

**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

Щоденні Літургії:  
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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**

**LENTEN MISSION—DAY 2**

**Saturday, March 12**  
**CATHEDRAL**

**9:00 a.m.**      **SOROKOUSTY:** Remembrance of our Departed Loved Ones  
**Vespereal Divine Liturgy**

**4:30 p.m.**      God's Blessings on all our parishioners

**5TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
**5-ТА НЕДІЛЯ ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ**

**Tone 1 Epistle: Heb. 9: 11 – 14 Gospel: Mk. 10: 32—45**

**LENTEN MISSION—DAY 3**

**Sunday, March 13**  
**CATHEDRAL**

**9:00 a.m.**      God's Blessings on all our parishioners (Ukrainian)

**11:00 a.m.**    + Maria and + Peter Wikarczuk                      Peter and Olga Dodge

**4:00 p.m.**      Lenten Vespers here at the Cathedral

**Monday, March 14**  
**NO DIVINE LITURGY**

**Tuesday, March 15**  
**NO DIVINE LITURGY**

**CATHEDRAL**  
**Wednesday, March 16**

**6:30 p.m.**      The Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts

**Thursday, March 17**  
**NO DIVINE LITURGY**

**CATHEDRAL**  
**Friday, March 18**

**6:30 p.m.**      The Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts

**CATHEDRAL**  
**Saturday, March 19**

**9:00 a.m.**      The Saturday Divine Liturgy in honor of Lazarus  
**Vespereal Divine Liturgy of Palm Sunday**

**4:30 p.m.**      + Selena Siomko    Alex Siomko

**PALM SUNDAY — КВІТНЯ НЕДІЛЯ**

**Festal Tone Epistle: Phil. 4: 4–9 Gospel: Jn. 12: 1—18**

**CATHEDRAL**

**Sunday, March 20**

**9:00 a.m.**      God's blessings on all our parishioners (Ukrainian)

**11:00 a.m.**    God's blessings on all our parishioners (English)

## 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, Otilia 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  
MARY FEDORIN AND ANNA MAXYMIUK  
FOR LAST WEEK'S KITCHEN DONATIONS***

**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.



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Last Sunday's Collection Total: \$6,091.00

Basket: \$2,457.00, Candles: \$329.00; Kitchen: \$1,355.00; Bingo: \$1,650.00;

Providence Association: \$100.00;

Malinowski family: \$200.00 (in memory of +Maria and +Peter Wikarczuk)

### Memorial Candle Offerings

#### The Eternal Lamp

In memory of + Olena Pawluk offered by Paraska Zaliwciw and Anna Czajka

#### The Candle before Christ on the Iconostas

In memory of +Anna Demianyuk and Terri & Michael Rad offered by the Rad & Conway Family

#### 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*



## **CATHEDRAL LENTEN VESPERS & CONFESSIONS**

***Come and attend Lenten Vespers TODAY which begin at 4 p.m. here in the Cathedral. This is the last one of the series that have been celebrated at various parishes in the Philadelphia Deanery. This service is both uplifting and just a small sacrifice we make in our spiritual preparation to be made worthy in meeting our Lord on His Glorious Day of Resurrection—PASCHA. Fr. John Fields will be the homilist and priests will be on hand to hear confessions starting at 3:30 p.m. A luncheon will follow for all afterwards in the parish hall.***

## **ST. THOMAS SUNDAY CEMETERY GRAVESITE SERVICES**

***Gravesite services this year will be held at St. May's Cemetery in Fox Chase, PA on St. Thomas Sunday—April 3, 2016 beginning at 1:00 p.m. with a General Panakhyda at the Main Cross, followed by individual grave blessings.***

**PARISH LENTEN RETREAT**

We **WELCOME** Fr. Yuriy Banga, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist Father and Pastor of Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church in Lviv, for conducting this weekend’s Lenten Retreat here at the Cathedral, which concludes at the 11 a.m. Liturgy. We are ever grateful to him for sacrificing his time to minister to us during these most beautiful days of the Great Fast. May God bless you abundantly in return, Fr. Yuriy!

**THE NEW RECTORY**

The Cathedral Rectory now is housed in the previous convent and 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.

**VOLUNTEERS AND PUSSY WILLOWS NEEDED**

Palm Sunday is **ONE WEEK AWAY**. If you can donate any pussy willows, please leave them at the rectory during the week. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Also we plan to prepare the willows/palms and eggs/baskets for the Easter Egg Hunt this Friday, March 18th starting at 5 pm. **VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME**.

**Lenten Fish Fry Dinner**

“CYM” of Philadelphia invites all to a Lenten Fish Fry Dinner, which will be held this Friday, March 18th at Annunciation of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church (1206 Valley Road, Melrose Park, PA 19027). A \$15 platter includes fried fish, two side dishes (fries, mac n’ cheese, coleslaw, or corn), a roll, coffee/tea and dessert. Additional beverages will also be available for purchase. The event will run from 6—11pm, with dinner being served until 10 pm - both dine-in and take-out options are available! For more information or for advance orders, email [PhillyFishFry@cym.org](mailto:PhillyFishFry@cym.org).

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**The Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt**

The Easter Egg Hunt for our parish children 10 years of age and under will be held next week on Palm Sunday after the 11 a.m. Divine Liturgy outside the Cathedral, weather permitting. Donations such as coloring books, pens, pencils, candy, plastic eggs, gift bags, toys, sippy cups, stuffed animals, monetary gifts and fun creative items would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the rectory during the week or in the church vestibule or parish hall on Sundays. For any questions, please call the Rectory Fathers at 215-922-2845.

Today is the **DEADLINE** to enter the names and ages of the children to receive a personal fun-filled basket at the Egg Hunt. Please fill out the attached slip & drop it in the collection basket or leave at the hall **TODAY** to secure a basket. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### So That Mercy Can Enter

God always loves us unconditionally because mercy is His very nature. In other words, since God is love, God is mercy. We almost know the words by heart because we have so often heard John's story of the woman caught in adultery (Jn. 8:1-11):

*"Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir."*

*Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Now, go, and sin no more."*

Fr. Simeon, a Trappist monk, reminds us that we must "open our heart so that the mercy of God can enter in to heal us and give us His life." Repentance enables us to receive God's mercy that is always offered to us. The Mystery of Confession can "open the door to a new life," Pope Francis has said, "as the merciful God enters into our lives." During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, he invites us to go to Confession often and with a contrite heart, for as he says, "The Church teaches us to confess our sins with humility, because only



in forgiveness, received and given, do our restless hearts find peace and joy." Let us pray: *Jesus, you saved the condemned woman from death by stoning. Through Your boundless mercy, save us who open our hearts to your life-giving Love.*

Peter Yaremko

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### BAKED GOODS NEEDED

We will need donations of baked goods for our upcoming Sviachene Brunch, which will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2016. Please leave them in the hall the week prior to and during that same weekend. Thank you for your anticipated positive response.

### PARISH SVIACHENE BRUNCH

The Parish Sviachene Brunch will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2016 following the ONE Divine Liturgy that will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. All parishioners, families and guests are cordially invited to attend this communal meal to share fellowship with one another as we honor our Lord's Glorious Resurrection. The cost per adult is \$15.00 and \$7.00 per student (children 4 years old and under are free). Door prizes, raffles and entertainment will be had by all. Come to have a good time!

### Запрошуємо Всіх На Свячене

Щорічне Парафіяльне "Свячене" відбудеться в неділю 10-го квітня після всіх богослужень. Буде тільки ОДНА СЛУЖБА БОЖА о 10-ій годині ранку в той день. Щиро запрошуємо всіх парафіян, родин та гостей. Вступ: \$15.00 від дорослих, а \$7.00 від студентів і безплатно для дітей 4-ох років і менше. Прийдіть на цю святочну гостину де в веселій атмосфері матимете нагоду гарно побути свій час в товаристві з другими парафіянами. Будуть різні виграші та вибирання лосів.

### SINCEREST THANKS

Our deepest gratitude goes to Anna Maxymiuk, who prepared such a wonderful luncheon in memory of her beloved mother, whose 1st anniversary of passing away she commemorated last Sunday. Everyone who came to the cafeteria, including the many who came to watch the movie "Ostrov" were served gratis, with her covering all the costs. May God bless you, Anna for your generous and gracious kindness! **THANK YOU!**



**The Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast**  
**The Sunday in memory of Saint Mary of Egypt**

Today on the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, we celebrate the memory of our holy venerable Mother, Saint Mary of Egypt. The recorder of the life of this wonderful saint is Saint Sophronius who was the Patriarch of Jerusalem in the years 634-638.

During this same time, a certain priest-monk by the name of Abba Zosimas, who was greatly respected for his holiness and asceticism, had gone off, as it was customary, during the Great Fast on a twenty days' walk into the wilderness across the Jordan. While in the desert, he suddenly caught sight of someone who was very thin and withered and unclothed, who had hair as white as snow and who fled from Zosimas' sight in total nakedness. The elder ran a long way, until this figure stopped at a stream and called out to him: "Father Zosimas, forgive me for the Lord's sake. I cannot turn around to look at you, for I am a naked woman." At this, he threw his outer cloak to her, and she wrapped herself in it and then turned around to him. The elder was amazed at hearing his name from the lips of this unknown woman. After some considerable prodding and pressure on his part, she began to tell him her life story.



Her name was Mary and she was born in Egypt and had lived as a prostitute in Alexandria from the age of twelve, spending seventeen years in this way of life. Urged by the lustful fire and desires of the flesh, she one day boarded a ship that was sailing for Jerusalem. Arriving at the Holy City, she attempted to enter into one of the churches to venerate the Precious Cross of Christ, but some unseen power prevented her from entering in. This power buffeted her that she could not walk through the doors into the Church. Great fear gripped her, which caused her to turn to an icon of the Mother of God that was in the entrance of the Church. She begged the Mother of God to let her enter in and venerate the Holy Cross, after confessing her sins and impurity, and promising that she would go wherever the Most Pure Lady would lead her. She was then allowed to enter into the Church. After venerating the Holy Cross, she went out again to the entrance and, standing in front of the icon, thanked the Mother of God for answering her prayer.

Then Mary heard a voice saying, "If you cross the Jordan, you will find True Peace." She immediately bought three loaves of bread, and set off for the Jordan, arriving there that same evening. She received Holy Communion the following morning in the monastery of St. John the Baptist, and then finally crossed the river, where she spent the next forty eight years in the desert where she would experience her greatest and worst torments of thoughts of lust and passion, in terror and in many struggles that appeared to her as gigantic beasts, all this time she was living off of and feeding on plants only.

Later, when she was standing in prayer, Father Zosimas saw her being lifted up in the air. She begged him to bring her Holy Communion the next year at the same banks of the Jordan River, where she would come to receive it. The following year, Zosimas came with the Holy Gifts in the evening to the banks of the Jordan



and stood in amazement as he saw Mary cross the river. He saw her coming in the moonlight and, arriving to a further bank, where she made the sign of the Cross over the river. She then walked across it as though it were dry land. When she had received Holy Communion, she begged him to come again the following year to the same stream by which they had first met. The next year Zosimas came again, but found her dead body there on that spot, and above her head in the sand was written: "Father Zosimas, bury the body of the humble Mary, in this place. Give dust back to the dust. I passed away on April 1, on the very night of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's Passion, after receiving Holy Communion of the Divine Mysteries." And so Abba Zosimas buried the body of

this wonderful saint, Mary of Egypt. When he returned back to the monastery, he recounted the whole story of her life and the wonders to which he had been an eyewitness. She entered into eternal rest in about the year 530. What a humbling and silencing wonder this is! How in such a manner, does the Lord glorify repentant sinners.

St. Mary of Egypt is remembered today, as we reach the end of the Great Fast, to arouse the energy of the slothful and to urge sinners to repentance, by imitating her example. She is also commemorated on April 1, the day of her earthly death and hopeful rest in the Lord. The Righteous Abba Zosimas, who buried St. Mary, is commemorated on April 4. Let us pray:

*"O Christ our God,  
through the intercession of our Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt,  
have mercy on us and save us. Amen."*