

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

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

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

FEBRUARY 2 ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE WITH SIMEON	9:00am 11:00am	SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN +Joseph & Sophie Onufer by Dolores & Raymond Onufer +Barbara Grubiak by Eleanor Chabra (<i>Chapel</i>) <i>Blessing of Candles and Mirovanije following each Divine Liturgy</i>
Monday, February 3	8:00am	Msgr. Nicholas Alishofski & all souls in Purgatory by the Rosary Society
Tuesday, February 4	8:00am	+John & Eleanore Vasel by son, Bob
Wednesday, February 5	XXXX	No Divine Services
Thursday, February 6	8:00am	+Anna & Stefan Makara by Karl & Helen Fentross
Friday, February 7 FREE FRIDAY	8:00am	+Rev, Kenneth Strawhand and +Maria Jovel with Panachida by Justin & Dee Strawhand
Saturday, February 8	XXXX	No Divine Services
FEBRUARY 9 PRODIGAL SON SUNDAY	9:00am 11:00am	+Allen Glagola by Paul & Helena DeKeukelaere +Joseph Serafin by Manuel & Marianne Ferreira (<i>Chapel</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 JANUARY 26: \$2454.00. 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 \$1346.00.** 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: January 26 – February 8: *At the Cathedral:* +Michael Medvecky by daughter, Diane Popowicz. *At the Chapel:* +Frank Migliaccio by Diana Migliaccio and family. 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.** Donations have increased lately. 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 is on break until the Great Fast. What will we study next? Fr. Jack welcomes your ideas. We can't seem to attract more than a dozen participants. Would another day or time work? Do people simply not care to know more? Your suggestions are welcome.

THE BETHANY MINISTRY PROJECT trains men and women to visit homebound or hospitalized parishioners as a ministry of consolation and Good News. **Please contact Deacon Tim for more information or to enroll in the training program:** dcntim@comcast.net or 732-423-7013. Adults of all ages are encouraged to consider this opportunity for growth and service that fulfills Jesus' expectation that we "visit the sick" (Matthew 25:36).

ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: So far we have only heard from 88 of our more than 200 parish households. **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 a new air conditioning system for the Chapel, so please be generous!

BLESSING OF CANDLES follows both Divine Liturgies today. You may purchase decorated candles for \$15.00 each. Traditionally, these candles are burned at House Blessing, Holy Supper, and placed in your basket of Paschal foods.

THE FIRST ALL SOULS' SATURDAY IS FEBRUARY 15. Please submit your Hramoty using the envelope in your box as soon as possible so we can update the Book of Remembrance.

WE EXTEND CONDOLENCES to Ed Nyahay on the recent death of his brother +George. May God grant him blessed repose and eternal memory! Vičnaja jemu pamjat'!

THE PRE-LENTEN SEASON BEGINS TODAY with the Sunday of the Pharisee and the Publican. We open the Church's Lenten prayer book, the Triodion, for the first time to sing the kondak of the Pharisee and the Publican. This Friday is a free Friday (*vol'nica*): there is no fasting or abstinence from meat this week. At Vespers, the Church prays: "O faithful, let us not pray like the Pharisee, for those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. Let us humble ourselves before God, and with the publican, let us say: 'Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.'"

Beginning today, consider making the following tropars part of your daily prayer until Pascha:

Open to me the gates of repentance, O Giver of life, for my soul rises early toward your holy Temple, burdened with the temple of my body all defiled. But purify me by your tender mercy, O Compassionate One.

Lead me on the paths of salvation, O Theotokos, for I have condemned myself with shameful sins and have wasted my life in slothfulness. By your intercession, save me from all sinfulness.

When I think upon the multitude of my evil deeds, I treble for the fearsome day of judgment. But trusting in the compassion of your mercy, O Lord, like David I cry out to you: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your great mercy.

Beginning next Sunday, we will add Psalm 136, "By the waters of Babylon" before the Divine Liturgy for the rest of the Pre-Lenten period. This Psalm, with its beautiful Ruthenian chant melody, expresses how sin exiles us from God and our longing to return to Him. Please pick up a copy of the text next Sunday and sing along.

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.