

## SAINT MICHAEL'S WEEKLY

### SAINT MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012**

**MEATFARE SUNDAY—TONE 3**  
**(GOSPEL: SAINT MATTHEW 25:31-46)**  
**(EPISTLE: 1 COR. 8:8-9:2)**

### Holy Lenten Season

Holy Lent begins on Monday, February 27, 2012. This is a time of fast, prayer and reflection. Friday evening Lenten Services (Sorokousty) will begin on March 2, 2012. Those wishing to have their loved ones remembered during the Lenten Services (Sorokousty) on Fridays are asked to please contact the Pastor after Divine Liturgy or by phone. Should you have additional names to be added you are asked to please notify the Pastor as well.

Father Nestor

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN  
TO DIVINE LITURGY AND CHURCH SCHOOL EACH SUNDAY!**

### Pyrohy Project Progress...

Sales this past Friday were \$250...

Many thanks to our volunteers who came  
to make pyrohy on Saturday! Your  
hard work and dedication is truly appreciated



### Candles—Week of February 19, 2012

Eternal Light \$10 In memory of Stella Mallick given by Vera & Harry Krewsun

We ask that you keep our following friends & parishioners in your prayers...

#### At home

TAMARA BURDA, JOHN CAMPO, REBEKAH CAMPO, ALBINA CZAPOWSKYJ, MARCIA & WES DUNN, HELEN ESMUNICKI, PAUL HYDUCHAK, ROSE JUICE, JOSEPHINE KOHUT, EUGENIA KOWAL, FATHER NESTOR & PANI TAMARA KOWAL, HARRY KREWSUN, SHARON & RAY MONAHAN, SYLVIA MEREDICK, GEORGE OBAL, BOB OLECKI, ANN PAWLIKOWSKI, BARBARA PECK, HELEN PLISHKA, JEFFREY PLISHKA, JOHN RODITSKI, JOHNNY DILOZIR, DIANE SESOK, MIKE & KAY SLAVICH, DEACON ROBERT SPENCER, PARANIA STASZYSZYN, SYLVIA VLADIKA, MARY WARHOLAK & HELEN YATZUN

Allied Skilled Nursing - MARY DROST & EVA HUSANITA, Allied Apartments - GEORGE & MARY JANE GULA, Willowbrook - HELEN PRONKO

Saint Michael's Brotherhood extends a warm invitation to all for a...

#### Pre-Lenten Breakfast

Sunday, February 26, 2012

Join us for Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Homefries, Fruit,  
Danish, Rolls, Coffee, Tea & Juices

\$7.00 Adults

\$3.50 Children 11 & Under

Place your name on the reservation list or  
contact George Obal 344-4640 or Wes Dunn 586-2575

### Christian Children's Fund Project

Thank you to our February sponsor...

**ANN MARIE RADOESKY**



*Yanelis Jade Aduviri Colque*

Birthday wishes are extended to...

HELEN WARHOLAK who is celebrating her day on February 22nd!

MNOHAYA LITA!!!

PLEASE KEEP METROPOLITAN CONSTANTINE & ARCHBISHOP ANTONY  
IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY ARE RECUPERATING FROM RECENT HEALTH ISSUES.

TAYLOR COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2012  
ACADIA LODGE, UNION STREET, TAYLOR  
ADULTS \$6.50 CHILDREN (5-12) \$4.50  
FOR INFORMATION OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS PLEASE SEE MARY ANN MANNING

Keep MARCIA DUNN who is recuperating at home in your prayers!

May God Bless...

LARYSSA DILOZIR as she is godmother for Jacob John Bailly, son of Sara & John Bailly of Connecticut, who was born in December. Sara is the daughter of Cynthia & John Serick, cousins of John Roditski. The Baptism took place this weekend at Saint Mary's Orthodox Church in New Britain. God's Blessings be upon Jacob John and the entire family!

NEW YORK BUS TRIP—SATURDAY MAY 19, 2012  
SAINT GEORGE'S UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL  
WITH SIDE TRIPS TO MIDTOWN MANHATTAN & STATEN ISLAND FERRY  
SPONSORED BY LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS—ANTHRACITE CHAPTER  
FOR RESERVATIONS KINDLY CONTACT PAUL EWASKO AT 563-2275

WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER BECOMING A MONTHLY SPONSOR  
OF OUR "LITTLE GIRL" - YANELIS.  
WE HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN THE CCF PROGRAM  
FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS.

PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING MONTHLY SPONSORSHIP AT \$25  
APRIL THROUGH DECEMBER ARE STILL AVAILABLE!  
SEE MARCIA OR HARRY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE TODAY!

MAY GOD BLESS THE WOMEN AND MEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES  
&  
MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA!

WE ASK THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THEIR  
2011 PARISH & DIOCESAN DUES TO KINDLY DO SO  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS  
MATTER IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

HARRY KREWSUN TREASURER

#### EASTER FLOWERS

We look to our members and friends each year to assist us financially in adorning the Plaschanytsia for Pascha. Your gift can be made in memory of a loved one or simply allow us to print your name and we will appear in a listing which will be published We will in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. We thank you for your support!

Mark your calendars...

SAINT MICHAEL'S ANNUAL EASTER BRUNCH  
SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2012

Your donations are greatly needed...please visit the Church Office with yours today!!!



## LEARNING ABOUT GOD? NOT SO FAST!

**H**ave you noticed how obsessed we have become in doing things quickly? We have express lines in supermarkets, express lanes at toll booths — you can even find restaurants with express buffets! From morning to night, we find ourselves rushing around, constantly checking our watches so that we aren't late for our next appointment. It has rightly been said that we are all in a hurry to get nowhere!

There is one area of our lives, however, where our pace needs to slow down a bit, and that is in the practicing of our Faith. Practicing our Faith properly takes time. We cannot rush through our morning and evening prayers and expect to derive any benefit from them. There is no "Reader's Digest" version of the Divine Liturgy and other liturgical services of our Holy Orthodox Church. Their lengthy and often repetitious hymns have been so constructed to enable us to "lay aside all

earthly cares" and to transport ourselves to a timeless place.

Nowhere is this need to "take our time" spiritually more important than when we read the Sacred Scriptures. The Bible is not a book that lends well to "speed reading!" Its holy books were written centuries ago, and they reflect the culture and values of another era. In studying the Word of God, it is imperative that we take care that we digest every verse so that we fully understand its intended message. In Psalm 119:15, it is written: "I will meditate on Your precepts and contemplate Your ways." What a perfect way to experience the Scriptures: slowly and deliberately.

It's probably too late for us to quit "living life in the fast lane." But it is NOT too late for us to "drive in the slow lane" as we travel the path that leads to the Kingdom of Heaven.

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*In Times of Trouble*



*It Gives Us Peace*