

Parish Calendar & Upcoming Events

**TODAY 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. Michael & Mary Jo Pazak is our volunteers for this week. If you would like to join our Society call Gilda Dougherty 602-944-2769.

COFFEE SOCIALS Don't forget we rely on your donations to cover the expenses for the Sunday morning coffee and doughnut Socials. So far we are not do well with covering the expense for 2011 Socials. Income: \$2,678.13
Expense: \$3,709.17
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PILGRIM ICON FOR VOCATIONS
Dorothy Bezeredi.

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.

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Eternal Light:

+*Helen Sissea by the Family*

Tetrapod:

+*Margaret Pettit by Dorothy Bezeredi*

Tetrapod:

*Happy Birthday Fr. Stephen J. Wahal
by Dorothy Bezeredi*

Christmas:

Sr. Jean Marie Cihota by Alice Garcia

Resurrection:

*Happy Birthday Martin Dec
by Dorothy Bezeredi*

Pentecost:

*Happy Birthday Rachel Hanafin
by Dorothy Bezeredi*

**Ascension: Encounter: Theophany:
Exaltation of the Cross: Transfiguration:
St. Anthony:**

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

February 5 Saturday 5 pm 33 souls
Sunday 8 am--52 souls & 10 am-118 Souls.
Tithing : \$3,503.50
Candles: \$65.65
ECF: \$50.00
GCU donation to ECF: \$480.50
GCU St. Nicholas Benefit: \$2,300.00

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Served by:

Mitered Archpriest Stephen G. Washko, rector
Deacon John Montalvo III, Deacon James Danovich,
Deacon Michael Hanafin
Sr. Chris Malcovsky, Administrative Secretary



February 12, 2012

Sunday of Meatfare

Meatfare Sunday

By St. John Chrysostom

Do you want to honor Christ's body? Then do not scorn him in his nakedness, nor honor him here in the church with silken garments while neglecting him outside where he is cold and naked. Give him the honor prescribed in his law by giving your riches to the poor. For God does not want golden vessels but golden hearts.

Now, in saying this I am not forbidding you to make such gifts; I am only demanding that along with such gifts and before them you give alms. He accepts the former, but he is much more pleased with the latter. In the former, only the giver profits; in the latter, the recipient does too. A gift to the church may be taken as a form of ostentation, but an alms is pure kindness.

Of what use is it to weigh down Christ's table with golden cups, when he himself is dying of hunger? First, fill him when he is hungry; then use the means you have left to adorn his table. Will you have a golden cup made but not give a cup of water? What is the use of providing the table with cloths woven of gold thread, and not providing Christ himself with the clothes he needs? What profit is there in that? Tell me: If you were to see him lacking the necessary food but were to leave him in that state and merely surround his table with gold, would he be grateful to you or rather would he not be angry? What if you were to see him clad in worn-out rags and stiff from the cold, and were to forget about clothing him and instead were to set up golden columns for him, saying that you were doing it in his honor? Would he not think he was being mocked and greatly insulted?

Apply this also to Christ when he comes along the roads as a pilgrim, looking for shelter. You do not take him in as your guest, but you decorate floor and walls and the capitals of the pillars. You provide silver chains for the lamps, but you cannot bear even to look at him as he lies chained in prison. Once again, I am not forbidding you to supply these adornments; I am urging you to provide these other things as well, and indeed to provide them first. Do not, therefore, adorn the church and ignore your afflicted brother, for he is the most precious temple of all.

Schedule of Services

& Intentions

11 FIRST ALL SOULS Saturday

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

Vigil for Sunday p. 104 & Inserts (Isaiah 26: 20-27:13 or Joel 1:13-2:13)

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy +*Thomas Gallucci* by *Joseph Gallucci*

12 SUNDAY OF MEATFARE Tone 2, p. 217 & 130.

8:00 am *for our parish member*
9:45 am THE THIRD HOUR
10:00 am *The Joseph Dudik Family*
by *Mary Washko*

PRE-LENTEN BREAKFAST with special presentation by students of our EFC program on Confession and Reconciliation.

ECF Classes for the Youth of our Parish

13 Monday Venerable Martinian, p. 376

8:00 am *God's blessing on the Hillyard Family* by *a Friend*.

14 Tuesday Venerable Cyril, apostles of the Slavs, p. 376

8:00 am *God's blessing on Helene Speigler* by *Mary Washko*

15 Wednesday A-LITURGICAL DAY

8:00 am MATINS W/HOLY COMMUNION

16 Thursday NO SERVICES, *Father is not available.*

17 Friday A-LITURGICAL DAY

8:00 am MATINS W/HOLY COMMUNION

18 Saturday Vigil for Sunday p. 104 & Inserts (Sirach 28: 1-7 or Isaiah 58: 1-11)

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy *for our parish members*

19 CHEESEFARE/FORGIVENESS

Sunday & Tone 3, p. 135 & 218

8:00 am +*James Bayus* by *Betty Gelety*
9:45 am THE THIRD HOUR
10:00 am +*Sammy Butty* by *Widad Butty*

ECF Classes for the Youth of our Parish

Meatfare--farewell to meat as we prepare for the Great Fast. Cheesefare--farewell to cheese, butter, eggs & milk.

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.

BISHOP APPEAL 2012 you should have received in the mail a letter from Bishop Gerald, a pledge form and a special pamphlet describing where the pledges will support in our Eparchy.

Many of our members have already pledged and sent their checks into the parish office.

Please make your checks out to "Saint Stephen Cathedral" and drop it into the collection basket on Sunday or mail it to the parish office. The parish will collect the pledges and send pledges and completed pledges to the Bishop's Office.

GIFT SHOP OPEN will be set up in the hall the next two Sundays. Get your icons in time for the Sunday of Orthodoxy and your books for Spiritual Reading for the Great Fast. Come see our new books in the temporary gift shop set up in the parish hall.

+**DANIEL WALSH**, the brother to Richard & Jane Walsh fell asleep in the Lord. Kindly, keep him in your prayer. ETERNAL MEMORY AND BLESSED REPOSE! We will inform our parish by e-mail of the Funeral arrangements for +Daniel.

APS we are trying to reduce the electric bill on the parish hall. We enrolled in the "APS PEAK SOLUTIONS" which will effect our AC units in the Church & Hall. We will realize a nice "thank you rebate" at the end of the season for being in the program. Aps.com/peaksolutions

THANK YOU TO GREEK CATHOLIC UNION LODGE 999 two checks were presented to Father last week at the 10:00 Parish Liturgy. One was for \$480.50 half the proceeds from the weekly 50/50 raffle to benefit our Eastern Christian Formation Program. And another check for a \$2,300.00 the profit and matching funds from our St. Nicholas Benefit Dinner. We thank Joanie Mahar, the president and the members of the lodge for their generous support of our parish community.

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

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). (Registration forms for the Rally will also be available during this fundraising breakfast.)