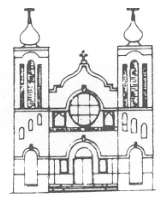




*The Holy Assumption of
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 with the ministry of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great

Sunday, February 14th, 2010—Sunday of Cheesefare

Liturgical Schedule for This Week

Saturday, February 13th.

Vigil Liturgy

4:00 PM (Intentions of our Parish Family)

Sunday, February 14th

Sunday of Cheesefare

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

(+Peter Rowker

By *Veronica Timchack*)

3:00 PM VESPERS OF FORGIVENESS

Monday, February 15th

FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST (LENT)

STRICT FAST: no meat, egg, or dairy

12 Noon Lenten Service (Typica) with
 Holy Communion followed by
 LENTEN LUNCH

12:15 PM SERVICE for the SICK

Tuesday, February 16th — Chapel

12 Noon Lenten Service (Typica) with
 Holy Communion

6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, February 17th

6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday February 18th

12 Noon Lenten Service (Typica) with
 Holy Communion

Friday February 19th

6:30 PM Lenten Moleben with Blessing
 of Koliva and DISCUSSION

Saturday, February 20th

11:30 AM GCU Hoop Shoot Contest

Vigil Liturgy

4:00 PM (+Irene Wozniak
 By *Daughter, Mary*)

Sunday, February 21st

First Sunday of the Great Fast

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

(Intentions of our Parish Family)

3:00 PM INTERPARISH VESPERS
 with Confessions and Children's
 Icon Procession (OUR parish)

IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Please remember: Margaret Wirbicki, at General; and all those in need of God's mercy.



THE GREAT FAST (LENT) BEGINS TONIGHT

Vespers of Forgiveness, Sunday, February 14th, 3PM—The Season of the Great Fast officially begins tonight with the celebration of Vespers of Forgiveness at 3PM. A beautiful expression at this service is the exchange of the symbolic “Kiss of Peace” - which is a shoulder-to-shoulder liturgical embrace extended to everyone. It reminds us of the reality that we cannot receive forgiveness from God, unless we first extend forgiveness to one another.

NOTE: Valentine's Day (Sunday, February 14th) Although the Season of the Great Fast begins on this day (Sunday) after Vespers at 3PM, the FASTING regulations do NOT apply until Midnight. So if you are going out for Valentine's Day dinners after

Vespers (at 3PM) there are NO strict fasting restrictions.

First Day of Lent, Monday, February 15th, is a day of “Strict Fast” for ALL of us. On this day we fast from MEAT, EGG, and DAIRY products. This rule applies to all adults and children who are eligible to receive Holy Communion. (Dispensations for health reasons may be obtained from Fr. Jim.)

Don't Fret about Fasting on Monday—A complimentary STRICT FAST LUNCH, provided as a Christian service, will be held in our Social Hall from Noon to 1PM on February 15th, the First day of the Great Fast. All welcome! Pass the word! (*No meat, egg, or dairy will be served*)

Other Fasting Rules during Lent—In the Byzantine Catholic Church we fast from meat EACH Wednesday AND Friday during Lent. We will also celebrate special services in church on these days at 6:30 PM.



300 Club Winners

Week #6 February 7, 2010

\$30.00—*Tony D'Arco*

\$20.00—*Katie Hall*

\$10.00—*Ann Gavlick*

\$10.00—*Jennie Lavix*

\$10.00—*Max Mukerjee*

**Last Week's Gifts from Your
 Generosity of Spirit!**

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| Collection | \$ | 1678.00 |
| Dues | \$ | 224.00 |
| Initial | \$ | 5.00 |
| Holydays | \$ | 139.00 |
| Lenten Svcs. | \$ | 10.00 |
| Build & Reno | \$ | 5.00 |
| Candles | \$ | 88.00 |
| Fuel | \$ | 12.00 |
| Holyday Candles | \$ | 70.00 |
| DDA | \$ | 3.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$ | 2234.00 |

GOD BLESS YOU!

Lenten Learning Series—Beginning on Friday, February 19th, and continuing each week, we will celebrate a Lenten Service at 6:30 PM followed by Adult Discussion on the topics you suggest.

Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner—at St. Stan's Church from 4PM to 6:30 PM. Have some Lenten Fish, then come to our PreSanctified Liturgy!



Hoop Shoot Contest! It's baaaack! And lots of fun! Saturday, February 20th in our gym beginning at 11:30 AM. Call Marge or Walter Dorzinsky to register at 822-2205.



Candle Intentions—Candles this week burn for the blessed memory of +Maryann T. Sakalas by Michelle; +Agnes Lozinak by Dorothy Hayer and Father Jim; +Daniel Lozinak by Dorothy Hayer and Father Jim; Deceased members of the Surgent Family by Dorothy Hayer and Father Jim. The Intentions of Dick Ward by Andy Kopcho. *If you would like to offer a burning candle intention for you or for someone you love, please use the special envelopes at the entrances of the Church. Requested offering is \$5.*