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Intercessory Prayer

THE LIVING:

Benedict and Eva Benda, Valentina Benda, Cathryn Christensen, Olga DeMay, Marianne Guagenti, George Hook, Andrew Koch, Peter Mazula, Walter Milk, Helen Pirniak, Matilda Skripak, Stephen and Lillian Sokol, Elizabeth Zuber.

May God grant you Many Years!

THE NEWLY DEPARTED:

Helen Pawlush, Mary Milk, Antonina Rotko

THE DEPARTED:

Helen Cotrone, June Bianchini, Maryanne Benda, Anne Verona, Ann Fondak, Theodor Bacha, Margaret Dellabella, George Makara, Julia Brelinsky, Steven Petronko, Agnes Silberman.

Memory Eternal! Вечная Память!

Welcome Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy. It is our joy to have you with us today. If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able.

While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross, receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and for fellowship in our Church Hall after the service.

Today's Memorial Offering



• *Sanctuary Lamp* – in honor of Larissa Canova's Birthday – by Grandpa & Grandma Wanko

• *St John's Cross* – in memory of Maryann Yendrey, on her Anniversary of Birth – by Mary Macinsky.

Announcements

❖ Our Adult Enrichment DVD Lecture Series are back! On Sundays of Great Lent, after the Divine Liturgy we watch and discuss in our Church Hall six talks entitled: "Our Lenten Journey. Spiritual Preparation for the Great Fast". In this series, Metropolitan Kallistos speaks about our personal preparation for Great Lent, as well as the relationship to the feast of Holy Transfiguration, and the salvation in Christ through the meaning of the Cross. Everyone is welcome to participate - no prerequisites. Bring your non-orthodox friend or neighbor. See you then!

❖ Today: 4:00pm – Mission Vespers at the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 287, Wantage (Sussex), NJ 07461. Homilist: His Grace Bishop Michael.

❖ Our joint Mission Presanctified Liturgies during this Great Lent will be as follows: Mar. 23rd, 6:00pm – St. Sophia's Ukrainian Orthodox Church; Apr. 6th, 7:00pm – St. Mary's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church. Our Church will host this service on Mar. 30th, at 6:00pm. Please mark your calendars and join us in worship and fellowship that will follow

❖ An Overnight Lenten Youth Retreat for ages of 7th-12th Grade will be held April 1st - 2nd at the Holy Resurrection Church in Wayne, NJ. It is sponsored by the Diocese of NY – NJ and Bishop Michael hopes to join the youth. The cost is \$35. More information is on the bulletin board or Diocesan website: www.nynjoca.org.

March 13, 2011

First Sunday of Great Lent Sunday of Orthodoxy

- 9:30am – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Epistle: Heb. 11:24-26, 32-12:2

Gospel: Jn. 1:43-51

- Panikhida – in memory of Anne Verona, on her 2nd Anniversary of Repose, offered by Faith Verona
- Coffee and Adult Enrichment DVD Lecture Series. Today we will watch and discuss the lecture: "Salvation in Christ: The Meaning of the Cross".

Schedule of Services

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16TH

6:00pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

FRIDAY, MARCH 18TH

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH - Memorial Saturday

9:30am - Divine Liturgy and Panikhida

6:00pm - Great Vespers & Confessions

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH - St. Gregory Palamas

9:10am – Hours, Private Confessions

9:30am - Divine Liturgy

Church Etiquette

How to Enter the Church

The Orthodox Divine Liturgy begins when the priest intones, "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We need to arrive early enough to receive this blessing. Arriving later causes a distraction for others who are praying. If an occasional problem occurs and you have to come in late, enter the church reverently and quietly. The times in which you must stay in the back of the church, or the narthex, before entering include: when the Little or Great Entrance is taking place, when the priest is censing the icons and congregation or giving the homily, and when the Epistle or Gospel is being read. If you are unsure when is the best time to enter the church, ask at the candle desk for guidance. We come to the church on time, as if to a great banquet, and with reverence, because we are partaking of the very Body and Blood of Christ, our Savior. Coming to Hours before the Divine Liturgy will ensure that you will be settled in plenty of time to pray without distraction.

Holy Confession

This year, Great Lent is from March 7th to Holy Pascha on April 24th. Each member of our parish community is supposed to prayerfully prepare for this Feast of Feasts by having a heartfelt private Confession and partaking of the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ – Holy Communion. The Sacrament of Holy Confession will be offered on all Saturday evenings of Great Lent following Vespers (or after any service), as well as half-an-hour before the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, and the Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesdays. There will be no General Confession before Pascha. This is the most perfect way to prepare and celebrate the Feast of Feasts – Holy Pascha.

Our Deepest Sympathy

to family and friends of **Carole A. Koch**, Funeral Director of the George J. Koch Funeral Home, who fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, March 17. Visitation will be Sunday, March 13, from 2pm to 6pm at Sweeny Funeral Home. She will be buried from St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Monday, March 14.