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Byzantine Catholic Church**
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Served by Reverend Father Alex Shuter, Pastor
Schedule of Services and Activities


THIRD SUNDAY GREAT FAST/ VENERATION OF THE CROSS		
Sun Mar 8	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Eastern Catholic Formation class + For the blessed repose of the soul of <u>+ Sonny Zammataro</u> requested by Ann and Don Merkley
	Afterwards	Third All Souls Remembrance Hospitality and Birthday
Tue Mar 10	9:30 a.m.	For the blessed repose of the soul of <u>+ Michael John Whalen</u> requested by the Vinson family
	Afterwards 7:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour Discussion Group Advisory Parish Council meeting in St. Philip's Hall
Wed Mar 11	9:30 a.m.	Health and God's blessing for <u>Beline, Kokinda, Molnar and Polansky family members</u> requested by Martha Kokinda
Thu Mar 12	9:30 a.m.	Health and God's blessing for <u>Mary Ann Muscara</u> requested by Betty Mae Hertz
	Afterwards	Rosary in the church
Fri Mar 13	7:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory - PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS
Sat Mar 14	10:00-2:00	Pysanky class
FOURTH SUNDAY of the GREAT FAST		
Sun Mar 15	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Eastern Catholic Formation class Health and God's blessing for <u>June McGraw</u> requested by Lolly Vinson
	Afterwards 3-6:00 p.m.	Fourth All Souls Remembrance Hospitality St. Luke's Icon Guild

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Ascension parish has a monthly mortgage payment of \$656.05 based on a \$95,000 loan at 3% interest for 15 years. Your monthly pledge/contribution will help us plan ahead. Mortgage envelopes are in the vestibule rack.

The OLD TESTAMENT GRILLERS out did themselves again with the turkey and salmon. The main tables were laden with wonderful and tasty food. Thank you to everyone who brought in side dishes and desserts. The next **POT LUCK** will be on April 12th ST. THOMAS SUNDAY.

THANK YOU! Quietly over the past month our men have been painting the Sanctuary walls from ceiling to floor. They worked around the weekly Liturgies and in between snow storms. They took great pains to protect our many beautiful icons. Now we can enjoy a bright fresh look on the altar! **THANK YOU!**

PYSANKY-egg decorating-CLASS on Saturday March 14, 10 till 2 p.m. \$10 per person and please bring a bag lunch for yourself. Mature children over the age of 12 are welcome. The supplies to bring to class are: 1 roll of toilet paper (*to wipe the dye off the egg*); 1 roll paper towels (*to cushion the work space*); 1 old newspaper (*to line your work space*); a short white candle in a short white holder (*easier to work with when the candles are short*); most important is **PATIENCE**. You will be working with raw eggs, which will be supplied. Ory has a few kits available for purchase. To register and for more information call Ory Stefaniw at 566-4416 or 503-4454 or email: oryastefaniw@gmail.com

PASKAS: Twenty-four (24) medium size paskas will be baked and sold for \$7 each. They will be available for pick-up on Palm Sunday, March 29 in the church hall. Call Betty Mae Hertz @ 757-930-2466 to place your order early.

KOLACHY is still available at \$12 per loaf. You can pick one up after Liturgy any Sunday.

BUNNY NEEDS EASTER EGGS for the children's Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5. He needs pre-filled eggs or candy to be put into the plastic eggs. Please bring in on Palm Sunday, March 29th. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

MOM AND POP SHOP NEED like-new items for mom's and dad's for the children's shop. Our children will "shop" for that special something for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Items can be put on the back table for a Guild member to store until the "shop" opens. Shopping dates will be announced in the bulletin.

New hard bound and paperback books have been added to the bookshelves. Come take a look!

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church announces the sale of their four (4) compact disc (CD) recordings and their four (4) stereo cassette recordings. Compact discs are \$12 each or 4 for \$43.95. Stereo cassette recordings are \$7.95 each or any 4 for \$29.95. All orders are postage and handling free. Select from: (1) Great Fast and Ressurrection; (2) Divine Liturgy in Old Slavonic; (3) Divine Liturgy in English; (4) Christmas caroling. Send orders to St. Mary Choir, 231 Pacific Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304-3329

Schedule for Sunday Volunteers		
☞☞☞ Our thanks to all of you who volunteer any day of the week! ☞☞☞		
This Week (Mar 8)	Next Week (Mar 15)	
Ushers	Bob Linderman	Morgan Kelly & Anna Baysura
Lector	David Efimetz	Patty Duttry
Hospitality	Nadiya Carden	Mary Olson
Offertory Recorders	Chris Noonan & Patty Duttry	Don Merkley & Myron Kotyk
Offertory Recorders are gently reminded to complete an Operating Acct. (...401) deposit slip to be included in the Bank Bag. Thank you.		
Trustees: Lee Alexander, Robert Linderman and Ory Stefaniw		
Property Maintenance: Lee Alexander, Don Merkley, Tom McGraw Finances: Myron Kotyk, Jeffrey Sotack, Ory Stefaniw Financial Secretary: Patty Duttry; Asst. Don Merkley Parish Secretary: Monica Ruscus; Asst. Ann Kelly, Chris Noonan; Sanctuary Supplies: Betty Mae Hertz		
If you would like to become involved as a volunteer in any area, just ask a Trustee.		
Thank you for your contributions (March 1, 2015).		
Offertory & Monthly Dues	\$2,646.00	• Mortgage donation envelopes are available in the entry hall magazine rack.
Candles	79.00	
ECL	<u>12.00</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$2,737.00</u>	• \$100. Mortgage donation this week.
MORTGAGE contributions to date: \$35,425.00		
<i>God loves a cheerful giver. St. Paul</i>		
Recurring Events Reminders		
ROSARY will be said in church after Liturgy at 10 a.m.	Thursday	Weekly
POT LUCK Luncheon and Bring-A-Friend Sunday (2nd SUNDAY- St. Thomas)	1st Sun	Apr 12
LADIES GUILD social meeting at 6:30 p.m. @ Peking	1st Tue	Apr 7
OUTREACH meeting @ 12 noon @ Capital Pancake House (Alternate months)	1st Fri	May 6
MONTHLY BIRTHDAY celebration	2nd Sun	Apr 12
ADVISORY BOARD meeting in St. Philip’s Hall at 7 p.m. (Alternate months)	2nd Tue	Mar 10
TRUSTEE MEETING after Liturgy (Alternate months)	2nd Tue	Apr 14
F*I*S*H: Non-perishable foods, cleaning & household products, clothing, etc.	3rd Sun	Mar 15
MEN’S CLUB BREAKFAST SANDWICHES after Liturgy (Alternate months)	3rd Sun	Apr 19
MEN’S CLUB meeting St. Philip’s Hall at 7:00 p.m. (Alternate months)	3rd Tue	Mar 24
ST. LUKE’S ICON GUILD in St. Philip’s Hall (3:00-6:00 Sunday, all day Mon & Tue)	3rd week	Mar 15-17
Information Regarding Sacraments and Sacramentals		
*Father Alex is available for the <i>Holy Mystery of Reconciliation</i> before Divine Liturgy on Sundays (10:00 a.m.) or a half hour before weekday liturgies. By appointment as well.		
*Receiving the <i>Mystery of Holy Eucharist</i> : As you approach Father please tell him your name so that the prayer can be personalized for you; lift the cloth beneath your chin; next tilt your head back; widely open your mouth but do not extend your tongue. No response is required for the prayer. The Body and Blood of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ will be dropped into your mouth from a golden spoon. <i>*Mirovanja</i> is a sacramental blessing with holy oil, which is applied to the forehead in the sign of the cross by the priest while proclaiming the appropriate greeting of the season. Proclaim the appropriate response and then receive a piece of blessed, leavened bread. Greetings and responses include: Christ is among us! He is and He shall be! //Christ is Born! Glorify Him! // Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan! // Christ is Risen! Indeed He is risen! // Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!		

<i>Prayer Intentions for MARCH</i>		
<u>Sanctuary Lamp</u> —The lamp is burning for the blessed repose of the soul of + <u>Sonny Zammataro</u> requested by Ann and Donald Merkley		
<u>Christ the Teacher</u> —The candle burns for health and God’s blessing for <u>Justin Blascak</u> requested by grandparents, Joseph and Josephine Horvath.		
<u>Theotokos & Child</u> —The candle burns for the blessed repose of the soul of + <u>Elvira DeGaspari</u> requested by Ann, Morgan and Kevin Kelly.		
<u>Saint Nicholas</u> —The candle burns for health and God’s blessing for <u>John Blascak</u> requested by grandparents Joseph and Josephine Horvath.		
<u>Saint John the Baptizer</u> —The candle burns for health and God’s blessing for <u>John, Mary, Mike and Patrick</u> requested by parents Kathy and Lee Alexander.		
<u>Tetrapod</u> —The candles burn for the blessed repose of the soul of + <u>Michael T. Bross</u> requested by daughter Dr. Angela Bross.		
✠ Icon sponsorship is \$11.00/month; Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship is \$20.00/month; Tetrapod \$22.00. ✠		
Icon Candle sponsorship is still available.		
Please keep in your prayers those who are ill and/or infirmed or in need of prayers:		
Margaret Moore, Ray C. Williams, June Mathews, Katherine Ruszkowski, Samuel Lee, Ashley Angle, Evanlyn Kirby, Helen Luecke, Sister Refina Quan, Eileen Hash, Peter & Hope Van Alstine, Kathleen Stangas, Gene & Mary Lou Bednar, John & Fran Wullert, Larry & Mary Ann Drumtra, Pat & Anthony Giuffre, Keith Cooper, Tim Culpepper, Amelia Schmidt, Jessica Hill, Mary Sullivan, Joan Griffin, George Sperry, Sandy Acker, Jason Haag, John & Monica Ruscus, Janie Young, Joan Marie & Walt Kasica, Helen & Joe Petro, Brian Hurtig, Don Merkley, Ron Radda, Fr. Bob Chope, Patty & Michael Dunham, Jo, Joe & Courtney Horvath, Audrey Bill, Merle Phillips, Jeffrey Sotack, Robert Sotack, John A. Williams.		
If you or someone you know is sick or in need of prayers , please contact Monica Ruscus at 259-5890 or email out2sea@reagan.com to add or remove names from this prayer list.		
<i>Pray for our Military and their Leaders</i>		
<i>Lord, please hold our troops</i>		Captain Jeremy Blascak
<i>in Your loving hands.</i>		Cmdr. Carol Burroughs, USN
<i>Protect them as they protect us.</i>		Col. Ted Mathews Jr., USAF
<i>Bless them and their families</i>		MSgt Donald Allen, USAF
<i>for the selfless acts they perform for us</i>		
<i>in our time of need.</i>		
<i>Amen.</i>		
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Happy MARCH Birthday

1 Sarah Allen

2 Myron Kotyk

6 Tamara Baker

10 Hric Mytulynska

14 Vladimir Hunter

25 Dr. Ronald Ruszkowski

25 Victoria Mikula Dingley

25 Jacob Selassie