



February 21, 2010

**FIRST SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 4—SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

Ven. Timothy of Symbola in Bithynia; St. Eustathius, Archbishop of Antioch; St. George, Bishop of Amastris on the Black Sea; The Kozelshchanskaya Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

Gospel: John 1:43-51

**✠ THE WEEK IN WORSHIP & STUDY ✠**  
**(SECOND WEEK OF GREAT LENT)**

TODAY 4:00 p.m. *Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers* at Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus

Wed, Feb 24 6:00 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Fri, Feb 26 6:00 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Great Compline & Litiya followed by Confessions

Sat, Feb 27 **SECOND SATURDAY OF GREAT LENT**  
9:00 a.m. **The Repose of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn**  
Divine Liturgy Epistle: Heb 13:17-21 Gospel: John 10:9-16  
(Confessions before Liturgy will begin at 8 a.m. Do not arrive later than 8:30 a.m.)

5:00 p.m. Confessions  
6:30 p.m. Panihida for **Joseph Smith** (Annual) offered by **the family**  
7:00 p.m. Vespers followed by Confessions

Sun, Feb 28 **SECOND SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT—Tone 5—ST. GREGORY PALAMAS**  
9:00 a.m. Ven. Basil the Confessor  
Divine Liturgy Epistles: Heb 1:10-2:3 Gospels: Mark 2:1-12  
Heb 7:26-8:2 (St. Gregory) John 10:9-16 (St. Gregory)

11:00 a.m. *Faith Feedback Session* with Fr. David  
4:00 p.m. *Lenten Mission Vespers* at Holy Trinity Church in Rahway

**✠ IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH ✠**

A **Communion Breakfast**, hosted by the **St. Anne's Guild**, will be held **TODAY** following Liturgy; **all parishioners and guests** are invited. Because of the meal, there will be **NO Church School**. All classes will resume **next Sunday, February 28**.

To help defray the travel expenses for those participating in the *Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA) National Basketball Tournament* in Minneapolis in April, the **Junior R Club** will be holding a **Lenten Soup Sale** in the hall **TODAY** during Coffee Hour. Cost per container is \$7 (large) and \$5 (small).

In addition to the above sale, the Juniors are also running the following fundraisers:

**Lenten Soup Sale** – To be held on **Sunday, March 7**, during Coffee Hour. Cost per container is \$7 (large) and \$5 (small).

**Pierogi Dinner** – To be held in the church hall on **Saturday, March 13**, from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children; see any Junior for tickets.

As these are the only tournament fundraisers, your support will be appreciated.

Everyone is invited **next Sunday, February 28** to Fr. David's **Faith Feedback Session** during Coffee Hour. At this forum, he will be answering questions on anything that may be puzzling you regarding Orthodoxy. If you have a query, just write it down on a card provided in the church vestibule and drop it in the *Faith Feedback Question Box*. Then, on the 28<sup>th</sup>, come and be a part of an enlightening experience!

The **Altar Society** will meet in the church hall on **Monday, March 8**, at 6 p.m.

The **Annual Gertrude Hawk Spring Candy Sale** to benefit our mission team trip to Guatemala ends **next Sunday, February 28**. Order forms are still available from Susan Witkowski. Help make this important fundraising effort successful! Delivery will be on **Sunday, March 21**.

The **Installation of the 2010 Parish Council** will take place on **Sunday, March 14**, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The new Council's first meeting will be held on **Monday, March 15**, at 7 p.m., in the church hall.

When one is ill, it can, very often, be a time when one feels alone and isolated. The **Sacrament of Holy Unction (Anointing of the Sick)** reminds us that when we are in pain—be it physical, emotional and/or spiritual—Christ is present with us through the ministry of His Church. He is among us to offer strength to meet the challenges of life. As is the custom of our parish during Great Lent, this sacrament will be celebrated this year on **Thursday, March 18**, at 7 p.m. After the reading of seven Epistles and Gospels and the offering of seven prayers all devoted to healing, everyone present will be anointed with oil, as a sign of God's mercy and forgiveness. Holy Unction is not an obligatory, but voluntary sacrament. It is very good, though, for all Orthodox Christians who are sick in body, mind or spirit to draw near, as it can provide great comfort, spiritual uplifting and the patience to accept the will of the Lord. So, keep the day open and plan to attend. (**NOTE:** *Those who are not regular communicants must prepare to receive Holy Unction by first going to Holy Confession. If you have any questions, contact Fr. David.*)

## ✕ CHURCH CHATTER ✕

**WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER...**Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **131**.

**MINISTRY DUTIES** The Epistle will be read next week by **John Kozak**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **St. Anne's Guild**. (**NOTE:** *The Men's Club will be responsible for this ministry during the month of March.*)

**2009 ANNUAL REPORT** Did you miss getting a copy of the annual report? If so, please see Starosta for one.

**FOR YOUR INFO** A moving and inspirational video showing the beauty of Orthodoxy can now be seen on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). It is called *The Orthodox Church – A Visual Journey*. Check it out!

**BELATED BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS** go out to **Nancy Zawadsky** and **Nicole Cherbakova** who celebrated last week. May God's grace fill their hearts with joy and their days with health and happiness. Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**THANK YOU** to **Mirjana Dostanich** for preparing the *koliva* (boiled wheat sweetened with honey and fruit) that was blessed and consumed on Friday evening following the Vespers service for the *Commemoration of Saint Theodore the Recruit*. May the Lord bless and keep her for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**FIRST CONFESSION** Congratulations to the following Church School children who made their First Holy Confession yesterday afternoon: **Nicole Cherbakova, Oles Kormosh, Nicholas Kovalenko, Nicholas Mercadante, Niko Rusche, Caroline Trebino** and **Christina Williams**. We should all be very proud of them in the way they took part with such respect and reverence for where they were and what they were doing. Many thanks to their teacher, **Natasha Rogozenski**, for her dedication and commitment to the Faith in preparing these young people so well. May God continue to guide and help them confess often and openly so that they can always return to a new life that is provided by Him through this holy sacrament. Many Years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**TETRAPOD FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE** Many times throughout the year, the floral arrangements on the center tetrapod are provided by individuals and families, often in memory or honor of loved ones or for a particular thanksgiving. The following dates are available through May:

|               |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Mar 7</b>  | Cross Veneration Sunday   |
| <b>Mar 25</b> | Feast of the Annunciation |
| <b>Apr 11</b> | St. Thomas Sunday         |
| <b>Apr 28</b> | Midfeast of Pentecost     |
| <b>May 9</b>  | Mother's Day              |

**May 13** Ascension Day  
**May 23** Pentecost

See or phone James Kornafel (732-462-3388) if you would like to donate an arrangement; the cost is \$55.

**SINCERE THANKS** to **Dorothy Messeka** for her donation to the *Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund*. We pray that God's abundant blessings will be hers for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

**A YOUTH CHOIR**, under the direction of our own, Basil Kozak, has been invited to sing some of the responses during the Lenten Mission Vespers at *Annunciation Church* in Brick on **Cross Veneration Sunday, March 7**. If your child or children would like to participate, please see Basil; you can also call him at (917) 697-8058. (**NOTE: A mandatory rehearsal will be held at 3 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup> at Annunciation Church.**)

**BEST WISHES** to **Oleg & Nonna Burlak** who are celebrating their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this Wednesday. Belated greetings are also extended to **Michael & Veronica Burak** who commemorated 57 years of wedded bliss last Sunday. May the One who brought these couples together continue to bring good things to them—joy to fill their lives and love to fill their hearts—for many years!

**JOIN THE CHOIR** Singing in the Church Choir is a special calling and honor. Music in the church should always be, first and foremost, holy worship presented to God with reverence, humility and excellence. When a choir is united in this effort, the church is blessed, edified and inspired. Please see or contact Basil Kozak (917-697-8058) if you would like to join this ministry—we need you!

**IN OUR PRAYERS** Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners, family members and friends:

| <u>Departed</u>    |                      | <u>Sick</u>         | <u>Servicemen</u>      |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Irene Kniel        | Elaine Ashton        | Janet Firestone     | Ivan Shidlovsky        |
| Mary (Dutka) Silva | Irene Boule          | Adam Krosnowski     | Lisa Beard             |
| Mark Van Houten    | Joseph Casall        | Ellie Shipman       | Gregory Nosol          |
| Edward Sosnowitz   | Edward Romanofsky    | Vera Rosenthal      | June Buyofsky-Rittman  |
| William Leggon     | Walentya Posluszny   | Savanna Dore        | David T. Floyd         |
| Helen Grygo        | Alan Zenkert         | Dorothy Dabkowski   | Patrick Lohr           |
| Paul Dutka         | Michael Dargento     | Joan Roshak         | Keith Sudder           |
| Vera Ann Nazarenko | Daryl Deissinger     | Sarah Hall          | Priest Paul Rivers     |
| Virginia Moran     | Cynthia Denlinger    | Dotsy Hartman       | Andrew Kubik           |
|                    | Linda Martinovich    | Katherine Tarzewski | Jason Vaughn           |
|                    | Josephine Tillison   | Paula Hila          | Patrick Baldwin        |
|                    | Mary Lou Goldy       | Joseph Posluszny    | Timothy Stepan         |
|                    | Julia Glazer         | Nancy Filak         | Michael Gregus         |
|                    | Joseph Casale        | Anna Durovich       | Peter Shaw             |
|                    | Donna Casale         | Kira Gregor         | Jacqueline Martinez    |
|                    | Dr. Joseph Pastore   | Lisa Muhs           | Robert Mahrer          |
|                    | Karen Kennedy        | Denise Yager        | Karen Bonet            |
|                    | Randall Cline        | Martha Drobnak      | David Gambert          |
|                    | Joseph Lynch         | Chrise Murrell      | Gregg Poole            |
|                    | Jean Staples         | Dorothy Sopchak     | Fred Bush              |
|                    | Joan Tita            | Elaine Boshko       | Travis Hartman         |
|                    | Lasha Giorgi Pozidis | Andre Tirenin       | Walter Zettlemoyer Jr. |
|                    | Aiden Gowarty        | Glynne Smith        | Elizabeth Brent        |
|                    | Dorothy Swenticky    | Marian Morgan       | Kyle Abbott            |
|                    | Sara Cseh            | James Dewan         | Matthew Scudder        |
|                    | Olga Smith           | Beverly Martucci    |                        |
|                    | Reginald Thomas      | Jason Sherman       |                        |
|                    | Anthony Garito       | Gregory Huba        |                        |
|                    | Ermelinda Faziola    | Valentina Nerush    |                        |
|                    | Kirsten Hyland       | Katia Gurepekin     |                        |
|                    | John Cameron         |                     |                        |

If you have a name you would like included in the bulletin, contact Fr. David or Starosta.

**LAMENTATIONS: ORTHODOX CHANTS OF HOLY WEEK** is the newest CD release from **Archangel Voices**, a professional vocal ensemble, under the direction of Vladimir Morosan, committed to presenting Orthodox music in English. This 80-minute CD features the best-loved hymns of Holy Week, including the Bridegroom texts, the Lamentations, Noble Joseph and the Great Saturday Canon and draws from Byzantine (Greek, Antiochian & Romanian traditions), Serbian, Russian and Bulgarian repertoires. It was

produced by our former parishioner, **Natalka Pavlovsky Weismantel**, and can be a wonderful tool for meditation during Great Lent. The cost is \$18.95; if you're interested, please see Kristen Berezniak during Coffee Hour.

**MISSIONARIES WANTED** Have you ever wanted to share your God-given talents, gifts and skills with others? If so, then please consider being part of this year's mission trip (May 20-27) to *Hogar Rafael Ayau*, the Orthodox orphanage in Guatemala City, Guatemala. See or contact Fr. David for details.

**CANDLES FOR SALE** Candles that were blessed on the Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord earlier this month are still available for purchase. If interested, please see anyone at the Candle Desk.

**WARM THE CHILDREN (WTC) UPDATE** Thank you to everyone for his/her wonderful participation in the tireless efforts of WTC to help children who are less fortunate than ours. Nice warm items and monetary donations were received from parishes and parish organizations across the country enabling this charitable organization to ship nine boxes last month to orphanages in both Russia and Belarus. How can you help, you ask? With all the Lenten services, perhaps you can "fit in" some additional time, as part of your Lenten charity, to make a child warmer by knitting/crocheting a scarf or hat. If you were not blessed with this talent, then purchasing an article of clothing or making a financial contribution towards shipping costs would certainly be welcomed. Get in touch with WTC Coordinator, Barbara Nafranowicz, by telephone (908-232-2632), E-mail ([bnafanowicz@verizon.net](mailto:bnafanowicz@verizon.net)) or post (167 North Cottage Place, Westfield, NJ 07090-2820) to find out what's needed the most right now. Remember that we cannot simply think that by praying to the Lord, He will have mercy on these little ones in want. We must show our faith by doing what we can to help also—our salvation depends on it!

**MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS** are days set aside, throughout the year, for commemoration of the dead. Within the Church, Saturday is a traditional day of prayer for the deceased, because Christ lay dead in the tomb on Saturday. Memorial Saturdays are devoted to remembering departed relatives and others among the faithful who have fallen asleep in the Lord. This year's Lenten Soul Saturdays will be **March 6 & 13**. The Liturgy on these days will be preceded by *Matins for the Departed* on Friday evening. A form to list the names of those you want mentioned at these services was included in the January 17 bulletin; if you didn't get one, there are extra copies available at the Candle Desk. Once completed, you can either drop it off in church or send it to the rectory. As Orthodox Christians, we should never neglect our responsibility of praying for the dead, for remembering them is a sign of our deep love for the Church Triumphant. In response to our heartfelt petitions, our Lord will, in turn, show His mercy upon our departed loved ones and us. Attend these services and you will be richly blessed!

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** for next week's edition must be submitted by **Thursday evening** to Fr. David or our Starosta/Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel. You can reach Father at the rectory or contact Jim by telephone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail ([jimmyk@optonline.net](mailto:jimmyk@optonline.net)). Note that all submissions may be edited for brevity or clarity.



*Great Lent prepares us, individually and as a community, to be more open to the Lord and His holiness. As we begin the second week of the Fast, let us continue our personal prayer and fasting practices, our meditating on God's holy word and our commitments to be present in worship, study and service, thereby strengthening our relationships with one another and bringing us to a deeper level of personal conversion to Christ.*

## ✠ THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT ✠

On all the Sundays of Great Lent, as well as on Thursday and Saturday of Holy Week, the more solemn and penitential **Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great** is served. It differs very little from the *Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*; the primary differences are the priest's prayers during the *Anaphora* (Eucharistic Prayers), a variant *Hymn to the Theotokos* and the *Prayer of Thanksgiving* following Holy Communion. All are especially beautiful and rich in theology, praising God and remembering the wonderful gifts He has given us and the salvation-granting actions He has performed. Check the *Table of Contents* of the Liturgy prayer books in the pews to find the appropriate pages. Try to pay attention and reflect on the many aspects of our relationship with God that they talk about.

## ✠ THE LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS ✠

The Divine Liturgy, being the banquet of Christ, is a festive, joyous and triumphant celebration. With the exception of the Feast of the Annunciation, the Church does not permit such a celebration on weekdays (Monday to Friday) during Great Lent, as this is a period of penitence and mourning for sin, the remembrance of fallen Adam and of the whole creation with him and the recollection of our slavery to the enemy of salvation.

In order to allow the faithful to participate in Holy Communion, Saint Gregory the Great created the ***Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts***, a Vespers service at which worshippers commune of the Holy Gifts that were consecrated on the previous Sunday. It is traditionally celebrated on Wednesday and Friday evenings, although there are some churches that will serve it in the morning. As communicants, we are instructed to fast all day long or, at a bare minimum, from noon on.

This liturgy truly captures the meaning and essence of the season. Please make every effort to attend. There is no doubt that it will deepen your spiritual vision and give you the strength to “*fight the good fight*” and reach the great and glorious day of Pascha.

*(Besides special music, a unique feature of the Presanctified Liturgy is the profound signs of reverence and repentance, i.e., prostrations and kneeling. In order of the service, a **prostration** is done before the second Old Testament reading, when the priest brings out a lighted candle and the censor from the Holy Altar and blesses the faithful with the words, “**Wisdom! Let us attend! The Light of Christ illumines all men!**” During the singing of “**Let My Prayer Arise...**” the faithful **kneel**, after which the Prayer of Saint Ephraim is recited with **prostrations**. Another **prostration** is done during the Great Entrance. Saint Ephraim’s Prayer is again repeated with **prostrations**. Finally, **kneeling** takes place during the Lord’s Prayer.)*

## ✠ FAST NOW, FEAST LATER FAIR – MARCH 20, 2010 ✠

On **Saturday, March 20**, our parish will host a **Fast Now, Feast Later Fair**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the church hall. Lenten foods, arts & crafts, sale items, flowers, babkas and homemade kielbasa for the holiday will be available for purchase. Let us help you fill those Easter baskets!

Kielbasa orders are being taken by **Veronica Burak** (732-254-0879). Babka orders are being handled by **Carol Deerson** (732-254-4979); the variety includes raisin, apricot, cheese, prune and poppy for \$8.75 and raspberry cheese for \$9.25. The deadline to pre-order breads is **Sunday, March 14**; delivery will be on **Thursday, March 18**.

The committee welcomes any donations of crafts, baked goods or help with preparing food and hall set-up for the event on **Thursday-Friday, March 18-19**.

Much more will be featured, so watch future bulletins for further details. Meanwhile, save the date and invite all your friends and neighbors to come.

**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!**

**GLORY FOREVER!**