

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Rev. Vasyl Vladyka

Sunday, February 22nd, 2015 • 1st Sunday of the Great Fast • Tone 4
Apostle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 11:32-12:2 • Gospel: John 1 Verses 43-51

Mass Schedule

Saturday	02/21	5:00 PM		Health of James and Irene Pender on their 25 th Wedding Anniversary	By Family
Sunday	02/22	9:00 AM		For All Our Parishioners	
Monday	02/23	9:00 AM			
Tuesday	02/24	9:00 AM			
Wednesday	02/25	9:00 AM		Stations of the Cross	
Thursday	02/26	9:00 AM			
Friday	02/27	9:00 AM	†	Sorokousty	
Saturday	02/28	5:00 PM	†	Paul and Olga Kaliczynsky	By Family
Sunday	03/01	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 24th at 6:30pm. All members are urged to attend.

Announcing the 2015 Women's Day of Prayer: The design and content of this year's Women Day of Prayer reflects the comments and suggestions offered by women of the Archeparchy who replied to a survey conducted last year by the Committee. This year's Women's Day of Prayer will be held on Sunday, March 01, 2015 at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 217 President St., Passaic, NJ. The day will begin at 11:00AM with Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Grace, Metropolitan Stefan Soroka. The Holy Mystery of Reconciliation (Holy Confession) will be available before Divine Liturgy and throughout the day. A suggested donation of \$10.00 will be used to cover the cost of lunch. For more information please contact Maria Panczak before March 1st on (215) 379-3998 ext. 17.

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 15th 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 19th and 20th. More information to follow.
- **Sviachene:** Scheduled for April 19th. Save the date! More information to follow.

First day of the Great Fast begins on Monday, February 16, 2015. Strict fast and abstinence required. No meat or dairy products.

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast, the following are the minimal Lenten regulations today:

- Abstinance from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of the Great Fast and on Good Friday.
- Abstinance from meat only on all Fridays of the Great Fast as well as Holy Saturday. It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Wednesday during the Great Lent.
- Reception of the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.
- The Fasting and Abstinance are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in physical very hard labor. However, all are urged, if able to do so, to observe the fasting and abstinance regulations.
- All the faithful are urged to attend the Lenten services.
- Such good deeds as almsgiving, visitation of the sick, Bible reading and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life are most earnestly recommended to all the Faithful.
- **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.



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.