

# St. Mary's Dormition Church

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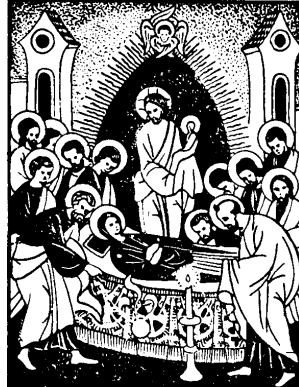
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**Sunday, March 7, 2010**

*Glory to Jesus Christ!*

*Slava Isusu Khristu!*

*Слава Ісусу Христу!*

*Glory forever!*

*Slava na Viki!*

*Слава на Вікі*

## **Schedule of Services for March 7 - 14, 2010**

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<http://stnicholaslakewood.org/StMarys>

### **Sunday, March 7**

**The Third Sunday of the Great Fast in which the Holy, Precious and Life-Creating Cross is Venerated, Resurrectional Tone 6; Discovery of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs at the Gate of Eugenius at Constantinople (395-423)**

8:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for Stephen Verbanets Sr. offered by M/M Sisto Alphosi

### **Sunday, March 14**

**The Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast in Which Our Venerable Father John, Author of "The Ladder" Is Commemoraed, Resurrectional Tone 7; The Holy Martyr Eudoxia of Heliopolis (ca. 160-170)**

8:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for Stephen Verbanets Sr. offered by Mrs. Ann Lubash

### **Upcoming Events**

**March 27** - Lazarus Saturday

**March 28** - Willow (Palm) Sunday

**April 1** - Great Thursday

**April 2** - Great Friday

**April 3** - Great Saturday

**April 4** - Holy Pascha

### **Holy Week/Pascha Concert**

On **Saturday, March 20**, beginning **6:45 p.m.** at St. Matthew the Evangelist Orthodox Church, 10383 Albion Road in North Royalton, there will be a concert featuring liturgical selections from Holy Week and Pascha sung by the youth of St. Matthew's and the Pan-Orthodox Young Adult Fellowship (POYAF) Choir, under the direction of Reader Gerald Largent. Light refreshments to follow. For more information, contact St. Matthew's at 440-582-5673, or Gerald Largent at 440-376-7799.

*A federal judge has upheld a South Dakota law requiring doctors to inform patients that abortion kills a human being. The law mandates that a woman be told that abortion "will terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living human being. Planned Parenthood had sought to overturn the law.*

**TODAY'S FEAST: Third Sunday of the Great Fast** - Prior to the celebration of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great this morning, the Holy, Precious and Life-Giving Cross will be carried in procession and venerated. This custom on the Third Sunday of the Great Fast marks the half-way point of the Great Fast and the Cross stands majestically as a sign and an encouragement to continue our ascetic struggles during this holy season. The Cross is a reminder of the great price that our Lord had to pay as a ransom for our salvation from sin and death.

Just as our Lord had to endure a horrible death by crucifixion before He could gloriously rise from the dead, so we too must endure the demands and the rigors of the Great Fast before sharing the joy of Christ's Resurrection! We are called to die to our old selves at our Christening and indeed throughout our entire lives since we are Christians.

However, during the Great Fast, we are encouraged to make even greater efforts in fasting, praying, and giving to the poor and those in need. If we have not begun to do this, then the Cross stands as a reminder to begin before it is too late. If we have been making the effort and fighting the good fight, then it encourages us to continue because the half-way point of the Fast has arrived!

As we have "crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Gal. 5:24), and will have mortified ourselves during these forty days of the Fast, the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is now placed before us to refresh our souls and encourage us who may be filled with a sense of bitterness, resentment, and depression. The Cross reminds us of the Passion of our Lord, and by presenting to us His example, it encourages us to follow Him in struggle and sacrifice, being refreshed, assured, and comforted. In other words, we must experience what the Lord experienced during His Passion - being humiliated in a shameful manner. The Cross teaches us that through pain and suffering we shall see the fulfillment of our hopes: The heavenly inheritance and eternal glory.

