

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Rev. Vasyl Vladyka

Sunday, March 29th, 2015 • Palm Sunday • Festal Tone

Apostle: Philippians 4 Verses 4-9 • Gospel: John 12 Verses 1-18

Mass Schedule

Saturday	03/28	5:00 PM	†	Semen Torbyn 2 nd Anniversary.	By Teresa Torbyn
Palm Sunday	03/29	9:00 AM		For All Our Parishioners	
Holy Monday	03/30	9:00 AM			
Holy Tuesday	03/31	9:00 AM			
Holy Wednesday	04/01	6:30 PM		Stations of the Cross	
Holy Thursday	04/02	6:00 PM		Passions of Jesus Christ	
Good Friday	04/03	3:30 PM		Good Friday Services	Confession After Service
Holy Saturday	04/04	1:00 PM 7:00 PM		Blessing of Food Resurrection Matins	Confession After Blessing of Foods
Easter Sunday	04/05	7:30 AM		Resurrection of Our Lord	

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.



A special thank you to all those who placed orders, gave donations and came to volunteer at our Pyrohy Fundraiser this past week. God bless you for your dedication and support. A total of \$1,054.40 was donated to our church.

Moleben service in Honor of Blessed Bishop Martyr Mykola Chanestsky, CSsR, took place at our Cathedral in Philadelphia last Sunday. More than 1,000 faithful took part in this service. You may watch the video on YouTube, at the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia web site or in the next issue of "The Way" newspaper.

The national date for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, "*Strengthening the Church at Home*", is April 25-26. There are envelopes in the vestibule. There are many Catholic Churches in the United States, including our Ukrainian Catholic Church, who are generously funded by this appeal. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Sviachene: Scheduled for April 19th. Save the date! More information to follow.

If you would like Fr. Vasyl to visit a family member or friend for Confession and Holy Communion, please contact the Rectory on (732) 366-2156.

EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Wednesday	April 1	6:30PM	Stations of the Cross
Holy Thursday	April 2	6:00PM	Passions of Christ – 12 Gospels
Good Friday	April 3	3:30PM	Burial of Jesus Christ, Vespers with Procession of Holy Shroud (Plaschanytsia) followed by Confessions
Holy Saturday	April 4	1:00PM	Blessing of Food, followed by Confessions
		7:00PM	Resurrection Matins with Procession
Easter Sunday	April 5	7:30AM	Resurrection of Our Lord – Pascha

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. ***Please be sure to check off or clearly write in amount of your donation on the envelope, so that we can maintain accurate records of your donations. Also, please check that you have placed money inside the envelope as we receive a few empty envelopes every week.***



First day of the Great Fast began 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:

- Abstinence from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of the Great Fast and on Good Friday.
- Abstinence 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 Abstinence 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 abstinence 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.