

**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!  
SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU!**

**GLORY FOREVER!  
SLAVA NA V'IKI!**

**SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

<b>FEBRUARY 16 MEATFARE SUNDAY</b>	9:00am	+John & Anna Horvath by the Michael Horvath Family
	11:00am	+Lorraine Wieczorek by the Kutsup Family ( <i>Chapel</i> )
Monday, February 17	8:00am	+Steven, Marie & James Pille by Michael & Adele Gimon
Tuesday, February 18	8:00am	+Paul Vasil with Panachida by John Sedlak
Wednesday, February 19	8:00am	+John Paulich by Marlene & Sam Carnes
Thursday, February 20	<b>XXXX</b>	<b>No Divine Services</b>
Friday, February 21	8:00am	+Paul Vasil with Panachida by the Ditzig Family
Saturday, February 22	8:00am	+Patricia Olear 40 <sup>th</sup> Day with Panachida by the Rosary Society
<b>FEBRUARY 23 CHEESEFARE SUNDAY</b>	9:00am	+John Chanda with Panachida by wife, Mary ( <i>Slavonic</i> )
	11:00am	+Joseph Kapusta by Ronald & Elaine Kapusta ( <i>Chapel</i> )
	<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>FORGIVENESS VESPERS; BEGINNING OF THE FAST</b> ( <i>Cathedral</i> )

**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *The Ill and homebound:*** Fr. Marcel, Fr. Jody, Marion Beck, Paul Kozmoski, Michael Gimon, Michael Hrehovčik, Diane Rabiej, RJ Fedor, Lucille Filliman, Eva Croneberger, Donald Milne, Helen Rock, Ann Gupta, Deborah Kochbarski, Mary Maier, Vilma Babin, Margie Szost, Mary Kovach, Dorothy Pelak, Eleanor Chabra, Kenny Dec, Helen Popovich, Julia Lacek, Mary Ann Halik, Carson Kenworthy, Joanne Graf, Stella Madey, Conor Haag, Miguel Marrero, Antoinette LaSala, Diane Borowski, Gerald Kerzetski, Nancy Salch.

**Our Seminarians:** Deacon Paul West and Subdeacon Timothy Fariss. **Expectant mother:** Andrea Groszew.

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR FEBRUARY 9: \$2885.00.** Your parish relies on your regular attendance and consistent sacrificial offerings. **IT TAKES \$7000.00 each week** to operate *St Michael's Cathedral, Chapel, and Rectory* and to provide ordinary services to parishioners. Factoring in the income from the school lease we still need \$3750 in offerings each week. **This week we fell short by \$865.00.** Our Lord challenges us to sacrifice from our substance, not skim off our surplus. "Put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you blessing without measure!" (Malachi 3:10).

**VIČNA LAMPA DEDICATIONS:** February 9--22: *At the Cathedral:* +John Chanda by wife Mary. *At the Chapel:* +John & Julia Fabian by grandson, Bob Vasel. Call the parish office to reserve your two-week dedication periods for an offering of \$20.00. Only a few slots remain for 2020!

**ST MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT every time you come to worship.** We always need bags of rice (1-2 lb) and beans (1 lb) canned vegetables, Ramen noodles, hearty soups, Chef Boyardee, canned fruit, canned corn, tuna, peanut butter, grape jelly, canned meats (Spam, chicken, etc.), pasta and cereal. **THE GOAL: Every parishioner brings one item every Sunday.** Thank you to everyone who has responded!

**ECF CLASSES for CHILDREN** meet Sundays following the 11:00 Divine Liturgy at the Chapel. Dee Strawhand (646-436-4436 or deestrawhand@gmail.com) can answer any questions regarding ECF.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS WILL RESUME** on Wednesday, February 26, following the Liturgy of the Presanctified. For our first few sessions, we will explore the prayers of the Liturgy of St Basil (celebrated on Sundays of the Fast) and discover how perfectly it summarizes the Christian message, especially as preached by St Paul. All adults, teens, and guests are welcome. We will end promptly at 9pm.

**THE BETHANY MINISTRY PROJECT** will be meeting on Saturday mornings at 10 am at the Cathedral for about an hour to learn more about the Ministry, and then begin to promote it and minister to our parishioners in need. **Our first meeting is Saturday February 22 at 10 am in the Cathedral Lower Hall** (enter via the Green Door). At this meeting we will go over material which will be provided to all participants. We will meet about an hour or so each week, for about 6 weeks. Then we can begin some activities during the Great Fast. All invited: **It's not too late!** Please contact Deacon Tim Kennedy for further information [dcntim@comcast.net](mailto:dcntim@comcast.net) or 732-423-7013.

**ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL:** So far 96 of our more than 200 parish households have responded. If you responded to the reminder letter sent out last month, **thank you!** **If you are one of the families that has not yet responded,** please consider what is an appropriately sacrificial gift for your income and respond directly to the Eparchy, making the check payable to the Eparchy of Passaic, and mailing your pledge back to the Eparchy NOT to St Michael's parish! If we meet our goal as we have always done, 40% of all pledges will revert to our parish. This will help pay for the new air conditioning system for the Chapel, so please be generous!

**THE PRE-LENTEN SEASON CONTINUES TODAY** with the Sunday of Meatfare. Meatfare Sunday, two weeks before the beginning of the Great Fast, is the last day on which meat products are eaten until Pascha. Yes, before Lent even begins, our Tradition challenges us to give up meat to ease us into the full Fast. This was once the common practice of the Roman Church too: you can still hear it in the word "Carnival" –from the Latin *carni vale*, meaning "farewell to meat." The Slavonic *mjasootpust* means the same. All those goings on in New Orleans are the remnants of what once was a Catholic Pre-Lenten celebration. Meatfare week is actually not meant to be a grim, penitential time. The faithful are welcome to feast on dairy products, fish and eggs.

**FR BOB WISNIEFSKI**, who frequently serves here at St Michael's, will celebrate **40 years of priesthood** on Sunday, April 19, with a Mass at 12 noon at Sacred Heart Church, Clifton, with a dinner to follow at the Brownstone. To purchase a ticket please call the Sacred Heart parish office (973-546-6012). \$50.00 for adults; \$25.00 for children 12 and under. It would be nice to have some St Michael's representation at this milestone event in the life of good friend of our parish.

**THERE WILL BE PIROHI**---but only if YOU help! We are desperately short on volunteers to make the pirohi everyone loves to eat. Can you help peel potatoes on Thursday, February 27 beginning at 10am? Can you help scoop potato filling on Friday, February 28 in the morning? Can you help pinch, cook, package and clean up Saturday morning, February 29? **Then please come help** . . . or our pirohi project will not continue. Deadline for pirohi orders is Monday, February 24. To place orders or for any other information contact Vlasta at 201-370-2656 or 201-935-3395. Orders may be picked up after 2pm on Saturday.

**SAVE THE DATES:** We'll make Kolači on Saturday, March 21, and Paska on Saturday, April 4.

**REJOICE ISAIAH:** a daily Lenten Bible study by Fr. Jack, is available for purchase in the vestibule at \$5.00 each.