

## PARISH CALENDAR

**TODAY**—Last day to pick up Easter orders.

**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.

**24 Bright Monday & Vigil for the Solemn Feast of the Annunciation**—7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy

**25 Bright Tuesday and the Feast of the Annunciation**—9:00 am Liturgy

**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.

✠ **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.

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

✠ **ALTAR SOCIETY**—Mary Clark and Denise Andrade are the church cleaners for this week.



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PALM SUNDAY



**PALM SUNDAY IS THE AUTHENTIC FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING,** commemorating Jerusalem's reception of Jesus Christ as the Messianic King. Even in the temple itself, the children cried out the royal acclamation "Hosanna," which had not been heard since the end of the Maccabean monarchy over a century before.

This royal entry was necessary; Jesus Christ had to fulfill the Messianic prophecies. The ruler's staff belongs to Christ the King, and He came to claim it, riding on the colt of an ass. Divine royalty is humble; divine humility is regal.

By accepting the blessed palms and branches on Palm Sunday, we proclaim anew our primary allegiance to Jesus Christ our King. We acknowledge that Christ is our King, and that His Law, the Law of the Holy Gospel, comes first in our hearts and in our lives. And we keep the blessed branch in our home all year round, as a reminder of the loyalty we owe to Christ our King, and to the Gospel.

This is a matter of the utmost seriousness. Our prayer, fasting, and repentance during Lent should have brought us to realize that the Lord wants to reign in every aspect of our lives. Accepting the branch means accepting the royal authority of Jesus Christ in everything. We cannot promise to succeed, but we dare not take the blessed branch if we are not at least willing to try. By all means take the branch joyfully; the Kingdom of God is very joyful! But take it seriously too, and as you see it through the year remember what it stands for.

## SCHEDULE OF LENTEN SERVICES & DIVINE LITURGIES

### 15 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 Popovich.

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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.

*Don't forget ECF Classes after the Liturgy.*

**Holy and Great Week** *In this week, the most solemn of the Church Year, we re-live the mystery of God's merciful loving-kindness, when he suffered death and burial for our salvation, and is risen for our hope of eternal life. During Holy Week, we do not only observe what happened in history, but through our acts of repentance, our prayers and fasting, our processions and veneration, take an active part in what we remember as having happened and what is happening now through divine remembrance. We die in Christ and rise in the fullness of life.*

### 17 Holy Monday—NO SERVICES SCHEDULED

### 18 Holy Tuesday—NO SERVICES SCHEDULED

### 19 HOLY WEDNESDAY *simple abstinence—no meat*

7:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and Anointing of the Sick

### 21 HOLY THURSDAY *celebrating the Last Supper and our Lord giving us His Body and Blood*

7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

### 22 GOOD FRIDAY *Strict Fast no meat and dairy products.*

12 Noon Matins with the Reading of the 12 passion gospels

7:00 pm Vesper and Candlelight procession with the Holy Shroud of our Lord and placing the Shroud in the Tomb. *(Last chance for Confessions after the Service)*

### 23 HOLY SATURDAY AND VIGIL FOR EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 am Jerusalem Matins

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. +Terri Schiavo by Joseph Gullucci, Blessing of the Paschal Foods in the Parish Hall and everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the foods. Be sure to bring dishes and silverware.

### 24 EASTER SUNDAY THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

9:00 am **Candlelight Procession, opening of the Church Doors, Matins and Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom.** Blessing of the Paschal Foods in the Parish Hall and everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the foods.

*No ECF Classes!*

✠ **PRAYERS NEEDED FOR** Shawn Matse, Helen Danko (sister of Mary Clark), 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:** Available. **SHROUD OF OUR LORD:** Health of Louis Rabiej by Alice & Abigail Garcia. **CHRISTMAS ICON:** Anne C. Sopiak by Don, Evelyn & Linda Sopiak. **THEOPHANY ICON:** Mary Mihalko by Mary Hrinko. **PENTECOST ICON:** Helen Hrinko by Mary Hrinko. **RESURRECTION ICON** and **ST ANTHONY:** Available.

✠ **THANK YOU** to the dedicated workers who made our Fish and Pierogi Dinners a success! Thanks to everyone who came and helped with baking and making halupki this week. Because we had a good number of great workers, we were able to finish baking in two days. Don't forget, order pickup is TODAY. **PARISH KITCHEN IS CLOSED AFTER PALM SUNDAY FOR HOLY WEEK.**

✠ **FOOD COLLECTIONS**—Mission Bank reported that our parish donated close to 500 pounds of groceries to the food bank. Largest truck load yet. Thank you for caring for the poor in our community. Just a reminder: 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. The hall and church are finished. 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 your check out to **"St. Stephen Church."**

### 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](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.