

CATHEDRAL OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
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DIVINE WORSHIP THIS WEEK

All services at St Michael's Cathedral unless otherwise noted.

Cathedral services are always livestreamed on Sundays and Holy Days.

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE FEBRUARY 27	8:15am 9:00am 11:00am 3:30pm	Matins Divine Liturgy for the Faithful; +Frank & Helen Niewodowski Divine Liturgy for the Faithful; Health & Blessing: Stephen Sankel (<i>Chapel</i>) Choral Forgiveness Vespers for the Beginning of the Great Fast (<i>Cathedral</i>)
CLEAN MONDAY February 28	8:00am Strict Fast	Lenten Matins: Morning prayer with a reading from the prophets and a brief homily. The best way to make the Lenten journey day by day!
Tuesday March 1	8:00am	Lenten Matins
Wednesday March 2	8:00am 7:00pm	Lenten Matins Liturgy of the Presanctified: +John Makara (<i>Chapel</i>)
Thursday March 3	8:00am	Lenten Matins
Friday March 4	12 noon	Liturgy of the Presanctified: +Michael Gimon by Raymond & Dolores Onufer
Saturday, March 5	8:00am	+Fr. Jody with Panachida by Michael and Jacqueline Hrina
FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST MARCH 6; SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY	8:15am 9:00am 11:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy for the Faithful: +Frank & Mary Glagola Divine Liturgy for the Faithful: + Paula & William Chromyj; +Paul Vasil (with Panachida by Irene Vasil) (<i>Chapel</i>)

ACCESS ALL OUR LIVE STREAM SERVICES AND CLASSES VIA OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfGN9bRHQ2BbVvj5sLQPfg>.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Ill and homebound parishioners:* Fr. Marcel, Patrice Amatrudi, Adele Petričko, Nadia Szanislo, John Vilchoc, Jane Booth, Joseph Napovier, Teresa Onufer, Robert Gelenius, Julian Letchworth, Joan Barat, Julia Duch, Helen Rock, Michael Hrehovčik, Diane Rabiej, RJ Fedor, Lucille Filliman, Eva Croneberger, Ann Cupta, Vilma Babin, Mary Kovach, Kenny Dec, Helen Popovich, John Mihalecsko. ***Friends who have asked for our prayers:*** Deacon William, Sr. Teresa, Bonaventure, Oksana, Barbara, Carson, Joanne, Stella, Conor, Diane, Gerald, Nancy, Veronica, Beth Michael, Kathleen, Francis ***Vocations:*** Subdeacons Timothy Fariss & Bryan Scotton; Allen Blehl, Christian Frank, Joe Muir

EXTENDED HOURS FOR CONFESSIONS: Saturdays immediately following Divine Liturgy Sundays during Matins (8:30-8:45); or following Divine Liturgy at the Chapel. Confessions may also be arranged by appointment.

VIČNA LAMPA DEDICATIONS: *February 20 – March 5: At the Cathedral:* +Deceased of the Chan Family by Karen Philibert. *At the Chapel:* +Thomas & Helen Duch by Thomas & Cheryl Duch. Dedications \$20.00 for two weeks.

OUR FOOD PANTRY always needs cereal, oatmeal, rice, beans, canned meats, tuna, canned veggies, peanut butter, grape jelly, canned fruit, hearty soups, mac and cheese, spaghetti and tomato sauce. You may leave donations in the Cathedral vestibule; at the Chapel, please place them in Fr. Jack's trunk.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR FEBRUARY 20: \$4,333.00 (including \$699.00 in online donations). ***IT TAKES \$7000.00 each week*** to fund all our operations. *Factoring in the school lease, we need \$3750 in offerings each week.* **MAKE YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS ONLINE:** Go to www.stmichaelsarchangel.org, click on the "Donate" button, and be directed to a safe, encrypted site. All online donations are recorded for tax purposes.

TODAY, FEBRUARY 27: FORGIVENESS VESPERS at 3:30 at the Cathedral marks the transition into the season of the Fast. The beautiful Vespers service, which will be led by a professional choir, offers us encouragement to embrace a Lenten lifestyle that will make a real difference. We begin the Fast very practically by acknowledging our own shortcomings in our dealings with each other and exchanging forgiveness, just as Jesus teaches us to do in this Sunday's Gospel. Only a handful of parishioners have ever participated in this powerful experience. **Break a habit, upset your routine, try a little harder, choose not to make excuses, and join us this year.**

THE GREAT FAST BEGINS ON CLEAN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022. Bishop Kurt has published the following directives: "Our Tradition is to abstain from meat after Meatfare Sunday and from dairy products after Cheesefare Sunday until Pascha. The minimum requirements in the Eparchy of Passaic are: All who receive Holy Communion are required to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast. All adults who receive Holy Communion are required to abstain from meat, eggs, and milk products on Clean Monday, February 28 and Great and Holy Friday, April 15."

THE LAW OF THE CHURCH REQUIRES ALL CATHOLICS TO MAKE A SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION AND RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. The Fast is the best time for that confession. Even before COVID, fewer than 30 parishioners were confessing in this parish. Even if it's been years, it's never too late to return like the Prodigal to the Father who loves us. Every Roman Catholic parish in the Diocese of Paterson makes confession available Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30pm during Lent. Confession hours for this parish are included in the Lenten schedule you received and on our website. **A guide to preparing for Confession is available in the vestibule at both locations.**

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN meets via Zoom on Saturdays at 10am (11am on All Souls' Saturdays). For information and to register contact: ecfpassaic@gmail.com.

LITURGY INTENTIONS FOR 2022: *Both Sunday Divine Liturgies are celebrated for the intentions of all the faithful.*

You may request commemorations of the living or the deceased on Sundays; the suggested offering is \$5.00 per name. ***Weekday Divine Liturgies are offered for your private intentions for the living or the deceased.*** Bishop Kurt has set the suggested Divine Liturgy offering at \$20.00; Panachida or Moleben: \$5.00. Please call the Office between 9:30 and 1:30 weekdays to schedule particular dates. You may also drop your intentions in the collection or mail them to the parish office.

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL ALUMNI: DON'T MISS OUT! Did you attend St Michael's Parochial School? Then you're invited to join us for a St Michael's School Reunion, Saturday, April 30, 2022. To get on the guest list, please send your contact information to us at passaiccathedral@gmail.com. **We have no records. We will not know unless you tell us!** Please spread the word to any St Michael's alums you may know. Do you have photos or St Michael's School memorabilia? We'd love to see them. Send photos to us at the same email. Are you willing to help with the organization of this event? Let us know. See you in April!

YOU HAVE BEEN INVITED BY POPE FRANCIS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UNIVERSAL SYNOD to be convened in Rome next October. With this week's bulletin, you are receiving an explanation of the Synodal process and a list of discussion questions. You are invited to participate in the discussion of those questions following the Divine Liturgies on Sunday, March 20 at the Chapel or Sunday, March 27 at the Cathedral You may watch an introduction to the Synod by Dr. Joan Cebrick Grossman, our Eparchial Coordinator, here: <https://www.eparchyofpassaic.com/synod20212023>.

OUR LENTEN FISH FRY IS BACK! Friday, April 8 at the Chapel Social Hall. Eat in or take out. Watch for details in future bulletins. We need the help especially of our younger parishioners to set up, cook, serve and clean up. Anyone can be a customer. Be special: be a volunteer! Let Fr. Jack know you are willing to help.