

PARISH CALENDAR

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

PENANCE SERVICES IN PREPARATION FOR PASCHA: See schedule inside.

HOLY AND GREAT WEEK SCHEDULE

19 Holy & Great Wednesday—7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy with the Anointing of the Sick

20 Holy & Great Thursday—7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

21 Holy & Good Friday—12 Noon Matins with the Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels
7:00 pm Vespers and Candlelight Procession with the Holy Shroud of our Lord

22 Holy & Great Saturday—9:00 am Jerusalem Matins

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy for the Resurrection of our Lord with the blessing of the Paschal Baskets in the Parish Hall

23 Easter Sunday the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ

9:00 am Candlelight Procession, Opening of the Church Doors, Matins and Divine Liturgy with the Gospel of St. John in the various languages. Blessing of the Paschal Baskets in the Parish Hall after the services. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the Easter Food before going home. Bring your fancy table cloth and dishes.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS HISTORY MAKING EVENT FOR OUR CHURCH ON THE WEST COAST

26 Bright Wednesday—7:00 pm Vespers & Profession of Faith of Bishop-elect Gerald Dino at St. Helens Church in Glendale.

27 Bright Thursday—1:30 pm Hierarchical Liturgy and Ordination and Enthronement of the Fourth Bishop of the Eparchy of Van Nuys at St. Helen Church in Glendale.

28 Bright Friday—Here at St. Stephen 9:00 am Divine Liturgy with the Clergy of the Eparchy of Van Nuys with our New Bishop. Continental Breakfast in the parish hall.

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 Strohmeyer at 412-231-4000 ext. 23 or 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 to the 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.

✠ **EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS** may be given in Loving Memory of your deceased loved ones or to honor someone you love. Be sure to PRINT the names on the envelope. A Memorial list will be published in the parish bulletin for Thomas Sunday. The donation will purchase 4 large baskets of white flowers to honor the Tomb of our Lord for Good Friday and used to decorate the altar and icon screen for Easter Sunday. Thank you for your gift.



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MARCH 9, 2008

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST



JESUS WAS DISCUSSING WITH HIS DISCIPLES what was going to happen to Him in the coming days, how He was going to be arrested, charged, found guilty, executed, only to rise from the dead. James and John, however, had their minds on other things. “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask....Grant that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory,” they asked of Jesus.

Talk about missing the point! Jesus was telling them about the days to come leading up to His crucifixion, and they're more concerned about being first in line at the head table of the victory celebration after He resurrects from the dead.

All this talk of who was to get the premium seats gave Jesus the opportunity to teach them about authority, power, and service, in God's kingdom, using Himself as the example. He challenged the disciples to think of themselves as servants of others if they wanted to have authority. "For even the Son of Man," Jesus said, "did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

The idea of service is, of course, at odds with how we live life today, how we value competitiveness and aggressiveness, the drive to get ahead, to “make it” in this world. The idea of being the servant of others is too often something we give lip service to. We rationalize our actions so we can have a clear conscience. And then we, like the disciples, miss the point as well.

SCHEDULE OF LENTEN SERVICES & DIVINE LITURGIES

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

6:00 pm Penance Service at Dormition Ukrainian - Dcn. Danovich homilist.

ECF Classes TODAY

Penance Services offered every night this week at the various Eastern & Roman Parishes associated with the Eastern Catholic Clergy of Arizona. 4 to 5 priests will be available to hear your confessions. It is also a great way to visit the other Eastern Catholic Churches in the Phoenix area. During this week, we go from the Canon of Lazarus, the poor man abused by the rich, and follow Christ on his way to Bethany to give life to Lazarus, his friend, the promise of resurrection to all. On Friday we conclude the Fast of Forty Days and begin the Fast of Holy Week. At Vespers, we read the story of Joseph and his brothers. Joseph is type of Jesus the Messiah who died and is risen.

10 Monday Martyr Codratus & his companions

9:00 am Lenten Matins with Prostrations

7:00 pm Penance Service at Holy Trinity Roman, on 7th St - Dcn. Hanafin homilist.

11 Tuesday Father Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem

9:00 am Lenten Matins with Prostrations

7:00 pm Penance Service at Mar Abraham Chaldean - Fr. Ghattas homilist

12 Wednesday Venerable Father Theophane of the Sgrian Mt. *simple abstinence—no meat*

7:00 pm Penance Service at St. John of the Desert Melkite - Dcn. Montalvo homilist.

13 Thursday Translation of the Relics of Father Nicephor, Patriarch of Constantinople

9:00 am Lenten Matins with Prostrations

7:00 pm Penance Service at St. Joseph Maronite - Dcn. Sullivan homilist

14 Friday Martyrs & Bishops of Cherson p. 81 *simple abstinence—no meat*

12 Noon Liturgy of the Presanctified Gift for our parish family and friend

7:00 pm Penance Service here at St. Stephen Pro-Cathedral - Dcn. Rimmer homilist

15 LAZARUS SATURDAY, page 232

9:00 am Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed with Confessions for our ECF Children and Parents.

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL p. 104 for the Vesper/Liturgy and special handouts for propers.

5:00 pm Begin in the Parish Hall with the blessing of the Palms and Willows and process to the church for the Vesper/Liturgy +Deacon Gabriel Popovich by Mary.

16 PALM SUNDAY, page 235

8:00 am +Anne C. Sopiak by Donald, Evelyn & Linda Sopiak

10:00 am +Andrew James by Patricia Carpenter & Peggy Bassett

*Blessing of the Palms and Willows in the Parish Hall before the beginning of the Liturgy and Procession into the Church. No Confessions due to Procession.

✠ **PRAYERS NEEDED FOR** Shawn Matse, Helen Danko (sister of Mary Clark), Karen Lange, Carmen Aragon (grandmother of Deacon John), Karen Lange, Fr. Christopher Zugger, 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:** Health of Florence Gunt by Alice Garcia. **SHROUD OF THE DORMITION:** God's blessing on the Strauss family by Alice Garcia. **SHROUD OF OUR LORD:** Health of Louis Rabiej by Alice & Abigail Garcia. **CHRISTMAS ICON:** Health of Louis & Diane Rabiej by Martin, Ken & Kahlua. **THEOPHANY ICON:** Health of Louis & Diane Rabiej by Martin, Ken & Kahlua. **PENTECOST ICON, RESURRECTION ICON, and ST ANTHONY:** Available.

✠ **THANK YOU** to the dedicated workers who make our Fish and Pierogi Dinners so successful. We're in the home stretch! Workers are still needed for March 14. If you can carry plates, bus tables or wash dishes, please contact Mary Popovich, 602-340-0053 or 18mkp51@earthlink.net.

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

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

✠ **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."**