

Educational Prayer Corner:

Prayer of Saint Ephraim

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. (*prostration*)

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. (prostration)

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen. (*prostration*)

Then we make twelve bows, praying "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner," after which we repeat the concluding verse of the prayer:

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March Celebrations and Observances:

2nd-Karen Naughton-Birthday ● 3rd-Chris & Roxanne Kovalchik-wedding anniversary ● 8th-Patricia Luchansky-Birthday ● 9th-Mary Semon-Memory Eternal! ● 17th-Matushka Patty-Namesday; Daria Cunningham-Birthday ● 24th-Peter Lalovic-Birthday; Michael Rucks-Birthday ● Mary Prestys-Memory Eternal!

Rectory Renovation: The rectory is very near completion! Fr. Paul and Matushka Patty are in the process of settling in. Please consider making a donation to help offset the costs of this beautiful improvement to our parish.

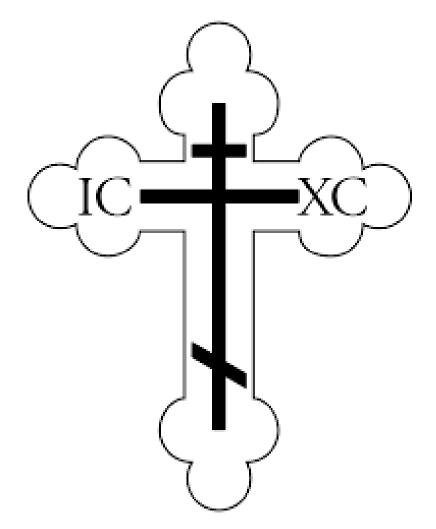
Perogies: Available Friday 9-11:30 a.m., Sunday 11-12.

Coffee Hour Schedule:

Today -Rucks family and Catherine Chartorysky

March 22 -Rolls
March 29 -Potluck

~Flowers for the Cross in memory of the Gilbert, McClaver & Hoynack families~ ~Bulletins for March in memory of Joseph Mazur~



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SUNDAY – March 15, 2015

Third Sunday of Lent – Veneration of Life-Giving Cross

EPISTLE: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 **GOSPEL:** Mark 8:34-9:1

Saints of the Day: Martyr Agapius and Seven with Him

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS... We are pleased to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your experience in our services. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is a mark of membership in the Church. Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism and Chrismation, having prepared themselves through Confession, prayer and fasting, are permitted to partake of Holy Communion. However, all are welcome to share in the blessed bread at the end of the service.

The following Troparia and Kontakia are sung after the Little Entrance:

(Resurrectional Troparion--Tone 7): By Thy cross, Thou didst destroy death! To the thief, Thou didst open paradise! For the myrrh-bearers, Thou didst change weeping into joy! And Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. (Troparion--Veneration of the Precious and Life-giving Cross--Tone 1): O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy cross, preserve Thy habitation.

Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. (Kontakion--Veneration of the Precious and Lifegiving Cross--Tone 7): Now the flaming sword no longer guards the gates of paradise; it has been mysteriously quenched by the wood of the cross. The sting of death and the victory of hell have been vanquished; for Thou, O my Savior, didst come and cry to those in hell: enter again into paradise.

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We pray to the Lord in His great mercy to visit and heal our brothers and sisters who are in need: Natalie Kovalchik recovering from illness; Frank (carpenter working on rectory) recovering from surgery; Hieromonk Gabriel recovering from surgery, Tanya Carrelle recovering from surgery.

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Schedule for the week:

(Lenten fast all week)

TODAY **Liturgy of St. Basil

**Coffee Hour downstairs after Liturgy. Everyone welcome! **4 p.m. Mission Vespers at Holy Cross in Williamsport

Wednesday, March 18 - Presanctified Liturgy at 6:00 p.m.; Lenten Potluck following service

Friday, March 20 -Akathist to Departed 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 21 -Confession 3:30 p.m., Vespers 4:00 p.m.

-Adult Education following Vespers

Sunday, March 22 -St. John Climacus/Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

-Church School following Liturgy

Upcoming Events

Adult Education: Join us after Vespers on Saturday, March 21 to study the Wisdom of the Early Church Fathers.

Lenten Potlucks: Please bring your favorite Lenten dish and join us for a potluck meal following Presanctified Liturgies each Wednesday during Great Lent.

Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements

Confession: Fr. Paul is available for confession before and after PreSanctified Liturgies on Wednesdays.

Memory Eternal! Recently ordained priest, Fr. Matthew Baker, died in a car accident this past Sunday. A fund has been set up to provide support for his wife and six children. Please consider contributing online at www.gofundme.com/nizf2g or sending a check to: Metropolis of Boston; C/O Fr. Matthew Baker Fund; 162 Goddard Avenue; Brookline, MA 02445. Notes of condolences may be sent to: Presvytera Kate Baker; c/o Holy Trinity Church; 247 Washington St.; Norwich, CT 06360

Email addresses requested: We would like to utilize email as another method of communicating services and important activities with our parishioners. Please add your email address to the church directory located in the foyer.

Sunday School activities: During the upcoming weeks, Reader David will be teaching our children how to sing the Troparion for Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday. Please make all efforts to help your children attend church regularly for practices held during Sunday School. Also, mark your calendars for the Lenten Children's Retreat for March 28, 1:30-3:30 p.m.