



Birthday greetings go out this week to our choir director, Markian Komichak, who recently celebrated his birthday. We are truly blessed to have such a talented, conscientious director who has devoted years of service to both our English & Ukrainian choirs. May Our Lord bless him with good health and much happiness for many years. Mnohiya Lita!

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May Our Lord's blessings be upon Liam John & Katherine Ann, twins of Stephanie & Matthew Ford, who received the Holy Mysteries of Baptism & Chrismation yesterday. We also greet grandparents, John and Ann Tarkowsky. Mnohiya Lita!

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**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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*Calendar of Events for the week of February 19<sup>th</sup>.*

**Sunday (today)- Brotherhood Chicken Dinner following both Liturgies**

**Tuesday** - 7:00 p.m., UOL Convention meeting (see separate announcement)

**Wednesday** - 8:30 a.m., Moleben for sick parishioners  
- 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  
- 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**

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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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***Happy Birthday!***

Birthday greetings go out this week to Mrs. Mary Salata who, on Wednesday, will celebrate her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. May God continue to bless her with good health and much happiness so that she may continue to attend Sunday Liturgies every week. Mnohiya Lita!

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

**G**reat 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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**P**lease 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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**Thank You ...** to the volunteers who baked and served refreshments during the recent Town Hall meeting, hosted by the Parma City Schools. Over 30 residents of Parma attended and appreciated our parish's hospitality.

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**A**s in past years, children of all local Orthodox parishes are requested to participate in the procession during the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers which will be held on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Rocky River. Children are asked to bring their own icons with their names printed on the back. Parents & grandparents – please encourage your children to participate. For more information, contact Fr. Michael.

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**B**irthday greetings go out this week to Mrs. Evdokia Kisil and Mr. Hans Harasimchuk. Mnohiya Lita!

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*Make plans now to attend the 2013 UOL Convention Committee's planning meeting this coming Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the cultural center. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. We can never have TOO MUCH HELP!*

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*"I want to express my most sincere thanks to Fr. John and Fr. Michael for their visits and prayers during my recent stay in the hospital. Thanks, also, to everyone who kept me in their prayers, visited me, and sent cards and flowers. May God bless and keep you in His Loving Care.*

**~ Love, P.M. Ann Hankavich"**

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**Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Office Phone: (440) 886-3223**

## *News from our Library*

Currently available in our parish library are the following books that were purchased from the Yevshan catalog:

1. "Anna Yaroslavna – the Queen of France", by A. Gregorovich
2. "The Origin of Ukraine", by A Gregorovich
3. "Ukrainian Style", by L. Wicklund and A. Stevens. This book has very colorful photography of Ukraine, homes, traditions & designs. The author's notes are a nostalgic and heartwarming look into the Ukrainian character and soul
4. "Bloodlands – Europe between Hitler and Stalin", by Timothy Snyder. (A history book from Amazon.com)



These books – in English – are available during regular library hours on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. For more information, contact Mrs. Helen Norka, librarian.

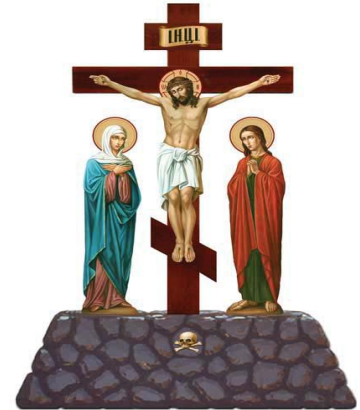
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**Junior U.O.L. members, altar boys and their parents who attended the Lake Erie Monsters hockey game on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> .**

*Special Services Scheduled for the First Week of Great Lent,  
beginning on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>*

- Monday** - 6:30 p.m., Canon of St. Andrew of Crete (English & Ukrainian)
- Tuesday** - 6:30 p.m., Canon of St. Andrew of Crete (English only). The English choir is requested to sing the responses
- Wednesday** - 6:30 p.m., Canon of St. Andrew of Crete (mostly English & Ukrainian).  
**Youth Service.** The responses will be sung by the parish youth.
- Thursday** - 6:30 p.m., Canon of St. Andrew of Crete (Ukrainian only). The Ukrainian choir is requested to sing the responses.
- Friday** - 6:00 p.m., Passion Service, Sorokousty (Ukrainian) and Confession
- Saturday** - 8:30 a.m., Holy Confession  
- 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy  
- 5:30 p.m., Holy Confession  
- 6:00 p.m., Vespers
- Sunday** - 8:30 a.m., English Divine Liturgy  
- 10:15 a.m., Ukrainian Divine Liturgy  
- 5:00 p.m., Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at  
St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in  
Rocky River. Children should meet at the  
church at 4:40 p.m. and bring their icons.



As we begin this Lenten season, in preparation for the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – Pascha – we are called upon to make time for God and our spiritual well-being. We will all feel better for having done this.

The following are Church regulations that you are asked to adhere to during this Lenten season:

- Attend Church every Sunday and participate in the special Lenten services that are scheduled.
- Participate sincerely in the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Communion every Sunday.
- Fast the entire first and last week of Lent, as well as on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. To those of stronger body and more willing spirit, it is wholeheartedly recommended that the practices of a sterner quality of the traditions and customs of our Holy Orthodox Church be followed, namely fasting the entire Great Lent from meat and dairy products.
- Practice deeds of charity; think of others; visit the sick, lonely and elderly.
- Participate in the Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard at 5:30 p.m. Those desiring to receive Holy Communion at this evening Liturgy must begin fasting from food and drink at 12:00 noon.
- Parishioners who, because of age or ill health, are unable to attend services to receive Holy Communion in Church are asked to call the clergy to arrange to have the Sacraments brought to their homes. However, please do not wait until the last week to do so because that is when the clergy are most busy preparing for Holy Week and the Paschal services.

To those who have not actively participated in the services of our parish, what better time than now to make a change. Also, if for any reason you have not received the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Holy Communion for a number of years and would like to discuss this matter with the clergy, please do not hesitate to call. Remember that to be considered a member in good standing in the Orthodox Church requires the believer to receive the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion a minimum of once a year. Great Lent is the appropriate time to fulfill this requirement.

May God bless you with strength, wisdom, and a heart of prayer as we begin the Great Lent!

In Christ's Love,

*Fr. John & Fr. Michael*

*“Having suffered the passion for us,  
O Lord, Jesus Christ, son of God, have mercy on us.”*