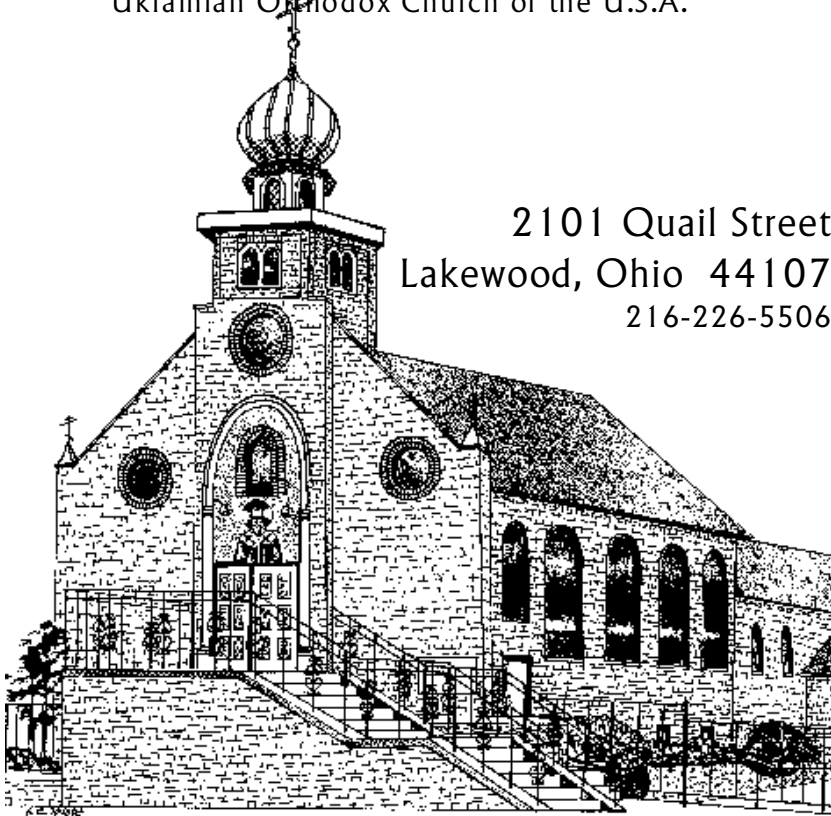


The Wonderworker

The Weekly Bulletin for
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Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.

Sunday, February 21, 2010

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

Glory forever!
Slava na Viki!
Слава на вікі

Schedule of Services for February 21 - 28, 2010

Sunday, February 21

The First Sunday of the Great Fast, the Triumph of Orthodoxy, Resurrectional Tone 4; Our Venerable Father Timothy of Symbola in Bithynia (9th c.)

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great FOR Anne Kopinsky offered by Helen Bartos

5:00 p.m. - Sunday of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers at Holy Trinity Church, 6822 Broadview Road in Parma

Friday, February 26

The Second Friday of the Great Fast, St. Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza (420)

6:30 p.m. - Vespers for the Second Saturday of the Great Fast Panakhida with the Reading of the Lists Грамоти

Saturday, February 27

The Second Saturday of the Great Fast; Our Venerable Father Procopius the Confessor of Dekapolis (8th C.)

5:00 p.m. - Great Vespers for the Second Sunday of the Great Fast

Sunday, February 28

The Second Sunday of the Great Fast in which our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonika is Commemorated, Resurrectional Tone 5; Our Venerable Father Basil the Confessor, Companion of Venerable Procopius at Decapolis (750)

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great FOR Anne Kopinsky offered by Eleanore Smiechowski

Upcoming Events

March 7 - Sunday of the Cross

March 24 - Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation

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

Lenten Retreat

On Saturday, March 6, Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland Heights will host a Lenten Retreat from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm with retreat leader Dr. Peter Kalellis. The registration fee, which

includes a Lenten breakfast and lunch, is \$15 (\$20 after February 28.). For more information, check the Church bulletin board or call 216-932-3300.

HEAP Applications

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

Let's explore our Faith together!

"Finding Your Spiritual Path" can be easy...

Together, we can learn about our faith by attending the Jr/Sr UOL Lenten Retreat, Saturday, March 6, held at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Villa Maria, PA. Our retreat will focus on thinking about concerns and worries we need to let go, centering on God's presence and learning how to use this knowledge in our daily lives for spiritual growth as we prepare for the Lenten season and beyond. We will listen to great motivational speakers, participate in walking the Labyrinth, and share all meals. Take a new direction on your "path" of life! Please join us as we experience this beautiful day together! Non-members are welcome-bring a friend!

Annual Jr/Sr UOL Lenten Retreat (non-members welcome!)

March 6, 2010

"Finding Your Spiritual Path"

Villa Maria Retreat Center, Villa Maria, PA

(1 1/4 hrs. from Cleveland & Pittsburgh-15 min. east of Y-town)

Enjoy a full day of inspirational & thought provoking discussion,

Walk the Labyrinth, and all meals

Adults \$30 Young Adults & Teen \$25

(a late fee may apply after Feb. 26)

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One long ago day at a Washington, D.C. Prayer Breakfast, a tiny nun proclaimed these words to those in high positions of power: "If we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?" On that day, Mother Teresa of Calcutta captured the essence of love - respect for all human life.

TODAY'S FEAST: The First Sunday of Great Lent or the Sunday of Orthodoxy - This day the Holy Church commemorates the victory of Orthodoxy over heresies and is why this day is also called the "Sunday of Orthodoxy". The Synaxarion explains that the day celebrates "the restoration of the holy and venerable icons", which happened in first half of the 9th century (in 842) "by the Emperor Michael (the Byzantine Emperor), the Holy and Blessed Empress Theodora, and the Holy Methodius, Patriarch of Constantinople". This commemoration was established to celebrate the final victory of the Holy Church over the iconoclastic heresy. In the hymns for this day the Holy Church, glorifying the holy icons, and also its icon loving adherents, and inspiring in us the obligation of

venerating icons, chants: "A feast of joy and gladness is revealed to us today. For the teachings of the True Faith shines in all their glory, and the Church of Christ is bright with splendor, adorned with the holy icons which now have been restored; and God has granted to the faithful unity of mind." "Now a pious brightness stretches over all, dispersing the flattery of the impious like a cloud, enlightening the hearts of the pious: Come let us fall down with pious wisdom before the honorable icons of Christ worshiping in the Orthodox way", "and with due honor let us venerate the holy icons of Christ, of the All Pure Virgin and the saints, whether depicted on walls, on wooden panels or on holy vessels, rejecting the impious teaching of the heretics". But in this way the Holy Church at the time of victory over the icon haters in the struggle against various heresies finally explained and defined in the canons of the Seventh Ecumenical Council the Orthodox Christian teaching that is now a celebrated event and is not called the celebration of iconolatry but the Triumph of Orthodoxy. It does not mean that after the 10th Century heresies would or could not appear any more; but it means that all following heresies, even though they were numerous and various, find their accusation and refutation in the definitions of the Seven Ecumenical Councils. The victory of Orthodoxy in the Church itself was first celebrated on the first Sunday of Great Lent, and thus the basis of the present Triumph of Orthodoxy is historical.

Inseparable from the liturgical tradition, religious art is seen by Orthodox Christians as a form of pictorial confession of faith and a channel of religious experience. The icon haters invoked the Old Testament prohibition of graven images and rejected icons as idols. The Orthodox theologians, on the other hand, based their arguments on the specifically Christian doctrine of the incarnation: God is indeed invisible and indescribable in His Essence, but when the Son of God became human, He voluntarily assumed all the characteristics of created nature, including the ability to be described. Consequently, images of Christ, as man, affirm the truth of God's real incarnation. Because Divine Life shines through Christ's risen and glorified humanity, the function of the artist consists in conveying the very mystery of the Christian faith through art. Furthermore, because the icons of Christ and the saints provide direct personal contact with the holy persons represented on them, these images should be objects of "veneration", for "worship" is addressed to God alone. The victory of this theology led to the widespread use of iconography and also inspired great painters, most of whom remain anonymous, in producing works of art that possess spiritual as well as artistic value.

