

## **SAINTS PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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### **BUULETIN OF MARCH 27, 2011**

#### **SUNDAY/MARCH 27**

#### **Third Sunday of Great Lent (Tone 3)**

#### **Veneration of the Holy Cross**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour with Q. & A. Period

4:00p.m. Deanery Vespers in Medford

*End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> week of  
the Great & Holy Fast*

#### **MONDAY/MARCH 28**

7:00p.m. Vespers

7:00p.m. Outreach Meeting

#### **TUESDAY/MARCH 29**

7:00P.M. Vespers; Confession

#### **WEDNESDAY/MARCH 30**

9:30a.m. Akathist; Confessions

6:30p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

#### **THURSDAY/MARCH 31**

#### **St. Innocent of Alaska**

3:00p.m. Akathist to St. Innocent; Confessions

6:30p.m. 40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorials for

(+) Ludmila Tjaden and (+) Michael Warin

#### **FRIDAY/APRIL 1**

7:00p.m. Vespers; Confession

#### **MEMORIAL SATURDAY/APRIL 2**

9:30a.m. General Memorial; Confessions

10:30a.m. Church Cleaning

5:30p.m. Vigil; Confessions

#### **SUNDAY/APRIL 3**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Great Lent (Tone 4)**

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy

Coffee Hour

4:00p.m. Vespers in Clifton



*Before  
Thy Cross*

***Before Thy Cross,  
We bow down in veneration  
O Master,  
And Thy Holy Resurrection  
We glorify!***

#### ***Lessons in Divine & Christian Love (52)***

A scholar attracts by his knowledge, a wealthy man by riches, a handsome man by beauty, an artist by his skill. Each of these attracts a limited number of individuals. Only love attracts all human beings. The attraction of love is unlimited. And educated or uneducated, rich or poor, skilled or unskilled, beautiful or ugly, healthy or sick, and young or old – all want to be loved. Christ spread His love on everyone, and lovingly drew all to Himself. With great love He Encompassed even the dead, long decomposed and forgotten by men.

- Fr. Callistratus of Mileseva (Serbia)



### **Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!**

Apr. 01, 40 <sup>th</sup> Day	Ludmila Tjaden
Apr. 02, 40 <sup>th</sup> Day	Michael Warin
Mar. 27, 1971	Anna Shwhala
Mar. 27, 1985	Steven Pawlik
Mar. 29, 1942	John Kudelko
Mar. 30, 1959	Julius Kisel
Mar. 30, 1968	Pauline Bulat
Mar. 31, 1931	George Andrejko
Mar. 31, 1985	Alexander Rudzina
Mar. 29, 2007	Anastasia Kornacki
Apr. 01, 1966	John Huzinec
Apr. 01, 1974	Thomas Wytovich
Apr. 02, 1917	Ignatius Shevchuk
Apr. 02, 1928	Elias Zhak
Apr. 02, 1972	Eugenia Kiryluk
Apr. 02, 1987	Michael Mahalick

### **Offerings for the week of March 27**

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael and Justina; in memory of Vaschen and Emila; in memory of Elena, Floarea, Gheorghe, Petre, Maria, Elena, Aurelia, Sasinca, Alexandru and Alexandru; for the health of Dari and Mindy (birthdays); for the health of Sandy and Lydia.

Wine: for the health of Daniel and Gabriel; for the health of Mark (birthday).

Flowers: in memory of Katusha and Bukhati

### **Coffee Hour Hosting (Lenten Fare)**

- Mar. 27 - Hunchar, Turri and Erkman
- Apr. 03 - Sarchisian, Dunaenko and Hando
- Apr. 10 - Peterson, Bakaletz and Mattei

### **Fasting for the Evening Pre-Sanctified Liturgy to partake of Holy Communion**

For those unable to keep the fast for the whole day, the Holy Synod of Bishops permits the keeping of the fast from the noon day meal.

### **The Holy Mysteries of Confession & Communion for Those Home Bound**

During the weeks of April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, visitations will be made to the homes of those who are shut-in with the Holy Mysteries. Please be sure you are scheduled and make time arrangements with Father James.

### **The Mysteries of Confession and Holy Communion During the 40 Days**

All of the faithful should receive the Holy Mysteries during this Lenten period – ending Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Holy Confession is not scheduled during the Great and Holy Week (April 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>). Pascha is April 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Mystery of Holy Unction**

This Sacrament will be administered on April 14<sup>th</sup>, Thursday at 7:00p.m. Orthodox Christians only may receive this anointing who have been to both Confession and Holy Communion prior to this service in the period of the 40 Days – March 4<sup>th</sup>-April 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **The Pre-Sanctified Liturgy on April 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday**

For this service, we will join Father Matthew Moriak and the faithful of Holy Ghost Church here in Manville at their church at 6:30p.m. You are encouraged to come and stay for the meal after.

### **Church Clean-Up Saturdays**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30a.m. and April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a.m. Please come and help out for a couple of hours.

### **Sign-Up Sheets on the Vestibule Stand**

- 1) For Great and Holy Week Tasks
- 2) For Vigil Watch Before the Tomb

### **Remember in Prayer**

Our parishioners especially needful of prayers, Jerry Yadowsky, Sandy Filippini and Mary Rosocha.

### **“Spirit of Orthodoxy Choir”**

Will have a concert here at our parish on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30p.m. Please reserve the date for yourself and the guests you wish to bring.

### **Bright Monday – April 25<sup>th</sup>**

On this day, the extension of the “Day of Pascha,” Divine services are held as we gather as a parish family for celebration. Plan to take the day off from school and work.

### **Parish Hall Bulletin Board**

Has posted news and events taking place.

# Choosing One's Cross

**Narrator:** Once upon a time there lived a man, who was very unhappy and poor. He couldn't find any work. Some of his friends had turned away from him. His health began to fail.

**Man:** I am being tried too hard. My cross is too heavy to bear. It is unfair. Why do I have to have such a difficult life?

**Narrator:** Exhausted and unhappy, he fell into a deep sleep and dreamt of a young stranger standing by his bed, who looked like an angel.

**Angel:** My friend, you feel that your cross is too heavy. Let me help you choose another one. Come with me. Let's see if we can find one less hard to bear.

**Man:** *(They go into a large and majestic hall full of crosses.)* My, my, all these crosses! Which one to choose? Stones ones, wooden ones, golden and silver ones, large and small ones, plain and beautifully decorated ones.

**Angel:** You can choose any cross you want. Make sure you choose the one that fits you best.

**Narrator:** So the man gladly dropped his old wooden cross and started looking.

**Angel:** Here's a nice small decorated golden cross.

**Man:** *(Trying it on.)* But it's too heavy. And the jewels set in it cut into my neck.

**Angel:** There's a nice cross - it's a well polished wooden one.

**Man:** *(Trying this one on.)* It's not too heavy, but it keeps slipping off my shoulders. It's hard to carry.

**Narrator:** The man went round and round trying out this cross and that one. At last he came to a medium sized wooden cross.

**Man:** This is the cross. It's not too light to carry, but it sets comfortably on my shoulders. It's just the right size to hold on to. I'll take this one. This is the one that fits me best.

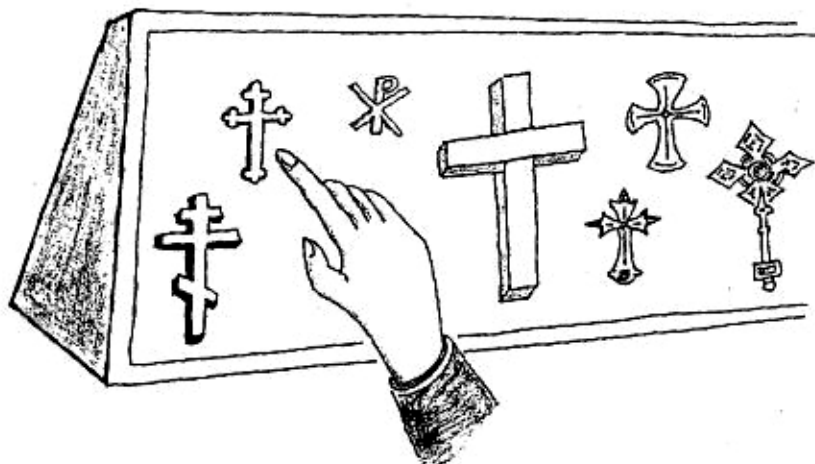
**Angel:** Do you know what cross this is?

**Man:** Did I try it on before?

**Angel:** It is the one you were bearing before you came here, the one you said was too heavy to carry.

**Narrator:** The man awoke from the dream refreshed and rested.

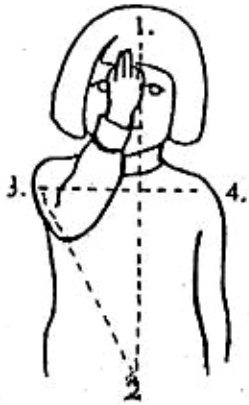
**Man:** I see that God chose that cross for me with love and wisdom. He knew what was best for me. Now I will accept the difficulties of my life, until a happier time begins, and I will bear my cross.



## Using the Sign of the Cross Every Day

The sign of the Cross is a great way to sanctify or bring to God every part of your busy day — whether good or bad! Here are just a few times during the day when you might want to make the sign of the Cross:

### The Sign of the Cross



1. In the name of — forehead  
the Father,
2. and the Son, — belly
3. and the Holy, — right  
shoulder
4. Spirit. — left  
shoulder
5. Amen. — as you  
pronounce  
this word,  
which means,  
"so be it,"  
drop your  
hand, and  
bow your  
head.

- Before you get out of bed, to thank God for protecting you through the night.
- Before you prepare a meal for your family, to thank God for His bounty. (My grandmother, Mary, said a prayer and traced the sign of the Cross with the tip of her spoon whenever she opened a new sack of flour or sugar, opened a jar of jam or peanut butter, etc.)
- Before and after meals, to thank God for the bounty He provides.
- As you leave your home, to ask God to protect you on your journey and watch over your house or apartment while you are gone.
- When you pass an Orthodox church building or monastery, to ask God to preserve it and guide its leaders.
- As you bandage a "boo-boo" or take any kind of medicine, to ask that God will heal you both in body and spirit.
- Over any new piece of equipment, tool, book, art supply, or toy, to ask God to guide you in using it wisely in His service.
- Before, during and after any meeting or conversation you have — especially with someone you know to be "difficult" — that God will help you to approach them with Christian love and understanding.
- As you begin any project, and before and after working or studying, to ask God to guide your efforts.
- As you sign a contract, lease, or any other legal agreement — or even when you make a promise to someone — that God will protect and guide all involved.
- As you mail or fax an important letter, that God will see it quickly to its destination and allow the reader to understand/not misinterpret its contents.
- When you hear news of something wonderful (to thank God), or of something terrible (to ask for His mercy and protection).
- When you witness any accident — big or small — to thank God for his protection, and ask His help in "setting things to rights" and recovering from it.
- When you pass a cemetery, or are reminded of departed loved ones during the day, to ask God to forgive their sins and welcome them into His kingdom.
- As you come through the door at night, to thank God for His protection and bounty.
- Before reading the Bible, the writings of the Church Fathers, or the lives of the saints, to ask God for enlightenment.
- Over your bed, before you get into it at night, to ask God to protect you as you sleep. (Many Orthodox prayer books include special prayers to say when blessing your bed, too!)
- If you wake up in the middle of the night, after hearing a bump or screech, or having a bad dream. ✕ NTK

**BBC NEWS**

**EUROPE**

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## **School crucifixes 'do not breach human rights'**

**Displaying crucifixes in schools in Italy does not breach the rights of non-Catholic families, the European Court of Human Rights has ruled.**

The court ruled there was no evidence that a crucifix hung in a classroom would influence pupils.

The ruling overturned a previous decision made in November 2009, which angered the Roman Catholic country.

Friday's decision was welcomed by Italy's foreign minister as a win for European "popular sentiment".

"The decision underlines, above all, the rights of citizens to defend their own values and their own identities," Franco Frattini said, according to Italy's La Repubblica newspaper.

"I hope that following this verdict Europe will begin to examine issues of tolerance and religious freedom with the same courage," he added.

### **'Historic decision'**

The Vatican too welcomed the decision. Its spokesman Federico Lombardi called it "an

important and historic ruling".

The original case was brought by a Finnish-born mother-of-two who said public schools in the Italian town where she lived refused to remove the Roman Catholic symbols from classrooms.

The hanging of crosses in public buildings is not compulsory in Italy but it is customary.

Soile Lautsi had argued that the crucifix violated the secular principles the public schools are supposed to uphold.

But the final decision by the Strasbourg-based court's Grand Chamber said it found no evidence "that the display of such a symbol on classroom walls might have an influence on pupils".

Her husband said the family was disappointed and "disillusioned" by the ruling, saying it showed that the court did not respect the principles on which Italian society is built.

"Freedom of religion, freedom from discrimination, freedom of choice are fundamental principles and in this case they weren't respected," Massimo Albertin told AP from the northern Italian town of Abano Terme.

Friday's ruling focused on Italian public schools, and does not automatically force other countries to allow crucifixes in the public schools, according to the court.

But the ruling will affect all 47 Council of Europe member states as citizens in other countries who want religious symbols in classrooms could use it as a legal argument in national courts.

National governments could also the ruling as a justification to change laws on religious symbols.

In its earlier ruling the court had decided that the crucifix could be disturbing to non-Christian or atheist pupils.