



Father David will be away this Wednesday & Thursday. Our intern priest, Fr. Sean Levine, will serve the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday evening. If there be an emergency need of a priest, please call Fr. David on his cell phone (732-740-6230). If you can't reach him, contact Starosta at (732) 462-3388.

✂ IN TOUCH WITH THE PARISH ✂

Church School Classes will meet **TODAY** following the Liturgy Dismissal.

To help defray travel expenses for those participating in the *Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA) National Basketball Tournament* in Detroit next month, 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 \$4 (small). In addition to this sale, this organization will also be hosting a **Pierogi Dinner** on **Saturday, March 27**, from 5-7 p.m. (*PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!*) Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children; see any Junior for tickets. Your support for both fundraisers will be appreciated.

The **Senior R Club Meeting** regarding the upcoming *National Convention* will be held at the Steffaro home **TODAY** at 6 p.m.

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

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, March 9**, at 7 p.m.

Prospora (Holy Bread) Baking will take place in the church hall on **Memorial Saturday, March 13**, following Divine Liturgy (approximately 10:30 a.m.). Those who have participated in the past can attest to what an amazing experience it is to help make the bread that will become the Body of Christ. Come and be a part of a true labor of love!

Join us **next Sunday, March 14**, for our **Annual Lenten Youth Sunday**. Not only will they be going to church, our youth will **BE** the church, as they involve themselves in many parts of the Liturgy, including working the Candle Desk, ushering, ringing the bells, lighting candles, reading the Hours and Epistle, preaching the sermon, collecting the weekly offering and holding the Communion cloth. Don't miss this opportunity to hear and see how God is at work in the lives of our young people!

The **Installation of the 2010 Parish Council** will take place **next Sunday, March 14**, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The new Council's first meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 16**, 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.*)

Gertrude Hawk Spring Candy Orders will be available for pick-up in the church hall on **Sunday, March 21**.

The **Men's Club** will meet in the church hall on **Thursday, March 25**, at 7 p.m. (*MEMBERS—PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!*)

✂ CHURCH CHATTER ✂

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER...Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **117**.

MINISTRY DUTIES The Epistle will be read next week by **Kristen Berezniak**. Coffee Hour will be hosted by the **Men's Club**.

MEMORY ETERNAL With great sadness, we share the news that our sister in Christ, **Vera Rosenthal**, peacefully fell asleep in the Lord last Saturday evening, February 27, with her daughter, **Merilyn**, at her side. We extend our heartfelt sympathy not only to Merilyn, but to all Vera's family and friends. May God's love and comfort surround them in the days ahead—*Vechnaya Pamyat!*

KEEPING VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST Following the Lamentations & Matins on **Good Friday evening, April 2**, the church will begin to keep watch (vigil) over the tomb of Jesus Christ until the start of Nocturne on **Holy Saturday, April 3**. The Book of Psalms will be read all through the night. You are encouraged to sign-up for a two-hour shift and join in with your family or friends. A sheet is now posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Everyone, both young and old, should participate in this beautiful memorial to our Crucified Lord. Volunteers are particularly needed on Saturday afternoon and evening. For more information, contact Gregory Sprogis at (732) 254-6167.

EASTER BAKE SALE *Annunciation Church* in Brick is again selling its wonderful homemade dessert rolls through **Palm Sunday, March 28**. Six varieties are being offered for \$12 apiece: **nut, prune, poppy seed, apricot, chocolate chip nut and apricot nut**. For guaranteed availability, please place your order **as soon as possible** with James Kornafel (732-462-3388). Delivery is usually within a week. Let our sister parish do all the work so that you can enjoy family and friends more this Pascha!

THE FLOWERS adorning the Precious Cross of Our Lord on the center tetrapod today were offered by **Natalie Demidenko** in memory of her parents, **Alex & Nadja Demidenko**. We accept this offering with deep gratitude and love. May their memory be eternal—*Vechnaya Pamyat!*

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. The last of this year's two Lenten Soul Saturdays will be **this Saturday, March 13**. The Liturgy on this day 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 distributed in January; if you didn't get one, there are extra copies still 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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go out this week to **Fiona Garretson**. Belated greetings are also extended to **Oleg Burlak** and **Joshua Chup**, both of whom celebrated last week. May the blessings of God's love surround them for many years—*Mnogaya Lyeta!*

HOLY WEEK & PASCHA PROCESSIONS Volunteers are needed to carry icons and banners during the processions on Good Friday evening, Pascha night, Easter Sunday afternoon (Paschal Vespers) and Bright Monday. Anyone and everyone can take part! If you're interested, please see Gregory Sprogis during Coffee Hour or call him at (732) 254-5167.

IN MEMORIUM The handmaid of God, **Olga Zawadsky**, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, March 5. Before moving to Brick 20 years ago, Olga was a faithful member of our parish. We offer our condolences to her family and friends. May the prayers of all who care for them sustain them and give them strength in the midst of these sorrowful days—*Vechnaya Pamyat!*

NEW OCA BLOG FOR YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE STUDENTS LAUNCHED In response to a growing need for both content and materials geared towards young adult and college ministries, the *OCA Department of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries* has launched a new blog, *Wonder*. It is accessible at www.ocawonder.com. Every month, the blog will feature four articles on a specific theme, blending theological and academic writings with practical ideas for ministry that will, hopefully, generate dialogue and two-way communication. For additional info, get in touch with Protodeacon Joseph Matusiak at jmatusiak@oca.org.

SPRING AHEAD *Daylight Savings Time* begins **next Sunday morning, March 14**, at 2 a.m. Remember to set your clocks **ahead** this coming Saturday night before retiring; otherwise, you'll be late for church...not a good thing!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following parishioners, family members and friends this week, as well as the departed, sick and suffering people of Chile:

<u>Departed</u>	<u>Sick</u>	<u>Servicemen</u>
William Leggon	Elaine Ashton	Ivan Shidlovsky
Helen Grygo	Irene Boulle	Lisa Beard
Paul Dutka	Joseph Casall	Gregory Nosol
Vera Ann Nazarenko	Edward Romanofsky	June Buyofsky-Rittman
Evelyn Herbert	Walentyna Posluszny	David T. Floyd
Virginia Moran	Alan Zenkert	Patrick Lohr
Katia Gurepekin	Michael Dargento	Keith Sudder
Vera Rosenthal	Daryl Deissinger	Priest Paul Rivers
Reginald Thomas	Cynthia Denlinger	Andrew Kubik
Dorothy Dabkowski	Linda Martinovich	Jason Vaughn
Olga Zawadsky	Josephine Tillison	Patrick Baldwin
Joan Tita	Mary Lou Goldy	Timothy Stepan

Julia Glazer
Joseph Casale
Donna Casale
Dr. Joseph Pastore
Randall Cline
Joseph Lynch
Lasha Giorgi Pozidis
Aiden Gowarty
Dorothy Swenticky
Sara Cseh
Olga Smith
Anthony Garito
Ermelinda Faziola
Kirsten Hyland
John Cameron
Janet Firestone
Adam Krosnowski
Ellie Shipman

Martha Drobnak
Chrise Murrell
Dorothy Sopchak
Elaine Boshko
Andre Tirenin
Glynne Smith
Marian Morgan
James Dewan
Beverly Martucci
Gregory Huba
Valentina Nerush
Frederick Bhend
Kathryn Patricia Gmitter
William Fedak
Peter Keimer
Kathleen Keimer
Walter Smorgans
Helen Smorgans

Michael Gregus
Peter Shaw
Jacqueline Martinez
Robert Mahrer
Karen Bonet
David Gambert
Gregg Poole
Fred Bush
Travis Hartman
Walter Zettlemoyer Jr.
Elizabeth Brent
Kyle Abbott
Matthew Scudder

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

IN BLESSED REPOSE The handmaid of God, **Dorothy Dabkowski**, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, March 5. She was a lifelong communicant of our parish, as well as a member of both the *Senior R Club* and *Altar Society*. We share in this loss with her grandchildren, nieces and nephews. May God's holy love strengthen and support them in their time of grief—*Vechnaya Pamyat!*

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 get in touch with Jim by phone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net). Note that all submissions may be edited for brevity or clarity.



*We have reached the middle of Great Lent—a perfect time to ask yourself how you are doing spiritually and if you have kept up with what you wanted to do, according to your Lenten intentions, three weeks ago. If you have, that is all well and good, and you should, perhaps, give yourself a little pat on the back and say: “Well done,” and then continue in your good work. But, if you have faltered in any way, now is the time to analyze where you have failed and take the bull by the horns and see if you can correct yourself and rededicate your efforts to start up again. Remember: it is **never** too late. Restart and reinforce your journey to Pascha, because it is only by continuing on the Lenten path that you will eventually succeed in becoming closer to the Risen Lord. Make a resolution to try fasting, praying, almsgiving and forgiving a little harder—you can do it!*

✂ EASTER BAZAAR – MARCH 20, 2010 ✂

On **Saturday, March 20**, our parish will host an **Easter Bazaar**, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the church hall. Lenten foods (soups, blintzes, pierogies, potato pancakes), arts and crafts, sale items, flowers, babkas and homemade kielbasa for the Paschal holiday will be available for purchase. Let's help you fill those Easter baskets!

TODAY is the last day for kielbasa orders; please see or call **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 your breads is **next 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!