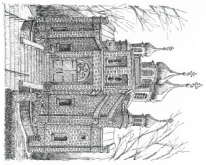

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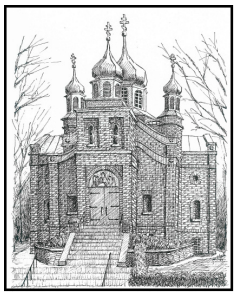
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cleaners - Week of 4th – ? ? 11th – ? ? 18th – ? ? 25th – ? ?	Greeter: ? ? ?	Charity: Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage		1 Canon of St. Andrew, 6:30 P.M.	2 Confession 11:00 A.M.	3 Confession 4-4:30 P M Great Vespers 5:00PM Confession
4 1st of Great Lent **Orthodoxy Sunday** Church School 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Coffee Hour – Koles/Santoro Orthodoxy Vespers, 4 P.M. Waterbury	5	6	7 Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6 P.M. SOUP / BREAD	8 Confession 3:00 P.M.	9	10 Confession 4-4:30 P M Great Vespers 5:00PM Confession
11 2nd of Great Lent **St. Gregory Palamas** Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Coffee Hour – Dilger/Everson Study Group Deanery Vespers 4 P.M. Willimantic	12	13 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. WALNUT HILL (for Communion) Confession 1:00 P. M.	14 Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6 P.M. SOUP / BREAD	15	16 Movie Night 6:30 P.M.	17 **St. Patrick of Ireland** Choir Rehearsal 3:00 PM Confession 4-4:30 PM Great Vespers 5:00PM Confession
18 3rd of Great Lent **Veneration of the Holy Cross** Church School 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Raymond/Ludko FORCC Vespers 4 P.M Trumbull	19	20	21 Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6 P.M. SOUP / BREAD	22 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. St. LUCIAN'S 11:00 AM LEDGECREST (for Communion) Confession 2:00 P. M	23 **Martyr Nikon of Sicily** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 5:00 PM. @ St. Mary's Ukrainian Church	24 Choir Rehearsal 3:00 PM Confession 4-4:30 PM Great Vespers 5:00PM Confession
25 4th of Great Lent **St. John Climacus** Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Cabrera Study Group Deanery Vespers 4 P.M. Bridgeport	26 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 P.M.	27 Visitation: 9:30AM JEROME HOME & 10:30 AM ARBOR ROSE (for Communion) Confession 4:00 P. M.	28 Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6 P.M. SOUP / BREAD	29	30 Akathist to the Theotokos, 6:30 P. M.	31 **St. Innocent, Enlightener of America** **SPRING CLEANING 8:30 A.M.** Choir Rehearsal **3:00 P.M.** Confession 4-4:30 P. M. Great Vespers 5:00 P.M.



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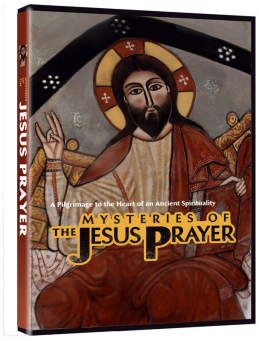
ONE STEWARDS:

March is ONE Stewards month and the 2012 campaign has begun. Our parish had a wonderful 2011!Our parish over the past six years has increased its contributions each year. Also, we had five members in the Bishop's Circle. For those who increased their donation, THANK YOU!! If you were a contributor to ONE Stewards in the past or are a current "steward" the time has come to step forward and be counted. Our contributions to ONE Stewards goes to support charities, seminarian scholarships, mission support and the diocesan Youth Rally. Please respond to the ONE Stewards mailing when it arrives at your home. You can see our parishes "Honor Roll" posted on the bulletin board with other One Steward material.

MOVIE NIGHT:

On Friday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m. we will be showing the movie *"Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer" A Pilgrimage to the Heart of an Ancient Spirituality.* This is a new documentary feature film which focuses on the mysteries behind the prayer that is thought to have first been practiced by the Apostles some 2,000 years ago. The prayer is still chanted by monks and nuns in far away caves and monasteries but is mostly unknown to the rest of the western world. Many say that with this prayer, it is possible to communicate directly with God.



Very Rev. Dr. John A. McGuckin and Dr. Norris J. Chumley bring you to ancient lands of peace and solitude, filming for the first time hermits, monks and nuns in caves, monasteries and convents who share this ancient mystical prayer. The documentary retraces their steps and beyond, bringing the wisdom of both ancient saints and living Christian spiritual masters to worldwide audiences.

Refreshments will be served!

GREAT LENT:

Please make a sincere effort to attend more services, to fast, to give alms, to read the scriptures or a spiritual book and to participate in the Sacrament of Confession during our journey of Great Lent. Fasting for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is nothing by mouth (food, drink, smoking, etc.) at least from the noontime meal until after Communion. Those who are physically able to are encouraged to fast the whole day.

- Please check the calendar for weekday confession times, also, Wednesdays, 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays, before and after Vespers. Father also is available by appointment at other times. **Please** make your Lenten confession before the end of Great Lent, Friday, April 6th.

A note about Confession and frequent Communion:
For those who are receiving the Eucharist every Sunday and on Feast days, an acceptable rule of thumb is to participate in the Sacrament of Confession at least once during each of the four Lenten seasons during the year. Also, in preparation for receiving the Holy Eucharist, especially at Sunday Divine Liturgy, prayer and fasting is the acceptable practice. Prayer, by attending Vespers the night before, and fasting, from midnight until after Divine Liturgy. When we have a weekday Festal Vesperal Liturgy the rules of fasting are the same as for Presanctified. We also should participate in the Sacrament of Confession if we are absent from Divine Liturgy & the Eucharist for three weeks in a row.

LENTEN VESPERS:

On Sunday afternoons [all begin at 4:00 p.m.] during the fast, Lenten Vespers will be served at various churches through out the Connecticut Deanery. It may seem burdensome but visiting our neighbors

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brings great joy to the host parish to fill their temple and we get to pray and have fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lenten Vesper Schedule:

Mar.	4th	St. Mary's Church, Waterbury
Mar.	11th	Holy Trinity Church, Willimantic
Mar.	18th	FORCC Sunday: St. George, Trumbull
Mar.	25th	Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport
Apr.	1st	Holy Unction: Three Saints, Ansonia*
Apr.	8th	Bridegroom Matins: Christ the Savior Church, Southbury

***An additional blessing:**
At the service of the Sacrament of Holy Unction the wonderworking 13th century Kursk Root Icon of the Theotokos of the Sign will be present for veneration.

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY VISIT:

On Friday, March 23rd at 5:00 p.m. we will con-celebrate the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with our neighbors at St. Mary's Ukrainian Church. Let us add to our Lenten journey and continue our united Orthodox witness.

PARISH EDUCATION:

The Study Group will continue to meet on Sunday's following coffee hour during Great Lent. We will continue our study of the Divine Liturgy and the Church Year. Our schedule is March 11th & 25th.

PARISH COUNCIL:

The next meeting of the 2012 Parish Council will be held on Monday evening, March 26th at 7:00 P.M. All council members are reminded of the schedule change and asked to make every effort to attend the meeting.

GENERAL CONFESSION:

is normally held on the last Saturday of each month (except for lenten periods) following Great Vespers. All regular communicants should make every effort to attend each General Confession. The next General Confession will be held after Pascha on Saturday, April 28th.

The March monthly charity

collection is for the **Project Mexico.** What is Project Mexico? Since 1988, Project Mexico has worked to alleviate suffering by building homes for Mexico's poor. Over the years, more than 200 homes have been built for needy families in Baja California, with the help of over 10,000 volunteers. In 1996 our outreach expanded through the opening of St. Innocent Orthodox Orphanage in Tijuana, to care for orphaned and abused teenage boys. Currently, we house and care for over 30 teenage boys. What is Project Mexico?

It is love in action - it is building hope.

Please be generous by using the envelopes provided in our monthly mailing. Collection will be taken on the last Sunday of the month.

Visit the Project Mexico at its web site -
http://www.http://projectmexico.org

Birthdays & Anniversaries

in MARCH:

1928		2	Mary Camarata
	1948	6	Paul Salina
1986		7	Megan Bartos
1979		10	Leslie Delaney
1970		14	Michael Truhan
		15	Kara Leeann Ahern

2008		17	Sara Kumor
2004		21	Mary Cherpak
1918		21	Marion Bichun
1942		21	Gabriel Rembisz
2006		26	Jennifer Needham
1985		30	Jeffrey Burrill
1985		31	Larry Beck
	1928	31	Diane Dounouk
1945			
	30	Dn. James & Holly Parnell	
2007			

"WHEN I WAS SICK YOU CAME TO ME"

The following parishioners (and friends) are now home-bound or in long-term care facilities. If there are any names missing, please inform Fr. David. The regular schedule of visitations is included on the monthly calendar. Parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to make regular visitations to nursing homes and shut-ins. Our loved ones **NEED** to feel connected to their parish family.

Jerome Home, New Britain
Sadie Albino
Helen Karabin

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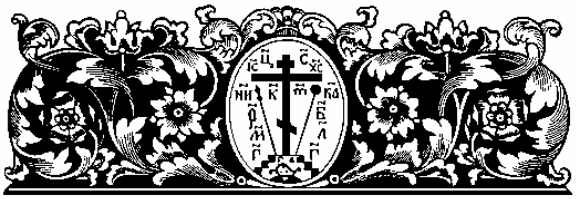

Rose, New Britain
Nona Belomyzy
Mary Camarata

Middlewoods, Newington
Jennie Skovich

Walnut Hill, New Britain
Olga Skotnicki
Mary Cherpak

St. Lucian Residence, New Britain
Mary Kotrady

Ledgecrest Nursing Home, Berlin
Natasha Zaiko

Home: Jim Dounouk, Mary Fairbanks, Susan Labas, George Liwen, Stella Liwen, Irene Prigodich, Helen Roberts and John Steffick.

PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

John Gedz
66 March 1 1954
Anna Zavadsky 63
March 1 1962
Stephen Prigodich 76
March 1 2002
Stephen Shimko 52
March 2 1912
Conrad Filipchuk
March 2 1933
Alexander Kornak 81
March 2 1953
Mary Gel
84 March 2 1978
Julia Jazkevich 93
March 2 1999
Child Antonina Vanuk 1
March 3 1920
Nicolai Jazkevich 86
March 3 1983
Isaiah Zablotsky
March 5 1951
John Dobosz 77
March 5 1963
Mary Makuch 79
March 5 1973
Dina Karanowytch 86
March 5 2010
Benjamin Karanowytch 44
March 6 1996
Elizabeth (Zuk) Zaleski 76
March 6 2000
Helen Finn
86 March 6 2001
John Stepanuk 70
March 7 1919
Child Stephen Wanik 9 mo March 7 1922
Peter Adamovich 48
March 8 1935
William Burak 63
March 8 1960
Helen Panevich 56
March 8 1961
Naum Martinuk 49
March 9 1942
Sophie Gasukewich 92
March 9 1985
Child Michael Muchko 1
March 10 1909
Child Theodore Sonedayik 2 mo March 10 1910
Child Eugenia Shakuna 17 days March 10 1912
Child Constantine Stankevich 23 days March 10 1918
Lillian Maddaluno 90
March 10 2008
Mary Panish 87

ВѢЧНАЯ ПАМЯТЬ

March 11 1997

Kathryn Petriw 83

March 11 2009

Paul Krish 56

March 12 1975

Mary Mick 28

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Anastasia Karpie 63

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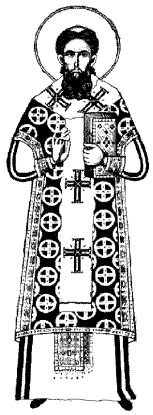
Michael Lewchick

March 13 1985



Child Constantine Petrov 3

March 14 1914

Child Constantine Zdanuk 3

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Catherine Uliasz 97

March 14 2002

Roman Zhardetsky

March 15 1915

Thekla Gladky 42

March 15 1937

Alexander Zhdanuk 69

March 15 1942

Anastasia Burak 57

March 15 1952

Tikhon Zuk 72

March 16 1949

Mary (Dobosz) Roman 86

March 16 2000

Stephen Semanchik

March 17 1939

Katherine Pravka 41

March 17 1941

Dorothy Bielomizy 63

March 17 1962

Child Michael Semchik 5

March 18 1903

Child Miroslav Halaytso 8 mo

March 18 1922

Mary Horbal 67

March 18 1970

Child Evan Bashkevich 1

March 19 1936

Peter Horbal 81

March 19 1975

Paul Kozuch 70

March 20 1966

Katherine Kotek

March 20 1989

Eulah (Julia) Chesky 94

March 20 2008

Mary Kislicki

March 21 1970

Mary Stepanuk 34

March 22 1916

Nicholas Halaytso 37

March 22 1926

George Shimchick 74

March 22 1971

George Sachok 85

March 22 1983

Wasyl Szestakow 67

March 22 1986

James Tilley 50

March 23 1964

Mary Romanchuk 86

March 23 1974

Helen Stankievtz

March 23 1987

Vasili Ratushinsky 45

March 24 1911

Aleksy Pituk 48

March 24 1930

Mary Zavada 57

March 24 1949

Akulina Kateshenok 76

March 24 1972

Helen Zaiko 87

March 25 2005

Nina Olear 88

March 26 2010

Vasili Lazar 23

March 27 1903

Child Anastasia Dyachuk 2 days

March 27 1922

Victor Raducha 52

March 27 1942

Ignatz Smoluk 75

March 27 1968

Arlene Osuch

March 27 2011

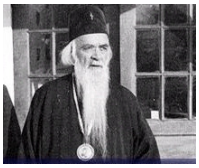
Albert Murr

71	March 27 2011	
Walter Gedz		87
March 28 2004		
John Wlasuk		88
March 29 1975		
Child John Verder		6 mo
March 30 1918		
Mary Eroch		
67	March 30 1962	
Peter Dyryanka		56
March 30 1971		
Casimer Zielinski		75
March 31 1994		

St. Gregory Palamas, On the holy icons

The following extracts are taken from St Gregory Palamas' longer work, The New Testament Decalogue:

'You shall not make an image of anything in the heavens above, or in the earth below, or in the sea' (cf. Exodus 20:4), in such a way that you worship these things and glorify them as gods. For all are the creations of the one God, created by Him in the Holy Spirit through His Son and Logos, who as Logos of God in these latter times took flesh from a virgin's womb, appeared on earth and associated with men, and who for the salvation of men suffered, died and rose again, ascended with His body into the heavens, and *'sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High' (Hebrews 1:3)*, and who will come again with His body to judge the living and the dead. Out of love for Him you should make, therefore, an icon of Him who became man for our sakes, and through His icon you should bring Him to mind and worship Him, elevating your intellect through it to the venerable body of the Savior, that is set on the right hand of the Father in heaven.



In like manner you should also make icons of the saints and venerate them, not as gods --for this is forbidden-- but because of the attachment, inner affection and sense of surpassing honor that you feel for the saints when by means of their icons the intellect is raised up to them. It was in this spirit that Moses made icons of the Cherubim within the Holy of Holies *(cf. Exodus 25:18)*. The Holy of Holies itself was an image of things supercelestial (*cf. Exodus 25:40; Hebrews 8:5)*, while the Holy Place was an image of the entire world. Moses called these things holy, not glorifying what is created, but through it glorifying God the Creator of the world. You must not, then, deify the icons of Christ and of the saints, but through them you should venerate Him who originally created us in His own image, and who subsequently consented in His ineffable compassion to assume the human image and to be circumscribed by it.

You should venerate not only the icon of Christ, but also the similitude of His cross. For the cross is Christ's great sign and trophy of victory over the devil and all his hostile hosts; for this reason they tremble and flee when they see the figuration of the cross. This figure, even prior to the crucifixion, was greatly glorified by the prophets and wrought great wonders; and when He who was hung upon it, our Lord Jesus Christ, comes again to judge the living and the dead, this His great and terrible sign will precede Him, full of power and glory *(cf. Matthew 24:30)* So glorify the cross now, so that you may boldly look upon it then and be glorified with it. And you should venerate icons of the saints, for the saints have been crucified with the Lord; and you should make the sign of the cross upon your person before doing so, bringing to mind their communion in the sufferings of Christ. In the same way you should venerate their holy shrines and any relic of their bones; for God's grace is not sundered from these things, even as the divinity was not sundered from Christ's venerable body at the time of His life-quickening death. By doing this and by glorifying those who glorified God --for through their actions they showed themselves to be perfect in their love for God-- you too will be glorified together with them by God, and with David you will chant: *'I have held Thy friends in high honor, O Lord' (Psalm 139:17 LXX)*.

http://www.monachos.net/content/patristics/patristictexts/160-palamas-on-icons

The Akathist Hymn to the Most Holy Theotokos

"Rejoice, unfading rose.
Rejoice, the only one who budded forth the unfading apple.
Rejoice, birth-giver of the aromatic balm of the King of all.
Rejoice, O Bride unwedded, the world's salvation."

The Akathist Hymn is a profound, devotional poem, which sings the praises of the Holy Mother and Ever-Virgin Mary. It is one of the most beloved services in the Orthodox Church. It was composed in the imperial city of Constantinople, "the city of the Virgin," by St. Romanos the Melodist, who reposed in the year 556. The Akathist Hymn has proven so popular in the liturgical life of the Church that many other hymns have been written following its format. These include Akathists to Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the Cross, and to many Saints.

The Akathist hymn consists of praises directed to the Mother of God, beginning with the salutation of the Archangel Gabriel: "Rejoice." As the hymn is chanted all of the events related to our Lord's Incarnation pass before us for our con-

templation. The Archangel Gabriel marvels at the Divine self-emptying and the renewal of creation which will occur when Christ comes to dwell in the Virgin's womb. The unborn John the Baptist prophetically rejoices. The shepherds recognize Christ as a blameless Lamb, and rejoice that in the Virgin "the things of earth join chorus with the heavens." The pagan Magi following the light of the star, praise Her for revealing the light of the world.

The word "akathistos" means "not sitting," i.e., standing; normally all participants stand while it is being prayed. The hymn is comprised of 24 stanzas, arranged in an acrostic following the Greek alphabet. The stanzas alternate between long and short. Each short stanza is written in prose and ends with the singing of "Alleluia." Each longer stanza ends with the refrain: "Rejoice, O Bride Unwedded."

The first part of the hymn is about the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary by the Angel. It describes Mary's surprise at the news, her visit to her mother and Joseph's doubts as to her innocence. The second part is about the birth of Christ, the worship of the Shepherds and Magi, the flight to Egypt and the visit to Saint Simeon in the Temple. In the third part the hymn directs our attention to the renewal of the world by Christ's coming, and the amazement of the Angels and the wise men at the sight of the Incarnation of God's Son. The fourth and the last part is once more a lyric and rhetorical appraisal of Virgin Mary, whom the poet adorns with the most beautiful of adjectives asking her to accept his poetical offering and to intercede for the salvation of human race from the earthly sin.

http://lent.goarch.org/akathist_hymn/learn/

Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos at HTOC on Friday, March 30th, 6:30 p.m.

St. Nikolai Velimirovic (1881-1956) from *The Prologue of Ohrid*, March 11th reflection:

"Good works are accomplished not by our efforts alone, but by the power and will of God. Nevertheless, God demands effort on our part in conforming to His will." These are the words of St. Barsanuphius and John - few words, but much is said in them. We are obliged to labor, cultivate and prepare every good thing, and if some good will take root, grow, and bring fruit, that is up to the power and will of God. We plow the furrows, and God sows - if He wills it. He can do anything if He wills it. And He will do everything that answers to the highest wisdom and wholeness, that is, to His plan of man's salvation. In interpreting the words of our Lord, Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves (Matthew 10:16), St. John Chrysostom writes that our Lord gave this commandment to His disciples that "they themselves should cooperate in some way, so that it will not appear that all effort is of grace alone and so that they will not think they received the wreaths of glory for nothing." And so, both of them are indispensable for our salvation: our effort and the power of God's grace.

The January 9, 2012 parish council meeting was called to order by Warden Mike Wanik at 7:02 pm with the opening prayer, "O Heavenly King".

Pastor's Report

- Father David thanked the council members who are ending their term on the council for their service to the parish.
- He noted that Lent starts already next month.

His Grace Bishop Nikon has finished his treatments for cancer and is looking forward to a full recovery.

Warden's Report

Mike noted that this has been an interesting year as much work has been accomplished- all positive. The warden thanked George Matyczyk and Dan Bradanini, in particular, for having organized and managed a variety of projects. They stepped up when the physical plant had problems. Now, we have a brand new church.
We struggled with the failure of accounting system software this year. Mike feels confident that we will have accurate figures at the annual meeting.

Financial Report

Sarah thanked the auditors who helped her keep the figures straight. She reported that the cash flow through Nov. 2:

Income	$147,072.18
Expenses	$145,232.14

The figures have not been able to be audited. Rosemary stated that it is difficult to see the figures when they are not entered into the computer. Dave Bartos noted that he purchased a new computer and will load new QuickBooks software which can generate reports. Mark Myszka said he is not sure how to pull out reports from his computer. Dave added that he can assist him. Mark will review the pledges and may need to input them. Discussion followed on the difficulties the Finance committee was having. Going forward, much of the problems will be fixed as we use the QuickBooks program to set up reports. C. Dresko, as a representative of the parish, said he would like to see reconciliation of the monies on a spreadsheet prior to the annual meeting. G. Matyczyk suggested hiring a CPA to help with the financial set up of different funds. Dave noted that the QuickBooks program can generate reports. Sarah noted that Bissland fund has been kept separate and held in a checking account until the parish decides where it should be placed.

Secretary's Report

Motion to accept the secretary's report with corrections- Dave Bartos/Chris Dresko. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Renovation Project- The front door was fixed along with the side exit door. The cemetery cross and stanchions are