

# **St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church**

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**Rev. Vasyl Vladyka**

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 • Sunday of Meatfare • Tone 2**

**Apostle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 • Gospel: Matthew 25 Verses 31-46**

## ***Mass Schedule***

Saturday	02/07	5:00 PM	†	Michael Ulhursky	By Anna Kazio
Sunday	02/08	9:00 AM		For All Our Parishioners	
Monday	02/09	9:00 AM			
Tuesday	02/10	9:00 AM			
Wednesday	02/11	9:00 AM			
Thursday	02/12	9:00 AM			
Friday	02/13	9:00 AM			
Saturday	02/14	5:00 PM	†	John Oleartchick	By Ellen Schwillik
Sunday	02/15	9:00 AM		For All Our Parishioners	

***Please remember in your prayers all those who are homebound, in care facilities or impeded by illness. May our Lord restore them to complete health.***



**2015 Parish Collection Envelopes** and 2015 Calendars are available for pick-up in the church hall. Please check that you are picking up the correct name. If you are new to the parish and would like envelopes, please see Father Vasyl or call the rectory on (732) 366-2156.

**Parish Council Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All members are urged to attend.

**A Moleben Prayer and Healing Service** before a relic of the Blessed Bishop Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, C.Ss.R., will be held on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM at the Cathedral in Philadelphia by Metropolitan Stefan and brother priests. Metropolitan Stefan will also bless a newly-commissioned icon of Bishop Martyr Mykola Charnetsky. Blessed Bishop Mykola was beatified by St. John Paul II on June 27, 2001 in Lviv, Ukraine. During the service the faithful will be anointed with the holy oil of healing.

## **Upcoming Events**

- **Pyrohy:** We are scheduling to sell pyrohy on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

- **Sviachene:** Scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>. Save the date! More information to follow.

**Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Stepan Vladyka on their Sacrament of Marriage last Sunday. May God bless them with many happy years. Многая Літа!

**First day of the Great Fast** begins on Monday, February 16, 2015. Strict fast and abstinence required. No meat or dairy products. Is there a Pre-Lenten period that should prepare us for the Great Lent? The pre-Lenten period includes the 4 Sundays prior to Lent. The Sunday gospel messages during this period are designed to prepare us for Lent.

- **Sorokousty:** the service that honors the deceased and is offered during Lent. Please begin to prepare the list of names of those people whom you wish to remember. The first Sorokousty service will be held on Friday, February 20, 2015.
- **Confession:** starting Saturday, February 21, 2015 and for the duration of Lent you may have the opportunity to have the Sacrament of Confession. Confessions will be heard one hour before the Divine Liturgy on Saturday or Sunday.



**How do we receive Confession?** There are 5 things we need to do to receive absolution of our sins:

1. **We must think of our sins.** This involves an examination of ourselves. It takes time and effort. We want to see ourselves, not as we appear to others, but as we truly are, and as God sees us.
2. **We must be sorry for our sins.** This is contrition. It means to wish we had not done these sins.
3. **We must confess the sins,** that is, tell them during the sacrament, and we are to confess them all.
4. **We are to arouse a purpose of amendment.** This involves a desire and promise not to sin again.
5. **We do a penance** the priest imposes on us during the Sacrament. This is not to make right the wrong. This can never be done by us. But penance serves to aid us in the falling into sins again, and reflects our deep gratitude for God's love.

The doors for forgiveness are always open. We need to come home to Christ and let Him embrace us with His outstretched arms.



## Prayer for Vibrant Parishes

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepard, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be Your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it Your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News.

Strengthen us with Your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God.

Bless us with faithful and spiritual leaders and grace them and us with Your wisdom inspiring all of us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom.

Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love.

Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Savior, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit.

Amen.



***With the events taking place in Ukraine, we offer the following petitions in today's mass to our brothers and sisters and their efforts to secure victory for their cause:***

O good and loving Master, look down with compassion, heal, comfort and protect Your servants who are wounded and suffering in Ukraine, and receive the souls of all those who have lost their lives from the violence, let us pray to the Lord.

We also pray that the Holy Spirit may open the hearts and minds of all in Ukraine to wisdom, grace and prayer so that sincere dialogue may lead to peace and reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.

### A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us  
*"Blessed are the Peacemakers for  
they shall be called Children of God."*

At this hour, we fervently pray that  
Your Holy Spirit may inspire men and  
women in Ukraine to become Peacemakers.  
May they seek reconciliation and dialogue  
and end the violent confrontation and killing.  
May they restore tranquility to their nation  
and restore human rights, democratic principles  
and religious liberty to their troubled land.  
God, our Father, we beseech you to comfort  
the suffering, heal the wounded and accept the  
souls of the departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom.  
And may the Most Holy Mother of God, extend her  
Blessed Mantle of Protection over Ukraine.  
And may each of us always live our lives  
as instruments of Your Peace.  
Amen.