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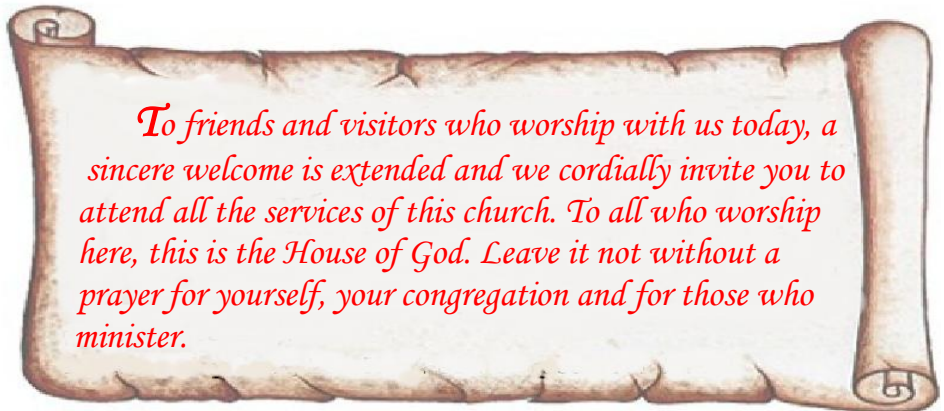
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**Christ Is Among Us!**

**He Is Always will be!**

† **Constantine** – Metropolitan, Eparchy Bishop



*To friends and visitors who worship with us today, a sincere welcome is extended and we cordially invite you to attend all the services of this church. To all who worship here, this is the House of God. Leave it not without a prayer for yourself, your congregation and for those who minister.*

**SANDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012**

**SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

**SUNDAY OF THE THREE HIERARCHS**

**READINGS**

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**Epistle:** I Cor. 6:12-20



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**Gospel:** St. Luke 15:11-32

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**Schedule of Altar Boys for Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>:**

English Divine Liturgy: **Group #1** – John Kominko, Andrew Moysaenko, Nicholai Moysaenko.

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**Schedule of Ushers for Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>:**

English Divine Liturgy: **Group #3** - Mr. Hans Harasimchuk, Mrs. Mary Ann Sklaryk.



Today our Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Three Hierarchs – St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian & St. John Chrysostom. We greet all men who are named Basil (William), Gregory (Hryhoryj) and John (Ivan). Mnohiya Lita!

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**Please Note that, because of the Holy Day Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, there will not be a Moleben at 8:30 a.m.**

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*Calendar of Events for the week of February 12<sup>th</sup>*

Sunday (today)- 3:00 p.m., Junior UOL / Altar Boy trip to the Q Arena to see a hockey game

Tuesday - 7:00 p.m., Monthly Board of Trustees meeting

**Wednesday - *Holy Day of the Presentation of the Lord into the Temple***

**- 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy and blessing of candles**

- 5:30 p.m., Bandura School, Ukrainian Dance School, Art & Pottery classes

- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Library Hours

Thursday - 7:00 a.m., Pyrohy Project

Friday - 5:00 a.m., Pyrohy Project

Saturday - 9:00 a.m., Ukrainian School

- 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Library Hours

- 1:00 p.m., Baptism & Chrismation of twins, Liam John & Katherine Ann Ford

- 5:45 p.m., Confession

- 6:00 p.m., Vespers

**Sunday - 8:30 a.m., English Divine Liturgy**

**- 9:45 a.m., Sunday School**

**- 10:15 a.m., Ukrainian Divine Liturgy**

**- Brotherhood Chicken Dinner**

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Great Lent is just around the corner. It begins on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers will take place on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 22909 Center Ridge Road in Rocky River. As is done every year, a special program booklet will be published. Our parish has always been very supportive of this publication and, once again, will be collecting donations to help cover the cost. Donations of \$5.00 - \$10.00 will be greatly appreciated and are being collected by parish secretary, Mrs. Vera Malysz during the week or on Sunday mornings. Donations may also be given to Fr. John or Fr. Michael. The list of donors will be printed in the program booklet, under the name of our parish.

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**Please check out our new parish website by going to <http://www.stvladimirs.org>**

**Please Note:** that as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, the parish dues will be raised by \$5.00, to \$145.00 per adult member. This annual increase of \$5.00 was voted on at the parish's annual meeting in January, 2008. Dues paid until the end of February will be \$140.00. Besides the parish dues, please contribute generously in your weekly Sunday offering envelopes. We all know that expenses are increasing all around us and the parish, too, must meet the financial increases in expenses. Please give regularly, with love and dedication to God and His Holy Church.

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Please remember our sick and elderly parishioners in your prayers. Also, the clergy request that they be notified when parishioners are admitted to and/or discharged from the hospital.

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All Saints Camp Boosters for 2012 are now available for purchase. Tickets for the entire year are \$25.00. All proceeds go to help maintain All Saints Camp. Booster tickets may be purchased from Mrs. Mary Ann Sklaryk. Please support this project and our camp.

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Congratulations to Hans and Karen Harasimchuk on the recent birth of their 2<sup>nd</sup> grandchild – a girl. Mnohiya Lita!

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During Great Lent, with love and prayers, our Orthodox Church remembers her departed faithful with special Lenten services (Sorokousty). As is the tradition in our parish, this service will be served every Friday at 6:00 p.m. If you wish to have your family mentioned, please make this known to Fr. John or Fr. Michael. Names submitted in previous years will only be read if requested.

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Our Brotherhood will sponsor a Pre-Lenten Chicken Dinner on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The cost is only \$12.00 for ½ chicken and advance sales are necessary. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are available at the church office, from members of the Brotherhood or by calling (216) 661-5646

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**Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
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## FROM YOUR PASTOR

During our parish's annual meeting on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, I was asked a question about the recent decision of the U.S. Government's Department of Health and Human Services to obligate religious institutions to cover health cost that include birth control and abortion-inducing drugs. I was pleased that the question was raised, for it gave me an opportunity to speak on the seriousness of these issues – namely, the continual battle to destroy the Christian moral core of our nation by forcing the Churches to obey laws that infringe on their beliefs and the suppression of Christian values.

Since our meeting, we have read, in the Plain Dealer, the letter of Bishop Lennon of the Diocese of Cleveland and, this week, on its website, our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A. printed a letter of protest that represented 65 Orthodox Bishops of all jurisdictions in the United States. The letter is printed below this message.

The radical secularization of our country is leading us to become morally bankrupt and to go against the principles of the Founding Fathers of this nation. Those principles are what made this nation great. It is our duty, as Orthodox Christians, to take a firm position on issues that are in direct opposition to the teachings of the Church. The martyrs of the Church should serve as our examples, especially the martyrs of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – bishops, priests, laity – who died or were sent to Siberia because they refused to bow down to government rule but chose, rather, to follow Christ and His Holy Teachings.

Do not be afraid to enlighten our fellow citizens. Remember always the words of our Lord:

*“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”* (Mark 8:38)

~ Yours in Christ,  
Fr. John

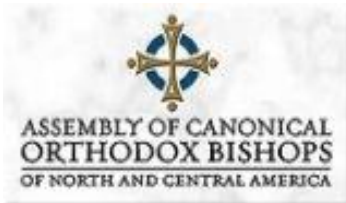


### Record of Protest Against the Infringement of Religious Liberty!

#### UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

CONSISTORY OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS  
PRESS RELEASE

***Record of Protest Against the Infringement of Religious Liberty by the Department of Health and Human Services!***



The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North and Central America, which is comprised of the 65 canonical Orthodox bishops in the United States, Canada and Mexico, join their voices with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and all those who adamantly protest the **recent decision by the United States Department of Health and Human Services**, and call upon all the Orthodox

Christian faithful to contact their elected representatives today to voice their concern in the face of this threat to the sanctity of the Church's conscience.

In this ruling by HHS, religious hospitals, educational institutions, and other organizations will be required to pay for the full cost of contraceptives (including some abortion-inducing drugs) and sterilizations for their employees, regardless of the religious convictions of the employers.

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees the free exercise of religion. This freedom is transgressed when a religious institution is required to pay for “contraceptive services” including abortion-inducing drugs and sterilization services that directly violate their religious convictions. Providing such services should not be regarded as mandated medical care. We, the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops, call upon HHS Secretary Sebelius and the Obama Administration to rescind this unjust ruling and to respect the religious freedom guaranteed all Americans by the First Amendment.

