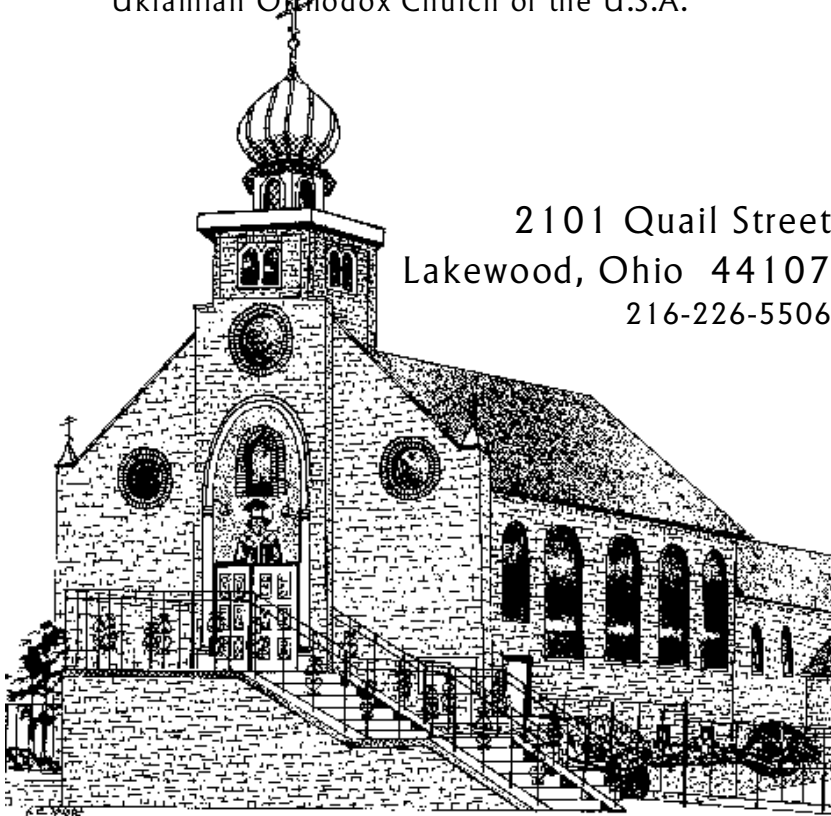


The Wonderworker

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

Sunday, February 28, 2010

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

Glory Forever!
Slava na Viki!
Слава на вікі

Schedule of Services for Feb. 28 - March 7, 2010

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 Marge Bakos

Sunday, March 7

The Third Sunday of the Great Fast in Which the Holy, Precious and Life-Creating Cross is Venerated, Resurrectional Tone 6; The Holy Hieromartyrs of Cherson: Basil, Ephraim, Capito, Eugene, Aetherius, Elpidius, and Agathodorus (4th c.)

9:45 a.m. - The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Individual Absolutions

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

There are no services scheduled in the coming week because Fr. Dennis has completed his 6 month rotation as a Chaplain Resident at St. John Hospital in Westlake and will be starting his 6 month rotation at St. Vincent's on Monday, and has no idea what his schedule will be or what kind of flexibility he will have. If he is able to have a service this coming Friday or Saturday, he will send out an email to all the members of St. Nicholas for whom he has an email address. If you have not received an email from Fr. Dennis in the past week, he does not have your email address. Please send it to him at : Fr.Dennis@stnicholaslakewood.org so that you can be added to his list.

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

Next 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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Milestones

Patrick Anderson is celebrating his birthday today. May our Lord grant them and their families peace, health, salvation, and longevity for many blessed years, на многая і благая літа!

Writer Frederica Mathewes-Green has pointed out that: "No woman wants an abortion as she wants an ice cream cone or a Porsche. She wants an abortion as an animal caught in a trap wants to gnaw off its own leg."

Holy Week/Pascha Concert

On Saturday, March 20, beginning at 6:45pm 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 will continue with the Pan-Orthodox Young Adult Fellowship (POYAF) Choir, under the direction of Reader Gerald Largent. Join them for a spiritually edifying evening, as we prepare

for our Savior's Resurrection. Light refreshments to follow. For more information, contact St. Matthew's at 440-582-5673, or Gerald Largent at 440-376-7799.

Last Sunday, John Babiak was going to see Mary Ann, but ended up in an automobile accident and was taken to Lakewood Hospital. He seemed to getting better when he took a turn for the worse on Thursday, which is when his daughter Nancy called to tell me. I went to anoint him and was still able to talk to him on Thursday which is when I sent out an email to everyone I have on my lit from the parish. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

TODAY'S FEAST: St Gregory Palamas is commemorated by the Holy Church on this Second Sunday of Great Lent. In the Divine Services the Church hymns explain the Gospel parable about the Prodigal Son, and praise the Fast as a means to the beneficial inner light, and bases in this glorification a new impulse for the ascetic effort of the Fast. The Orthodox teaching about fasting as a means for the beneficial inner light is known through the teachings of St. Gregory Palamas. The Blessed Divine Light illuminates the internal person sometimes openly visible (as for example on Tabor and Sinai), and other times invisibly through individual ascetical efforts. The Council in Constantinople called in 1341 confirmed this



teaching. St. Gregory zealously struggled for Orthodoxy, "not once", but "many times" through his inspired speeches and writings. Thus, the Holy Church, celebrates the victory of Orthodox ascetic teachings over all false doctrines opposing it. Patriarch Theophilus of Constantinople composed the church service in honor of St. Gregory who is glorified, as "The Labor of Theology, the Flaming Mouthpiece of Grace, the Honorable Vessel of the Spirit, the Unshakable Pillar of the Church, the Great Adornment of the Universe", "The Sword and Arrows for the Slanderers" That Broke, "The Pride of Barlaamites, and Any Heretical Power", "Like the Web of Spiders" He Brushed Away, "The Preacher of the Divine Light, the Initiate of the Heavenly Mysteries of the Trinity", "The Healer of Human Infirmities", "The Most Holy Father, the Good Shepherd", "You Gave Your Soul for Your Sheep", "The Firm Sufferer and Faster", "The Advocate of the Pious, and the Opponent of the Impious, the Fervent Defender of the Faith, the Great Guide and Teacher", "The Adornment of Monastic Life, Glorified in Action and Contemplation".