

**March 22, 2015**



**Annunciation**



Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
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**SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday:**

Rosary 8:30 am

Matins 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10 am

Vespers, 4:00 pm

**Saturday:** Great Vespers 5:00 pm

**Weekday:** Monday & Tuesday  
6<sup>th</sup> Hour 12 noon

Wednesday & Friday  
Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm

**Holy Days of Obligation**

**Check the bulletin or call the office**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday: 10 am – 4 pm

Thursday & Evenings by appointment.

**Parish Advisory Board Members:**

Dorothy Curl, Dave Dark, Lubomyra Kmetyk,  
Brian Fitzpatrick, Harry DeLap

**Parish Finance Council Members:**

Matthew Blain & Eva Schuler

**Confession Schedule (Mystery of Reconciliation):**

9:30-9:50 am on Sundays, after weekday Liturgies, or  
by appointment with Father

**Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:**

Must be arranged three months in advance.  
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

**Mystery of Crowning (Matrimony):**

Must be arranged six months in advance  
(Pre-Cana requirement)

**Anointing of the Sick** on Sundays before  
hospitalization

*For emergencies, call immediately.*

**Eastern Christian Formation Program:**

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for  
45 minutes

**Theosis:**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

6 pm Potluck Dinner

7 pm Bible Study

**Knights of Columbus** meet the first Monday of the  
month at 7:00 pm

**March 22, 2015**  
**Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast**  
**St. Mary of Egypt**  
 Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14; Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

<b>Today</b>	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Matins
	9:30	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for the Parish Family
	Eternal Lamp:	Bishop Gerald by Dorothy Curl
	4:00 pm	Vespers
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nicon &amp; Others Venerable Martyrs</b>	
March 23	Readings: Genesis 27:1-41; Proverbs 19:16-25	
	12 Noon	6 <sup>th</sup> Hour
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Zachary Venerable</b>	
March 24	Readings: Genesis 31:3-16; Proverbs 21:3-21	
	12 Noon	6 <sup>th</sup> Hour
	6:15 pm	CAFE meeting at UNM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Annunciation of the Theotokos/Solemn Holy Day</b>	
March 25	Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18; Gospel: Luke 1:24-38	
Abstinence	6:00 pm	Vespers/Divine Liturgy
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel</b>	
March 26	Readings: Genesis 46:1-7; Proverbs 23:15-24	
	10:30 – 12 noon	OASIS Class/Catholics of Scotland
	6:00 pm	Pot Luck Dinner
	7:00 pm	THEOSIS Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Matrona Venerable</b>	
March 27	Readings: Genesis; 49:33-50:26; Proverbs 31:31	
Abstinence	6:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy followed by meatless potluck
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday of Lazarus</b>	
March 28	Epistle: Hebrews 12:28-13:8; Gospel: John 11:1-45	
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	5:00 pm	Great Vespers
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
March 29	Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9; Gospel: John 12:1-18	
	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Matins
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for the Parish Family
		Blessing of Palms & Willows
	4:00 pm	Vespers

***Physician and Help of those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm;  
O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those  
who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their  
Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine!***

Fr. George Reamulto  
Fr. Julian Gnall  
Fr. Alberto Villalobos  
Fr. Anthony Romero  
Fr. James Lane



Roy Smith  
Sven & Barbara Svensson  
Michele Koetter  
Abraham Haddad  
Lillian Murphy  
Stephen Horner  
Demetrius Yackanich  
Jenny Ford  
Marilyn Fore  
Robert Hasaka  
Frank & Martha Arden  
Pricilla Hughes  
Sharif Rabadi  
Katrina Anderson

Paola Terlaza  
Henry Zuggger  
John & Margie Disque  
Phillip Fall  
Walter Jakymiw  
Olga Bodnar  
Frances Brannan  
John Deflice  
Kristoff Rajala  
Jordan Smith  
Marge Merrills  
Theresa Doherty  
Maggie Batsel

Carla Matthes  
Laura Dominguez  
Robert Zadel  
Joseph Koetter  
Mary Nell Preisler  
Jackie De Paolis  
Donny Terry  
Mary Murphy  
Lorraine Hubbell  
Quintin Santamaria & Family  
Heather Mattax  
Larry Bennett  
William Frank

*Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful  
weapon against sin, and for healing. **The Sorrowful  
Mysteries are said every day until Pascha.***

*If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions,  
and join us on Sunday at 8.30 am.*



### ***Intentions of the Rosary***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Decade:** Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Decade:** Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Decade:** Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Peace in Ukraine and the Middle East

### ***Holy Father's Intentions for March***

**Universal:** That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

**Evangelization:** That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

*Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group*

**The Knights of Columbus** recently sold coupons for family photography sessions with Moji studios, along with a free 10x14 print. The original weekend for the sitting sessions was unfortunately cancelled. Moji has told us that sessions can be scheduled with them at your convenience.

Call 255-9680 to schedule with Moji. The Knights will also continue to sell the coupons for \$10 in the hall after Sunday Liturgy."



***THEOSIS***

*Thursday, March 26*

*6 pm--potluck dinner*

*7 pm--Bible Study: Ephesians*



***VOCATION ICON***

*Today: Sankel*

*Next Sunday: Gloetzner*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Trojca</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Counter</b>	<b>Host</b>
3/29	Brook Jilek	Delilah Chavez	Open	Open	Lilian Haddad

**Barbara's Hall Report:**

Thanks to Steve and Kali Priesler for ordering 35 pizzas from Domino's to celebrate Gabriel 's 10th birthday. Wow! What a way to celebrate. Also there was a great cake with a rainbow on it. Delicious! Happy Birthday, Gabriel, and may God grant you many more!

**Wondering how you can help** the persecuted Catholics of Iraq and Syria? Two pontifical charities do good work on the ground helping our brethren in refugee camps, clinics, schools and more: Aid to the Church in Need/ 725 Leonard St/ Brooklyn NY or donate online [www.churchinneed.org](http://www.churchinneed.org)

Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)  
1011 First Avenue, New York, NY NY 10022-4195 or donate online: <http://www.cnewa.org>

And above all, please pray daily for relief for these people, and for an end to Islamist persecution. Wondering how you can help the persecuted Catholics of Iraq and Syria? Two pontifical charities do good work on the ground helping our brethren in refugee camps, clinics, schools and more:

**The Mission Society** Easter Cards are available again this year. Each beautiful card is \$2, and are sold in packets of five. The income will benefit Father Artur's home eparchy, the Eparchy of Mukachevo. This is the original Byzantine Catholic eparchy, where our Church was founded in central Europe.

The cards have a space for you to fill out an intention and sign your name, and each packet has an envelope to use to remit the money and intentions to us. These intentions will be prayed for by Bishop Milan Sasik, CM, on Easter Sunday, April 12 (Old Calendar) at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

The income from these cards goes to projects in the Mukachevo Eparchy, which continues to build new churches and chapels to serve the growing Greek Catholic population. While eastern Ukraine faces warfare, and all of Ukraine suffers economic decline due to this unfortunate war, the needs of the Greek Catholic Church in Transcarpathia continue.

When Subcarpathian Rus' was annexed to Soviet Ukraine by order of Stalin in 1945, the re-named Zakarpattia Oblast saw its traditional Church, the ancient Greek Catholic Church, driven into a life in the underground where people worshipped in secret in private houses, apartments, barns, cemeteries, and forests. The priesthood and sacramental life survived through the intrepid efforts of Venerable Alexander Khira, secret bishop, and dedicated clergy and laity.

The Church emerged in 1991, to the great surprise of the Soviet authorities, vindicated in the public's mind by its suffering. The collapse of Soviet rule was accompanied by an orgy of corruption that included having court orders to return confiscated churches simply ignored and worship being celebrated outside in many places, in hot summer or freezing winter. Bishop Sasik has engaged in a campaign of construction of churches, parish houses, convents and monasteries, and schools.

Please encourage your relatives, friends, co-workers to buy our cards and to spread the joy of Jesus' Resurrection by helping the resurrection of the Byzantine Catholic Church's mother eparchy! Send your orders to us *today* using the enclosed form and envelope. May God bless you for your generosity. Please pick up your set today in the hall!

## St. Mary of Egypt



*"In you, O Mother Mary, was accurately preserved the divine image. Accepting the cross and following Christ, you have taught us by your life to despise the flesh because it is mortal and to take care of the soul, which is immortal."- Troparion of the feast*

On the fifth Sunday of the Great Fast, the Feast of St. Mary of Egypt is commemorated. The historic core of her life is that she was a hermitess living in the wilderness of the Jordan valley, who did penance for a life of sin. As recounted to Saint Zosimus, she was born around 344 AD in Alexandria, where she became a rich and beautiful courtesan. **She chose to lead a selfish life of sin.**

Once on an excursion to Jerusalem, she was so wicked that she tried to seduce the men of the party! She had noticed throngs of pilgrims entering the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Curious to join the attractions, Mary tried to enter the Church, but was prevented by some mysterious force. Mary began to wonder if her sinful life was the cause for preventing her entrance into the Church. At that moment, she became aware of the Icon of the Mother of God which had been above the entrance of the Church. **Filled with compunction of heart, she cried for her many sins.**

Mary sought a life of repentance for her wicked past by entering the desert. This we know was a time when thousands went out into the deserts of the eastern Roman empire, living in hermitages or establishing monasteries. There she lived as a hermit for nearly fifty years, willfully depriving herself of all comforts of life and exposing her beauty to the harshness of the sun.

**While in the desert one day, she met Saint Zosimus.** According to the custom of Palestinian monks, this priest-monk had gone out into the wilderness in the first days of Holy Week to meditate on the Passion of Christ. She asked him to bring the Holy Eucharist to her on Holy Thursday. Joy and peace overcame her upon the reception of the Eucharist and she prayed the Prayer of St. Simeon: *"Now you may dismiss your servant in peace, O Lord. For my eyes have seen your salvation."* She related her life to the priest, and then arranged with Zosimus to meet again in a year so she could confess and receive Communion again (frequent Communion was not common among these desert dwellers).

**When he returned to the site in 421 AD, she was not there,** and he finally came upon her body. As happened with some other desert saints, a lion was near her body, and he helped Zosimus to bury her body, and then **the lion lay down and mourned** for her. The dramatic conversion and life-long penance of Mary is one of the most famous in Christian literature, and has been enormously popular among Eastern Christians.

## *Annunciation*

The feast of the Annunciation, the day on which our salvation begins, is so important that in the Byzantine Churches it is never moved, no matter what day on which it falls, even on Good Friday. Why? Because the date of the Incarnation supersedes everything, this feast must be observed. If it falls on Good Friday, then the joyful Annunciation Liturgy is celebrated in the morning, with bright colors per usual. Then the rest of the day is given over to the sorrowful passion of Our Lord. Without the Incarnation, nothing else would have happened!

The Archangel is usually shown with his feet spread apart as if he is running to share the good news with Mary. His vestments can be showing flowing behind him. In his left hand is a staff, the symbol of a messenger in ancient Greece. His right hand is extended toward Mary as he delivers the message and announces the blessing bestowed upon her by God.

On the right side of the icon the Virgin either sits on an elevated seat, or stands erect ready to receive the message. Either way indicates that as the Mother of God she is *“more honorable than the cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim, who a virgin gave birth to God the Word.”* In her left hand she holds a spindle of scarlet yarn which depicts the task she was assigned of preparing the purple and scarlet material to be used in making the veil for the Temple in Jerusalem.

Her right hand is raised in a gesture of acceptance in response to Gabriel’s message. Her posture expresses willing cooperation with God’s plan of salvation. Mary’s garments also have the three stars commonly used to represent her ever-virginity: before, during, and after the birth of Christ.

At the top of the icon the segment of a circle represents the divine realm, from which three rays emerge. This demonstrates the action of the Holy Spirit coming upon her from the Trinity. In other depictions of the same icon, Christ Himself – as a man – is shown in this semi-circle. Some icons show the Infant Jesus taking shape in her womb, surrounded with His unique halo, showing that He is the God-Man from the beginning, and so Mary is truly the Theotokos, The Bearer of God. The halo reads *“I am that I am”*, the name God gave in answer to Moses’ question *“Who are you?”*

The Annunciation icon marks the crowning of our salvation and the revelation of the mystery before all ages. For the Son of God becomes the son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaims to the ever-virgin Mary:  
*“Hail, O full of grace, the Lord is with you.”*