



# Ss. PETER AND PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## March 7, 2010

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Great Lent

#### Veneration of the Cross

- 9:00am – priest available for private confession
- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great

Epistle: Heb. 4:14-5:6

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

- Panikhida** - in memory of newly departed **June Bianchini** – offered by Halina Harasim, Halina Kiesel, Walentyna & Mirek Szestawicki.

## Schedule of Services

Wednesday, March 10th

7:00pm - Mission Presanctified Liturgy, followed by refreshments in our church hall

Friday, March 12th

6:00pm - Akathist to the Passion of Christ with commemoration of the Departed

Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Saturday

9:30am - Divine Liturgy and Panikhida.  
4:45pm - Adult Enrichment Program.  
6:00pm - Great Vespers

Sunday, March 14th

4th Sunday of Great Lent - St. John Climacus  
9:30 Divine Liturgy  
4:00pm - Mission Vespers at the Holy Assumption Church - Clifton, NJ

## The Lenten Spring...

*"Shine, O Cross of the Lord!*

*Illuminate the hearts of those who honor you!*

*With love inspired by God, we embrace you, for you are the only hope of the world. Through you our tears are wiped away, the snares of death are sprung, and we pass over into everlasting joy."*

Today in the heart of the Great Lent, the Church sets before our eyes the heart of the Christian faith. It is the Cross of our Lord. Why is the Cross so venerated at this particular time?

Surely one reason is that the Church recognizes that fasting, abstaining, disciplining oneself, repenting... all this takes great effort and fortitude. So the Church sets before us that great symbol of strength, encouragement and sacrifice – the Cross. This symbol is also a perpetual reminder of our Christian vocation. Jesus said: *"If anyone will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and come and follow Me."*

Yes, the Christian life is a cross-bearing life. It is precisely this element of self-denial that is missing from the world today. May we truly honor the Lord's cross today, as we sing **"Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify."** And then, may we truly take up our cross of self-denial and follow Him till we come face-to-face with the One Who so loved us and died for us.

## Funeral Services

**for newly departed Julia Brelinsky:**

Monday, March 8: 7pm – 9pm – viewing at Koch Funeral Home  
Tuesday, March 9: 8am – 9am – viewing at Koch Funeral Home  
9:30am – viewing in our Church  
10am – Funeral Service in our Church

## Intercessory Prayer

### THE LIVING:

Walter and Mary Milk, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Benedict and Eva Benda, Theodore Rocca, Alexei, Nicholas, Frank, Michael and Elizabeth Zuber, Valentina Benda, Andrew Koch, Cindy Boswell, Olga DeMay, Helen Pirniak, Marianne Guagenti, Mikolaj, Avery, Sophie and Georgette Saba, Agnes and George Silberman, George Hook, Peter Mazula, Helen Pawlush, Antonina Rotko, Matilda Skripak, Evelyn Morely, Jaser and Gazie Nesheiwat, Anne Hueston, Cathryn Christensen, Walter Epps, David Smith

*God grant you Many Years!*

### THE NEWLY DEPARTED:

Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini

### THE DEPARTED:

Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara

*Memory Eternal!*

### PREPARING FOR ILLUMINATION:

Matthew Galati

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## Special Thank you

to all our parishioners who made donations to decorate the Holy Cross of the Lord. May God's Blessings be upon you all!

## Mission Vespers (4:00 pm)

March 7<sup>th</sup> – Annunciation Church – Brick  
March 14<sup>th</sup> – Assumption Church – Clifton  
March 21<sup>st</sup> – SS Peter & Paul – Manville  
April 7<sup>th</sup> – Christ the Savior – Paramus



## Today's Memorial Offering

- Sanctuary Lamp** – in memory of June Bianchini – by Carol Kotch & Family
- St John's Cross** – in memory of Kathryn Yendrey – Anniversary of Birth – by Yendrey Family
- Church Wine and Bread** – in memory of John and Kathryn Yendrey – by Yendrey Family



## Announcements

❖ We are in Great Lent from February 15 to Holy Pascha, which this year falls on April 4. Each member of our parish community is encouraged to prayerfully prepare for, and then participate in the Sacrament of private Confession. This Sacrament will be offered on all Saturday evenings of Great Lent following Vespers (or after *any* service), as well as on Sunday mornings, half-an-hour before the Divine Liturgy. There will be no General Confession before Pascha. You can have your private Confession either in our church or in another parish [Orthodox obviously], where your spiritual father is. Private Confession in our parish can be done by appointment as well, at your convenience.

❖ **Coffee-Hour Sponsors are needed.** Have it in memory or in health of your loved ones. Please sign-up at the candle desk.

❖ Mark your calendars! On **Tuesday, March 16** at 7:00pm there will be **Holy Unction** service at the Transfiguration Church (35 Sickletown Rd., Pearl River, NY 10965) For more information see a flyer posted on a bulletin board at the candle desk.

❖ On **Wednesday, March 10, at 7:00pm** we will host joint Mission Presanctified Liturgy with our Sister-Parishes. Please, mark your calendars and join us in worship and fellowship that will follow.

❖ Our **Adult Enrichment Program** during Great Lent is open to everyone: On **Saturdays** at 4:45pm we watch and discuss parts of video book "Heaven on Earth. Divine Liturgy: The Inner Meaning of the Eucharist" - by Metropolitan Kallistos (Ware). This is an exploration of the theological, spiritual and symbolic meanings of the Divine Liturgy, and in particular its Eucharistic character.

❖ "The Spirit of Orthodoxy" Choir has just released a new recording – "By the Still Waters". There are two CD's in each package. The introductory price of \$21 is effective until the end of March 2010. Please see Marge Cimboric to place an order.

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