

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory to Him Forever!

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Sunday February 28 p.156,223	10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Hanford	THIRD SUNDAY VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>For the Parishioners Friends and Benefactors and Outreach Hanford</i> Heb 4:14-5:6, Mk 8:34-9:1 +Joe P.Braz by D. Braz
Monday February 29	<i>No Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>Our Venerable Father Cassian</i>
Tuesday March 1	<i>No Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>The Venerable Martyr Eudoxia</i>
Wednesday March 2 p.84	<i>6:30PM Div. Lit. Presanctified Gifts</i>	<i>Mid-Lent. The Holy Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrene. + Silvia Rocha</i>
Thursday March 3	<i>No Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>The Holy Martyr Eutropius and His Companions, Cleonicus and Basilicus</i>
Friday March 4 p.90	<i>6:30PM Div. Lit. Presanctified Gifts</i>	<i>Our Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan + Gutierrez Family</i>
Saturday March 5 p.432	<i>9:00 AM Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>Forth All Souls' Saturday. The Holy Martyr Conon +Marie Hauck by Donna Snead</i> Heb6:9-12, Mk7:31-37
Sunday March 6 p.161, 226	10:00 AM Divine Liturgy 5:00 PM Hanford	FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST. MEMORY OF OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS <i>For the Parishioners Friends and Benefactors and Outreach Hanford</i> Heb 6:13-20, Mk 9:17-31 +Joe P.Braz by D. Braz

Eternal Lamp for this week health and blessing of

Ic. of Jesus Christ: Ic. of the Theotokos:

Ic. of John Baptizer: Ic. of St. Magdalene:

Ic. of St. Anne: Ic. of St. Nicholas:

Last Sunday's Gift to the Lord

Sunday Attendance:57 Hanford:16	Title: \$Donation:\$ Debt. Reduction:\$ Candles:\$16 Hanford: \$ Bishop's Appeal:\$	Bake Sale:\$16 Gift Shop:\$ Recycle:\$ Coffee social:\$21
PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILLS AND BEQUESTS		

May God bless your generosity to His Church!

You are invited to sponsor the weekly sanctuary Lamp in our Church for your various intentions. If you are interested in sponsoring this vigil candle the usual stipend offering is \$ 10.00. It will burn from Sunday through Saturday, and the bulletin will remind your fellow parishioners of your special intention or of the memory of a loved one. You may request as often as you would like. Write your intention and name of the one offering the intention.

UPCOMING: 12th March Advisory Board Meeting, 24th July Anniversary of Parish(30Years)

Cleaning Angels:Feb 21-March 5 Sawko family

BISHOP'S APPEAL BEGINS FOR THIS YEAR!!! As is done each year, we are asked to participate in the Bishop's Appeal. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge that you give to the Bishop for the Work of the Eparchy. Please remember that this is a parishioner obligation and the recommended sacrificial pledge is \$200.00 per household, which can be paid in monthly installments until May 31, 2016. God Bless You.

Our Goal \$ 5,200

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS *We venerate the Precious Cross at this midpoint of the Great Fast so that we may be strengthened in the remainder of our Lenten ascetical journey. Crucifixion was a public, painful, and humiliating form of the death penalty. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, sinless and not deserving of any punishment, endured the Cross willingly for the sake of our salvation. While the death penalty is administered today in a more private and humane manner, its use still deserves special consideration. For those committed to upholding the sanctity of human life, capital punishment can present a challenge. While not absolutely forbidden, Catholic teaching against the death penalty is both persuasive and eminently pro-life. It begins with the affirmation that human dignity applies to every human being, to victims as well as those who have committed grave crimes. Our teaching also holds that recourse to the death penalty may be justified only under the most narrow circumstances. This is when it is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor. Blessed John Paul the Great was instrumental in challenging the world to reconsider the use of the death penalty. In his 1995 encyclical Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life), he explained that the "Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person, and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel." He presents the story of Cain and Abel to illustrate that God's mercy embraces even a murderer. Despite Cain's deliberate killing of his brother, despite his lack of remorse, his arrogance, his lies to God, and utter callousness about what he had done, God nevertheless refuses to take Cain's life as punishment.*

Birthday and Anniversary: 25th Megan Standley, 5th March Erin Truentine

God grant them many years.

Prayer Requests: Our Holy Father Francis, Pope Benedict XVI., our Metropolitan William, our God-loving Bishop Gerald, Father Christopher Zegger, Msgr. George Vida, Msgr. Michael Moran, Mitred Archpriest Stephen Washko, Archmandrite Wesley Izer, Gregg and Diane Meyer, Juraj & Eva Kasperek, Carmel Roeck Linskey, Deacon Stephen & his Wife Chris Vrabel, Risch Family, Kathy Slonka, Gerarda Ondang, Judy & Tom Walsh and whole Family, Linda & Frank McKenna, Baron Family, Sub-Deacon Michael Melnik and his Family, John Shepard, Mary Lukas, Julie Carlin, Special Intention, Valinda Baron, Adam Ketchum, Galina Sirotkin, Sara, Peter Shellin, Fay Block, Sheryl Ibarra, Steve Potts, Christine Aguirre, Maria Slinsky Jennifer Dunn, Grant Lopez, Paul Ferriera, Family Hayskins, Henry Stewart, Ann Jutras, Jeff Bradley, Maria Jesus Rocha, Bob Swenson, Silvia Soto, Abel Mendonca, Garry Potter and all St. Anne Parishioners.

CONFESSIONS: One half hour before all Holy Services to 10 minutes before the start of the Service. Or by appointment in the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: after the Holy Services in church before hospitalization. For emergencies, call immediately Parish Office.

BAPTISM/CHRISMATION/EUCHARIST: must be arranged three months in advance.

CROWNING OF MARRIAGE: must be arranged six months in advance.

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION: contact Parish Office. See Bulletin.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: use envelopes available on the Greeting Table in Church call parish office or ask Father

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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST - VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS FEBRUARY 28th 2016



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Served by Reverend Milan Kasperek

Deacon John Bradley

Welcome! We are honored to have you come to worship with us. If you are unfamiliar with the worship of the Byzantine Church, simply listen to the Liturgy and allow the rest of the congregation to carry you in worship. We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. We invite you to join us for Cafe Social, held in the fellowship hall, immediately after the Divine Liturgy and ask that you make yourself known to our Pastor or Deacon who would be happy to answer your questions.

NAME _____ PHONE _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ EMAIL _____

Eparchial Office of Evangelization and Religious Education...

Share Your Encounter with God

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age - Matthew 28:19-20.

In the previous four lessons of this evangelization series, we discussed the importance of prayer, reading sacred scripture, receiving the Eucharist and becoming a servant of God. This lesson focuses on how to live out an authentic Byzantine Catholic faith by

Sharing your encounter with God

You notice Jesus does not say, “Go therefore, and think about making disciples but... if you don't want to, or your friends disapprove, or you are embarrassed... then, it's okay, do whatever feels comfortable.”

Jesus' last command makes explicit your first priority as a Catholic Christian – to make disciples of all nations. Sadly, many feel uncomfortable about this sacred duty of sharing the faith with others. Most think (hope), “It’s not my job. That’s what bishop, priests, deacons and religious sisters are supposed to do.” Yet, Jesus does not let you off the hook. If you do not share in living the Great Commission, you are living the Great Omission. You cease to be His follower. And then you must question who you ARE following.

This fear of evangelizing is understandable. After all, you often don’t know what to say, and, then when you finally manage to confess your beliefs, the response is unpredictable. On the other hand, if you were to meet a celebrity, you would want to tell everyone – because you know they’d be excited and impressed.

The road to heaven is narrow and demanding. The ways of God are not the ways of the world. Pray for the courage to follow your Redeemer, through the narrow gate of scorn

and persecution. His kingdom is not of this world; and that is why he was condemned to die. Can we call ourselves Christian without being prepared to follow where He leads?

Yet there is no more glorious encounter than to meet Jesus Christ personally. When this encounter enters your heart through prayer, scripture reading and receiving the Eucharist, you will have a light that you must put on a stand to illuminate others (Matthew 5:14-16). If you don’t let it shine for them, they will be left in the dark. If another is lost in the darkness of unbelieving because you have not shared your faith, he will be lost and you will be answerable. Remember what Jesus says, "My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins" (James 5:19-20).

As an Eastern Catholic, you have the divine privilege of meeting, knowing, and communing with Jesus in the Liturgy, with the Word of God and the Holy Eucharist. You have encountered the living God, the Creator of the universe! Do you realize this? God wants and desires to commune with you. God wants you to spend eternity with Him. To be invited at the end of your life to enjoy this eternal privilege, He demands something of you - to go and share what you have received. To bring others to Him by inviting them to church, welcoming them when they arrive as strangers, and confessing your beliefs in hostile conversation. Be willing to bear the thorns of possible hostility to give Life to your neighbor. Let every person you encounter receive the living water of the Spirit of God. In no other way, except through your personal witness of what you believe, can the solace and salvation of Jesus enter your family, your community and your nation.