

Parish Calendar

& Upcoming Events

31 Tuesday--7:00 pm FISH & PIEROGI MEETING--Open Meeting for anyone interested in upgrading the dinner and improving our Service.

ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD

Solemn Holy

1 Wednesday 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy

2 Thursday 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

3 Friday FISH & PIEROGI DINNER

5pm to 7pm. Special parish fund raiser. Open to the Public.

5 Sunday DEADLINE

FOR ALL SOULS LIST.

11 Saturday FIRST ALL SOULS

9:00 am Liturgy with the reading of the names of our deceased.

12 Sunday PRE-LENTEN BREAKFAST

& BAKE SALE after the Sunday morning liturgies. Sponsored by our ByzanTEENS.

20 Monday FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST. Strict Fast Day

22 Wednesday Day of Abstinence

7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy

24 Friday Day of Abstinence

12 Noon Presanctified Liturgy

WEEKLY LENTEN FISH & PIEROGI

DINNER BEGINS but never on Good Friday.

ALTAR SOCIETY serving our church their their cleaning of the Holy Temple. Fred & Suzanne Milton is our volunteers

for this week. If you would like to join our Society call Gilda Dougherty 602-944-2769.

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Eternal Light:

+Helen Sissea by the Family

Tetrapod:

Tom Kol Liz Kol

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Sr. Melita Penchalk by Alice Garcia

Christmas: Resurrection:

Pentecost: Ascension: Encounter:

Theophany: Exaltation of the Cross:

Transfiguration: St. Anthony:

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

January 22 Saturday 5 pm 19 souls

Sunday 8 am--36 souls & 10 am-108 Souls.

Tithing : \$1,997.00

Medical Insurance: \$25.00

Candles: \$30.00

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES ON

Growing in the Christian Life, Chapters 5 to 8 will focus on our Lenten Journey. Ask the questions you always wanted to know about fasting and prayer in our Church.

THE GREAT FAST.

Feb. 26 - Spiritual Warfare and the World

March 4 - Spiritual Warfare and the Flesh

March 11 - Spiritual Warfare and the Devil

March 18 - Dealing with Wrongdoing

The text, *Growing in the Christian Life* is still available for the affordable cost of \$5.00

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January 29, 2012

Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

Bishops Vow to Fight Coercive HHS Mandate

Cardinal-designate Timothy Dolan, president of the USCCB, sharply criticized the decision by the Obama administration in which it "ordered almost every employer and insurer in the country to provide sterilization and contraceptives, including some abortion-inducing drugs, in their health plans....Never before has the federal government forced individuals and organizations to go out into the marketplace and buy a product that violates their conscience. This shouldn't happen in a land where free exercise of religion ranks first in the Bill of Rights."

Background

The HHS has issued a rule forcing nearly all private health plans to include coverage for all FDA-approved prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, as well as surgical sterilization. These are listed among "preventive services for women" that all health plans

will have to cover without co-pays or other cost-sharing -- regardless of whether the insurer, the employer or other plan sponsor, *or even the woman herself* objects to such coverage.

The exemption provided for "religious employers" is so narrow that it fails to cover the vast majority of faith-based organizations, including Catholic hospitals, universities, and service organizations that help millions every year. Ironically, not even Jesus & his disciples would have qualified.

During the public comment period last fall, the bishops' grassroots campaign alone generated over 57,000 comments to HHS opposing their mandate. Now that the Administration has refused to recognize the Constitutional conscience rights of organizations and individuals who oppose the mandate, the bishops are now urging Catholics and others of good will to fight this unprecedented attack on conscience rights and religious liberty. www.usccb.org/conscience. **Be an informed Catholic!**

Be sure to read Bishop Gerald's Letter!

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE LITURGIES & INTENTIONS

28 Sat Vigil for Sunday p. 104 & Tone 8 p. 123 (Sirach 3: 17-27 or Sirach 10: 7-18)

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy +*Virginia Snapp* by *GCU Lodge 999*

29 SUNDAY OF PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE Tone 1, p. 215 & 125

8:00 am *for our parish member*

9:45 am THE THIRD HOUR

10:00 am *God's blessing on Timothy Mundall by Janice Mundall*

ECF Classes for the Youth of our Parish

30 Monday SIMPLE FEAST OF THE THREE HOLY BISHOPS: BASIL THE GREAT, GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN AND JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, p 318

9:00 +*Marlene Leeds* by the *Sisters of St. Basil* *Panachia Service afterwards.*

31 Tuesday Wonderworkers & Unmercenary Healers Cyrus & John, p 403

8:00 am *God's blessing on Timothy Mundall by Janice Mundall*

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SOLEMN FEAST OF THE MEETING OF OUR LORD

1 Wednesday Vigil for the Feast
9:00 am Prayer Group Meet in Church

7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy +*A D Williams* by *GCU Lodge 999*

2 Thursday Feast of the Meeting, p. 321

9:00 am +*Norman F. Resch* by *Jim Hrovat*
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3 Friday Postfestive Day of the Feast, p 321

8:00 am *Intention for Fr. Stephen* by *Karen Ratliff*

4 Saturday Vigil for Sun. (Isaiah 55: 1-7 or Hosea 14: 1-9) p. 104 & Tone 1 p. 123

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy *God's Blessing on Debbie Mottel* by *Karen Ratliff*

5 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON & Tone 1 p. 125 & 216

8:00 am *For our parish members*

9:45 am **THIRD HOUR**

10:00 am +*Paul Rabayda* by *Basil & Mary Rabayda*

ECF Classes for the Youth of our Parish
Deadline for the All Souls Lists for 2012

PRAYER REQUESTS Anne Peterson, Maria Compion(Rauh), Sr. Christopher, Helen Duhancik, Mary Rabayda, Robert King, Jon Hrovat, Fr James Lane, Dobric & Family, Larrie Ann Thets, Frank Slonka, Mary Lou Clark, Ricki Majklowjez, Henrietta Gazzano, Jo Ellen Duncan, Hazel Carfagma, mother of Marsha Dudik, Margaret Kunak, Vincent, James Hrovat, Ann Ryan, Martha Maleta. Julia Menlicavage, Nicholas Toth.

+**MARLENE LEEDS**, the niece of Sr. Christopher, fell asleep in the Lord, due to cancer. Kindly keep Marlene and the family of Sr. Christopher in your prayers.

FRIENDS OF SAINT STEPHEN MEETING this Tuesday night at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room in the Parish Hall. Hour and half meeting come prepared and with great ideas for our LENTEN FISH & PIEROGI DINNER.

FISH AND PIEROGI DINNER THIS Friday--5- 7PM We need your help and encouragement. See the sign up chart in the parish hall. Bring your friends.

LAST WEEK'S PRO-LIFE RALLY IN PHOENIX More than 25 children, teens and adults, who are family and friends of our Parish participated in the Pro-Life Rally last Sunday held at Indian Steele Park. Many thanks to those carrying our St. Stephen's Banner, drivers, pizza donors and those who joined the several hundreds participating in the march.

ALSO IN WASHINGTON D.C. **LAST WEEK** Collene Canter represented our parish at the Pro-Life March and at the Liturgy.

CHRISMATION: There are several persons who have inquired about being Chrismated (confirmed). To date the following persons will be Chrismated on Holy Saturday: Pia & Kateri McCarthy, Daniel Mundall, Andrew Munson and Katie Ruggieri. If there is anyone else in our Parish who has not received the Mystery of Chrismation, kindly contact Fr. Stephen by Feb. 12th. 602-943-5379 or e-mail: sstparish@qwestoffice.net.

BYZAN-TEEN YOUTH RALLY 2012: This rally will be held **July 12-15** at the University of San Diego in San Diego, CA. Registration forms and additional information can be found on the website: www.byzanteen.com. Although the *deadline for Registration is June 1, 2012*, our Parish is already in the process of finding means to assist our teens (any teen at 13 by June 1, 2012). On *Sunday, Feb. 12th*, there will be a breakfast and bake sale after all Liturgies. The proceeds will be used to assist in sponsoring our teens to attend the Youth Rally. Please mark your calendars now and show your support to our teens. (Registration forms for the Rally will also be available during this fundraising breakfast.)

PARISH HALL CONSTRUCTION is moving along very well. Please do not jump the fence. It is there for your safety. The windows in the hall will be open for you to get a view of the project from inside the hall.
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

