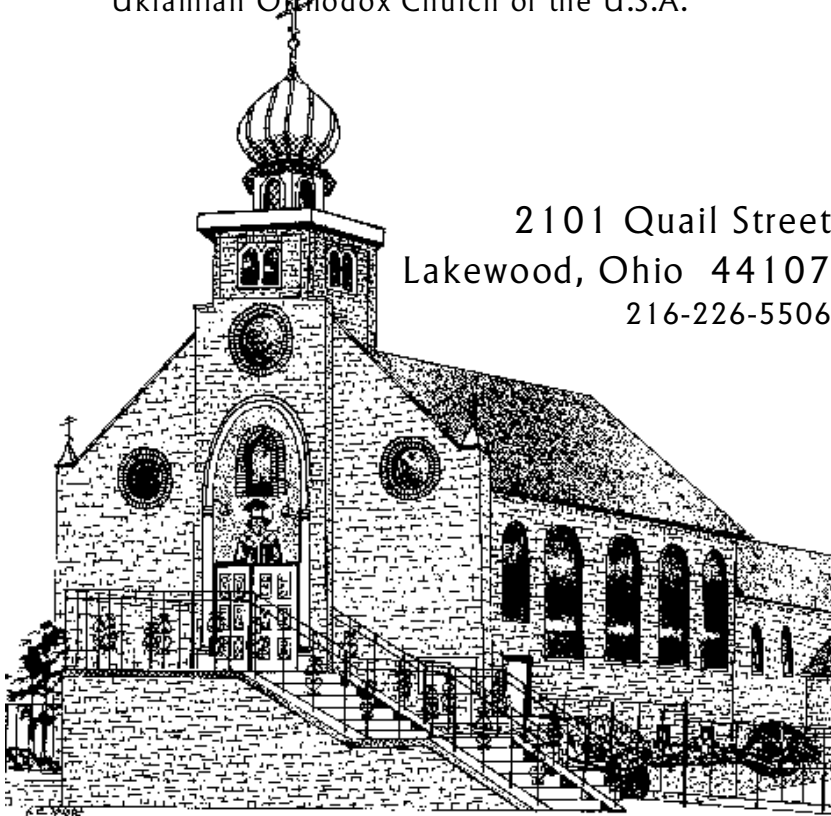


The Wonderworker

The Weekly Bulletin for
St. Nicholas Pro-Cathedral
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A.



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Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.

Sunday, February 7, 2010

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Slava Isusu Khristu!
Слава Ісусу Христу!

Glory Forever!
Slava na Viki!
Слава на вікі

Schedule of Services for February 7 - 14, 2010

Sunday, February 7

Meatfare Sunday, Sunday of the Final Judgement, Resurrectional Tone 2; The Sixth Day of the Meeting; Our Venerable Father Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus on the Hellespont (4th c.). Venerable Luke of Steirion (ca. 946)

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth for Stephen C. Verbanets Sr. Offered by the Kristof Family
40th Day Panakhida for Stephen C. Verbanets Sr. Offered by the Kristof Family

Saturday, February 13

5:00 p.m. - Great Vespers for Cheesefare Sunday

Sunday, February 14

Cheesefare Sunday, Forgiveness Sunday, the Expulsion of Adam & Eve from the Garden of Eden, Resurrectional Tone 3; Repose of St. Cyril, Equal-to-the-Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs (869); Our Venerable Father and Wonderworker Maron the Hermit; The Holy Martyr Valentinus

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth for Anne Kopinsky offered by Marge Kopinsky

Upcoming Events

February 7 - Super Bowlsky VI (Prechudovyy Kelykh Festyval')

February 15 - First Day of the Great Fast

February 21 - Triumph of Orthodoxy at Holy Trinity

The Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy - Sunday of Orthodoxy, 2010

The Orthodox Christian community of Greater Cleveland and Lorain will soon honor the Sunday of Orthodoxy. This year's celebration will take place on Sunday, February 21, 5:00 PM at the Holy Trinity Church, 6822 Broadview Road, Parma.

The Inter Orthodox Council is no longer in existence to handle the finances, and so the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy has assumed the responsibility of soliciting donations to underwrite the celebration and to support the Orthodox ministries that serve our area.

We ask you to contribute to this effort by making a donation to the GCCOC. In return you will be listed as a "Patron" in the handout at the Pan Orthodox Vespers, and the donations collected will be used to support the charities that were supported in the past by the Inter Orthodox Council.

Please make your check payable to the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy or "GCCOC" and return it to your priest or to the address

below no later than February 15, 2010.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY 2010 – PATRON DONATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Parish Name: _____

Amount: _____

GCCOC, c/o Sts. Constantine & Helen Cathedral, 3352 Mayfield Road,
Cleveland Hts., OH 44118-1330

The Sunday Of Orthodoxy services on Sunday, February 21 begin at 5:00 PM, and not at 6, as in the past. Also, children are invited to come with their personal icons and or icons/banners from their parish. The children are asked to be at Holy Trinity by 4:40 PM so that they can be organized for the procession into church.

"Science can tell us what is, but it can't tell us good from bad, right from wrong. Therefore it is not anti-science to oppose embryonic stem cell research and human cloning. It is pro-science to care enough to keep this powerful enterprise within proper ethical parameters." Wesley Smith, NRL News, June 2008

Ukrainian Orthodox League's Super Bowl Sunday!

As Orthodox Christians, in response to the Gospel, we are taught to be generous in charity and love to all. In cooperation with the St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Society, one of our Church's central organizations that works to serve the less fortunate in Ukraine, we have the opportunity to help those in need.

In 1991 St. Andrew's Society was established to support the spiritual rebirth of the faithful in Ukraine especially in charitable outreach. This organization of our Church's faithful has provided humanitarian assistance to the poor and disenfranchised elderly, by providing meals or food parcels, and to the orphans, with St. Nicholas visitations. These soup kitchens, located in various cities in Ukraine, have provided warm meals, Monday through Friday, for the needy.

St. Andrew's Society has also published Bibles, religious books and educational pamphlets for the faithful in Ukraine. The Orthodox seminaries have received countless supplies and equipment. The seminarians themselves have received scholarships. Along with these great offerings, the Society has raised over \$115,000 to restore historic St. Michael's Monastery in Kyiv.

On Sunday, February 7th, numerous people across the country will gather to enjoy Super Bowl Sunday. We are truly so fortunate to enjoy God's blessings; this is the perfect opportunity to remember and to share with the less fortunate. Again this year, the Ukrainian Orthodox League requests that all UOL Chapters take a collection, and/or host a fundraising meal to support St. Andrew's Society's Soup Kitchens in Ukraine. With the blessing of your pastor and in cooperation with the parish administration, we request you distribute the brochures, sharing them with the faithful. All donations can be sent:

Alexis Oryhon - UOL Financial Secretary
30 Jane Lacey Drive
Endicott, NY 13760

HEAP Applications

Applications for assistance from the Home Energy Assistance Program offered by the State of Ohio are available from Fr. Dennis.

Cheesefare Week

Today, Meat-Fare Sunday is the final day Orthodox Christians eat meat until the Feast of Feasts, Holy Pascha. In its wisdom, the Church does not spring the Great Fast upon us overnight. Rather, it slowly eases us in physically and psychologically: The week of the Publican and the Pharisee, there was no fasting at all. On Meat-Fare week, we kept the usual fast on Wednesday and Friday. On Cheesefare Week, the week prior to the Great Fast, we abstain from meat, but still eat dairy products for the last time. The Church recognizes that the Great Fast is not only a spiritual undertaking, but a physical one as well. Drawing closer to God is not only a mental undertaking, but one which involves both body and soul. We fast in order to increase our prayer, and we pray in order to keep a true fast, one in which we are led to greater works of charity. Fasting without prayer is not a fast at all. It's merely a diet. When fasting is nothing more than a diet, it is difficult if not impossible to maintain. It is also the direct opposite of true fasting. Dieting is an egotistical, self-absorbed exercise. Fasting on the other hand involves a total change of lifestyle. It should lead us to greater works of charity and concern for others. If the only goal of fasting is to lose weight, then we fast to our own condemnation.

Readings for Cheesefare Week:

Wednesday: Joel 2:12-26; 3:12-21

Friday: Zechariah 8:7-17; 8:19-23

Sunday of the Last Judgment

On this day we commemorate the inescapable Second Coming of Christ, so that no one will live in laziness. This fearsome day of judgment has been designated for commemoration at this point in time, that through fear of death and the expectation of future torment, those who live in laziness may be encouraged to the virtues, not trusting only in the love of God, but also realizing that He is the righteous Judge who will judge all men according to their deeds. In other words those souls who have passed over are obliged to undergo judgment.