

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
УКРАЇНСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА КАТЕДРА НЕПОРОЧНОГО ЗАЧАТТЯ**

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CATHEDRAL LITURGY TIMES

Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy for Sunday in English

Sunday morning Liturgies
9:00 a.m. in Ukrainian
11:00 a.m. in English

Daily Liturgies:
please see schedule on next page

ЧАСИ ЛІТУРГІЙ В КАТЕДРІ

У суботу вечером о 4:30 год.
Літургія за неділю по-англійськи

Літургії в неділю ранком:
9:00 год по-українськи
11:00 год по-англійськи

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First Time in our Cathedral? Don't worry!
Just ask anyone of us, "What was that all about?"
We welcome you to our parish community.
Be free to introduce yourself to anyone of our priests, who
are Fr. Joseph Szupa or Fr. Walter Pasicznyk.
We would love to meet you.

Also come to our parish cafeteria after Sunday services for coffee and fellowship.
Still another wonderful opportunity to get to know one another.

We have a simple "Do and Don't Rule" here
Do Come and Enjoy.
Don't Worry.



THE SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES
РОЗПОРЯДОК БОГОСЛУЖЕНЬ

Saturday, February 27 CATHEDRAL	9:00 a.m.	SOROKOUSTY: Remembrance of our Departed Loved Ones
	4:30 p.m.	Vesperal Divine Liturgy + Michael Kyndus Lydia Kyndus
SUNDAY OF THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS НЕДІЛЯ ЧЕСНОГО ХРЕСТА ХРИСТОВОГО Tone 7 Epistle: Heb. 4: 14 – 5: 6 Gospel: Mk. 8: 34—9: 1		
Sunday, February 28 CATHEDRAL	10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy In Celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy + Ronald Maxymiuk, Jr. Ronald Maxymiuk, Sr.
	4:00 p.m.	Lenten Vespers—Annunciation of BVM Church in Melrose Park, PA
Monday, February 29		NO DIVINE LITURGY
Tuesday, March 1		NO DIVINE LITURGY
CATHEDRAL Wednesday, March 2	6:30 p.m.	The Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts
Thursday, March 3		NO DIVINE LITURGY
CATHEDRAL Friday, March 4	6:30 p.m.	The Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts
CATHEDRAL Saturday, March 5	9:00 a.m.	SOROKOUSTY: Remembrance of our Departed Loved Ones
	4:30 p.m.	Vesperal Divine Liturgy God's blessings on all our parishioners
4TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST 4-ТА НЕДІЛЯ ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ Tone 8 Epistle: Heb. 6: 13 – 20 Gospel: Mk. 9: 17—31		
CATHEDRAL Sunday, March 6	9:00 a.m.	+ Wolodymyr Wasylaschuk Katherine, Christine and Walter
	11:00 a.m.	+ Olena Pawluk—1st ann. (Pan.) Anna Maxymiuk & family
	4:00 p.m.	Lenten Vespers—St. Mary's Church in Bristol, PA

CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME TO THE PARISH HALL TO TASTE OUR DELICIOUS FOODS & PYROHY
DEEP THANKS GO TO OUR KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

May God bless Iryna Shpylchak, Sr. Martin MSMG, Luba Cyhan, Katherine Dewedoff, Petro Iwaniw, Ottilia Karpin, Anne Krawchuk, Anna Laluk, Anna Maxymiuk, Vera Sawchyn, Myroslav Shpylchak, Ivan Shpylchak and Anna Slotwinski for your labor of love and support of our parish.

SINCERE THANKS GO TO ANNA MAXYMIUK FOR KITCHEN DONTIONS.

Pray for the following parishioners for healing and good health

Fr. Ruslan Romaniuk, Rev. Deacon Charles Schultz, John Chytruk, Maria Jackiw, Peggy Konzerowsky, Michael Lubianetsky, Julia Maksymchuk, Maria Plekan and Rosalie Senick. If you are admitted to the hospital, or at home and would like the priest to visit you, please call the parish office at 215-922-2845, or in case of an emergency please call 201-741-2292.



Last Sunday's Collection Total: \$9,099.00

Basket: \$2,530.00, Candles: \$226.00; Kitchen: \$793.00; Bingo: \$550.00

May God bless Wasyl Makar for the most generous donation of \$5,000.00 he made in memory of his late wife +Kateryna and late sons +Jaroslaw and +Nicholas and +Mychajlo and +Palahia in support of our Cathedral Parish. Many thanks!



Memorial Candle Offerings

The Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of deceased family members offered by Fr. Joseph

The Candle before Christ on the Iconostas

In memory of +Stephanie Wochok offered by Anna Rad

The Candle before the Mother of God on the Iconostas

God's blessings and health for an ill friend offered by Rita Malinowski

The Candle before John the Baptist on the Iconostas

In memory of + William Malinowski offered by Rita Malinowski

The Candle before St. Nicholas on the Iconostas

In memory of +Bohdan Z. Myr offered by Patricia Myr and Family

The customary donation for a Memorial Candle is \$5.00 per week

THE LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS' ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT

This year's Annual LUC Lenten Retreat is planned for the weekend of March 11-13, 2016 at the Motherhouse of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate in Sloatsburg, NY. The theme of the retreat is "MERICIFUL LIKE THE FATHER", which will be conducted by Archpriest Daniel Troyan. Fr. Danny is the pastor of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in West Easton, Pennsylvania where he is also the Youth Director. He has served our Church during his 34 years of Priesthood in roles such as Director of Evangelization and the Coordinator for the Shroud of Turin Exhibit for our Archeparchy. He has been a member of the LUC since his youth and is now its National Spiritual Director for the Archeparchy. Please note: St. Mary's Chapel in Sloatsburg, NY has been blessed by Bishop Paul Chomnycky as a "Holy Door" for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Consider going on retreat to take advantage of the many blessings and graces of God that await you. For more information, contact *Marion Hrubec* either at 201.843.3960, or mchrubec@optimum.net.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Fr. Yuriy Banga, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist Father and Pastor of Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church in Lviv, who has conducted many missions in Ukraine and Canada, will conduct a Lenten Retreat on Friday, Saturday and Sunday—March 11-13, 2016 here at the Cathedral. Please make the time to attend. This is a wonderful way to spiritually prepare for Our Lord’s Holy and Glorious Resurrection.

THE NEW RECTORY

The Cathedral Rectory now is housed in the previous convent, the previous Ortynsky Spirituality Center and Evangelization Center next to and left of the Cathedral. Note: the email address, telephone and fax numbers **REMAIN THE SAME**. If you need to meet with us, please come to this new location.

Come Watch the Movie “Ostrov—The Island”

We will show the stirring movie “Ostrov”, “The Island” next Sunday, March 6th at 12:15 pm after all Divine services. It powerfully illustrates man’s need for repentance as the remedy to restore ones own broken relationships with God, neighbor, self & nature, and the healing of ones brokenness. It centers on one man’s spiritual journey in the post-WWII and atheistic Soviet years. A light lunch and refreshments will be served. Sign up on the sheet placed on the tetrapod, if you plan to come; this will give us the needed head count.

A SPECIAL MEETING – TODAY

All interested parishioners are invited to meet and discuss some matters about the Easter Egg Hunt and the Annual Sviachene Dinner (Parish Paschal Meal). Come to the cafeteria after all the Divine Services **TODAY**. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS AND PUSSY WILLOWS NEEDED

Palm Sunday is **ONLY 3 WEEKS AWAY**. If you have pussy willows at home, please drop them off at the rectory entrance. We greatly appreciate any donations. Also we plan to prepare the willows/palms and eggs & baskets for the Easter Egg Hunt Friday, March 18th at 5:00 pm. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**. The more, the merrier.

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The Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Egg Hunt for our parish children from age 10 and under will be held on Palm Sunday—March 20, 2016 after the 11 a.m. Divine Liturgy outdoors by the Cathedral, weather permitting. Donations such as coloring books, pens, pencils, candy, plastic eggs, monetary gifts and fun creative items would be greatly appreciated. All donations can be brought to the rectory on weekdays or to the hall on Sundays. For any questions, please call the Rectory Fathers at 215-922-2845.



Please respond by March 13, 2016 with the names & ages of each child for fun baskets so we can plan for the day! Fill out this slip & drop it in the collection basket or leave at the hall on Sundays.

Name: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Age: _____
Name: _____	Age: _____

GOD BLESS YOU, FATHER GREGORY!

We pray that God bless Fr. Gregory Maslak with good health and length of days in his recent decision to retire from active priestly ministry. He plans to continue living at Ascension Manor and will serve in the Archeparchy in various roles. May he be granted peace, good life and health for many happy years and God's salvation. Mnohaya Lita!

THE SCHEDULE OF
LENTEN VESPERS & CONFESSIONS OF THE PHILADELPHIA DEANERY

The following schedule is for those who are interested in attending Lenten Vespers now in the Great Fast, which will be celebrated every Sunday at various parishes in the Philadelphia Deanery. All are encouraged to attend these services as they are both uplifting and a small sacrifice we make in our spiritual preparation to meet our Lord on His Most Glorious Day of Resurrection—PASCHA.

Sunday, February 28th

Annunciation of the BVM Church, 1206 Valley Road in Melrose Park, PA

Fr. Volodymyr Klanichka, homilist

Sunday, March 6th

St. Mary Church, 2026 Bath Road in Bristol, PA

Fr. Paul Makar, homilist

March 13th—Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA

Fr. John Fields, homilist

Vespers begin at 4:00PM each Sunday and Confessions begin a half hour before

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**We bow in worship,
to Your Holy Cross, O Master
and
we glorify Your Holy Resurrection!**

SUNDAY OF THE VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Today is called the Sunday of "*The Veneration of the Life-Giving Cross*". The Cross, adorned with flowers and greenery, is solemnly brought in procession to the center of the church and remains there for the entire week -- with a special rite of veneration following each service. The central theme emphasizes Christ's Glorious Victory over Sin, and not His sufferings, which is reflected in the Canon of the day, taken from the Paschal Service, "The Day of the Holy Resurrection."

The meaning of all this is clear. We have come to the midpoint of the Great Fast. And on one hand, the physical and spiritual effort of fasting, if it is serious and consistent, begins to weigh on us as our fatigue becomes more evident; we are in need of help and encouragement. On the other hand, having endured up to this point, we begin to see the end of our pilgrimage, anticipating the encounter of Our Lord's Glorious Resurrection growing in intensity. Lent is our self-crucifixion and our experience, limited as it is, must reflect Christ's commandment: "If any man would come after me, let him deny his very self and take up his cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34) It is precisely *His* Cross, from which we derive our strength and determination in carrying our own cross, in imitation of Him.

The Life-Giving Cross is presented to us as *the* Source of refreshment and comfort, and a remembrance of our Lord's Passion.... We are like those following a long cruel path, who become tired, and upon seeing a lush tree, sit in its shade, resting for a while and then rejuvenated, continue on our journey; likewise today, fasting is difficult and requires much effort, thus the Cross is planted in our midst plainly to refresh us and make us stronger and more courageous for the remaining task....

Another example of this is: when a king visits his people, at first his banner and symbols appear, then he himself comes, rejoicing over his victory and fills those under him with joy; likewise, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is about to show us His Victory over Death, appears to us in the glory of His Holy Resurrection, and sends to us in advance His scepter, the royal symbol - The Life-Giving Cross - which fills us too with joy and makes us ready to meet, inasmuch as it is possible for us, the King Himself, to give Him glory in His Victory.... All this in the midst of the Great Fast, which can become bitter and hard.... and lo, Christ appears to us who are as if we were in a desert, to lead us up to the Spiritual Jerusalem through the Holy Resurrection.... for the Cross is the Tree of Life - that same Tree that was planted in the middle of Paradise; and for this reason, the Church plants It in the midst of the Holy Fast, remembering both Adam's bliss before the Fall and his Agony when he was deprived of it through sin; and also remembering that partaking of this Tree, we no longer Die, but are granted Life....

Now, refreshed and reassured, we boldly continue on and endure the rest of the Great Fast....

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

O most venerable cross of the Lord, the angels surround you with joy at your elevation today. You raise up those who had fallen and had been delivered to death for having eaten of the forbidden tree. Therefore, we praise you without lips, begging for sanctification, saying: Exalt Christ our gracious God, O you nations, and adore his divine footsteps forever.

Hidden in the earth as a divine treasure, the Cross of the giver of life now appeared in the heavens to the godly emperor, and its inscription spiritually signified his victory over the enemy. Rejoicing with faith and love, he was inspired by God and hastened to raise on high the Cross that he had seen in his vision. With great zeal he brought it forth from the bosom of the earth for the deliverance of the world and the salvation of our souls.

O most holy Cross of Christ, you are our powerful protection. Sanctify us by your might that I may venerate and glorify you in faith and love.

O cross, you are the radiant sign among the stars. In prophecy you have revealed the sign of victory to the godly king; and when his mother Helena found you, she displayed you in the sight of all the world. Today the choirs of the faithful shout aloud as they raise you on high: Enlighten us by your brightness, O life-giving and all-venerable cross. Make us holy by your might; strengthen us by your exaltation, for you are raised up against our enemies.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Come all you people, let us venerate the blessed cross of the Lord through which eternal justice came to us. He who deceived Adam, the first man, was conquered by a tree, and the same who fettered the holy creation by his cunning has been cast down into nothingness. The venom of the serpent has been washed away by the divine blood of Christ. The curse of their rightful sentence was lifted when the just Christ was condemned unjustly. By God's plan, death that had come from a tree would be conquered by a tree, and suffering would be healed by the suffering of the Lord. Glory to the active presence of Your providence in our lives, O Christ, our King. Through it You have brought salvation for all, for You are gracious and the Lover of mankind.

