Wheeler Reiss Family

*Don't forget—ECF classes after Liturgy!*

✠ **PRAYERS NEEDED FOR** Helen Danko (sister of Mary Clark), Karen Lange, Carmen Aragon (grandmother of Deacon John), Karen Lange, Fr. Christopher Zuger, Katlyn Ditmir, Helen Sissea, Florence Gunt, Mary Mihalko, Mary Hrinko, George Chelena, Louis Rabiej, Jim Cochlin (brother

of Jane Brown), Tom Gerez (Dorothy Dumnich's son-in-law), Robert Rankin, the father of Fr. Robert Rankin, Olga Uram, Luddy Popovich, Daniel Mundall, Fr. Joseph Ridella, Julia Menlicavage and Daniel Dougherty.

✠ **7-DAY CANDLES – ETERNAL LIGHT:** +Frank S. Slonka by Kathy Slonka. **TETRAPOD:** +Michael Mraz. **TETRAPOD:** Ssgt. Brenda S. Stewart in Texas by Alice Garcia. **SHROUD OF THE DORMITION:** Health of Florence Gunt by Alice Garcia. **SHROUD OF OUR LORD:** +Deceased members of the Marmol Family. **CHRISTMAS ICON:** Health of Louis Rabiej by Alice & Abigail Garcia. **THEOPHANY ICON:** Health of Louis & Diane Rabiej by Martin, Ken & Kahlua. **PENTECOST ICON, RESURRECTION ICON, and ST ANTHONY:** Available.

✠ **WELCOME TO Bishop-elect Gerald N. Dino.** You may call him Father Jerry until he is ordained Bishop on March 27<sup>th</sup>. He arrived on Friday afternoon in his winter jacket and experienced our Arizona 82 degree warm desert weather and our Lenten Fish and Pierogi Dinner. He will concelebrate one of the Divine Liturgies this morning. Please welcome him to our Church in the West.

✠ **12 NOON PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY** showed an attendance of 32 souls. Kathy Slonka and Mary Popovich cantored the Service. We just need some Altar Servers to make it complete. That's pretty good for a service. Great time for people who do not like driving at night and for moms at home with little kids too.

✠ **THANK YOU** to the dedicated workers who make our Fish and Pierogi Dinners so successful. We still need more workers to make it a little easier on everyone. For Lent make it a special effort to go out of your way to help us. To volunteer, contact Mary Popovich, 602-340-0053 or 18mkp51@earthlink.net.

✠ **WATER PIPE BROKEN—**Yes, it happened again. The plastics pvc pipes and the rocky ground surrounding the pipes take a toll on our water pipes.

✠ **CATERING MANAGER NEEDED—**Bonnie wants to retire after 10 years of excellent service and time. We need a Catering Manager. Interested? Call Father Stephen.

✠ **CLOTHING—**Please do not bring your clothes donations to the parish hall. Instead take them down for the School for Blind located on Northern & 13th Street (not far from the church) and drop them in the special metal container in the parking lot.

✠ **FOOD COLLECTION DURING THE GREAT FAST—**Just leave your bags of groceries under the icon of St. Nicholas in the Church.

✠ **ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL.** Last year's Bishop's Appeal Rebate and hopefully this year's rebate will be used to paint our building complex. Building #1 has been completed, and Building #12 (the Church) is almost finished. Building #2 (the Chancery) is next.

**Paid up pledges: 17, totaling \$6,050.00. Pledges on payment schedule: 10.**

**27 households have responded as of February 1.**

**139 Households in Parish x \$200 = \$27,800.00 Parish Goal**

Here is a sample of the pledges: 1—\$1,500, 1—\$800, 6—\$500, 2—\$300, 8—\$200, 1—\$100, 2—\$50. Give what you can to help our Eparchy which also helps our parish through the rebate. Make sure that you make your check out to **"St. Stephen Church."**