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Icon of the Crucifixion of Our Lord

SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

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TONE 7

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21 – SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 9:00 AM LITURGY – 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Remember in your prayers

Please remember in your prayers those people of our parish who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join us actively in our community. Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Bohdanchik James, Maria Laszok, Lesya Loznycky, Ken McDonald, Luke Shmorhay, and Sophia Skop. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.



Prayers For Those Serving In The Armed Forces



Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Michael Lopes, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill, Zenon and Susan Keske, Vasyl and Volodymyr. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.

FR. JAMES WILL BE AWAY...

Fr. James will be in Chicago for the annual clergy retreat until September 25th. In case of an emergency please contact either Fr. Robert Pipta of Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church at (858) 277-2511, Fr. Sabba Shofany of St. Jacob Melkite Catholic Mission at (619) 410-7868, or Fr. Myron Mykyta at (323) 663-6307.

Pilgrimage

This coming Saturday, September 26, Holy Resurrection Monastery they will hold their annual Pilgrimage. A van is scheduled to leave the church at 7:00AM for the 3+ hour drive. At 11:00 AM will be the procession with the icon, "Mother of God Searcher for the Lost." We have been asked to sing some of our traditional hymns to the Mother of God during the procession. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop John Michael (BOTEAN) is at 11:30AM followed by lunch at 2:00PM and a Spiritual Conference at 3:00PM. Vespers will be at 5:00 PM (which satisfies for the Sunday obligation). *This promises to be a deeply spiritual event. You must sign up no later than today* – the registration list is in the church. Cost will be determined by number of participants.

***“Virsky” Ukrainian National Dance Company:
“A Winter Pops Special Presentation”***

Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company will be performing at Copley Symphony Hall in downtown San Diego next Sunday, September 27th. Call the box office at 619-235-0804, or visit their web site at www.sandiegosymphony.com.

Parish work day

On Saturday, October 3rd, following the Divine Liturgy, there will be a parish work day to clean the church and the hall in preparation for the Praznyk Celebration. Work will begin at approximately 10:30 AM. Please come and help. Many hands make light work.

Парафіяльний Празник – Parish Patronal Feast

On Sunday, October 4, we will celebrate our patronal feast of *Покрова* – The Holy Protection of the Mother of God. Tickets will be available in the church hall after Divine Liturgy. Ticket prices: Adults - \$15.00; school-aged children (13-17) - \$8.00; children 12 and under – Free. We need help to set up for the Praznyk Celebration in the Church Hall. We also need help with serving and with clean up following the festivities.

Ukrainian Parish Festival!

Our Parish Festival will be on Saturday, November 7th. We still need many volunteers. See Luke Miller who is the coordinator for this event.

Consecration of St. Michael’s Ukrainian Catholic Church – Tuscon on Sunday, November 15, 2009

We would like to organize a group of parishioners to attend this very important event in the life of our brothers and sisters in Tuscon. Fr. Andriy Chirovsky has invited us to come and celebrate with his community. If you are interested in attending this event as a group, please talk to Fr. James.

Thank You! Дуже Дякую!

A special “Thank You” to all those who helped with the Generations of Faith potluck and learning session last weekend especially Volodymyr & Lorena Bachynsky for their work with our youth.

WORLDLY WEALTH

A rich man was near death. He was grieved because he’d worked so hard for his money, and he wanted to be able to take it to heaven. An angel heard his concern and appeared to him. “Sorry, but you can’t take your wealth with you.”

The man pled with the angel.

Later the angel reappeared and told the wealthy man that he could take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man found his largest valise and filled it with gold bars.

When he finally died and showed up in heaven, St. Peter saw the suitcase and said, “Hold on, you can't bring that in here.”

The man explained to St. Peter that he had permission. Sure enough, the saint checked the record and verified the man’s story. “But,” St. Peter added, “I am supposed to check the contents before letting it through.”

So St. Peter opened the suitcase to discover what was too precious to leave behind. He couldn’t believe his eyes. “You brought pavement?”

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Many Have Tried to Suppress the Message of the Cross

See how the foolishness of God is wiser than men and his weakness stronger than men. How is it stronger? It ran its course through the whole world and overcame all people. Tens of thousands tried to extinguish the name of the Crucified, but instead they had the opposite effect. The name flourished and grew ever stronger while its enemies perished and were destroyed.

It was this Paul had in mind as he said, "the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Cor. 1:25). It is clear that this preaching is divine. From where else did it occur to twelve ordinary men who were living along lakes and rivers and in deserts to undertake such deeds as these? Where did it occur to these men, who had scarcely ventured into a city or a public square, to draw themselves up for battle with the world? The one who wrote down their deeds shows that they were frightened and timid. He did not try to make excuses for them or cover up their weakness, which is the greatest proof of the truth.

It is clear, therefore, that unless they had seen Him risen and received a mighty proof of His power, they would not have taken so great a risk.

From a Homily by St. John Chrysostom