

St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral



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Epistle Heb. 4:14–5:6

Tone 2

Gospel: Mk. 8:34–9:1

April 4th – 3rd Sunday of the Great Lent

Adoration of the Cross

TODAY'S SERVICES: *Today's Greeter: Stan Nartowicz*

- Sun. 8:30am Sacrament of Confession – Fr. James will be available to any who desire confession every Sunday starting at 8:30 AM.
- Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – 3rd Sunday of the Great Lent – Adoration of the Cross. Hieromartyr Basil, presbyter of Ancyra (362). Martyr Drosida (Drosis) of Antioch, and five virgins (104). Ven. Isaac, founder of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople (383).
- Sun. 10:20am Memorial Service – Demetrius and Sophie Huzar by their daughter Judy

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK:

- Wed. 6:00pm PreSanctified Liturgy – Fr. Chendorain will be here to hear confessions
- Fri. 6:00pm PreSanctified Liturgy – Sorokousty Commemorations
- Sun. 8:30am Sacrament of Confession – Fr. James will be available to any who desire confession every Sunday starting at 8:30 AM.
- Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – 3rd Sunday of the Great Lent
- Sun. 10:20am Memorial Service – Mary Banko (1st Anniversary) by the Banko and Fraser families.
- Sun. 10:30am Memorial Service – Mary Black (25th Anniversary) by her daughter Pat Finn

NEXT WEEK's Greeter: TBD

Altar Servers: Subdeacon J.D. Cairns, Qorey Carter, Ryan Fealy

Reader: Subdeacon Thomas Bodnar or Subdeacon J.D. Cairns

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR: Thomas Lokos, Kathy Konowka Diane Decibus Morgan, John Pirocato, John Zelenak, Hilda Zuccaro, Thomas Zuccaro, Joseph Nardi, Olga Pirocato, Nancy Gracie, Mary Wrubleski, Margaret York, Ronald York, Ann Holoob, Jeanette Stokes, Pani Mary Ann, Bruce Wadiak, Patty Tucker, Michelle Goldberg, Raymond Wizna, Catherine Ann Bylinski, Anna Muzyka, Kathleen Ward, Olivia Zazworsky, Andrew, Christopher, Sarah, Arthur, Debra, James, Rick, Jerome, Skip & children Karina, Oskar, Tessa, Robert, Jacob, and Jonathan. remembering all the sick, the suffering, those in hospitals and nursing homes, and all the men and women in the **US Military, especially Vitaly Pacej,** who serve our country and all of us. Please keep them in your prayers daily, asking God's protection upon them all.

THANK YOU: John & Maria Decibus for their donation to the building fund in memory of Alan Toth.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Olivia Burgess and all those celebrating birthdays or special intentions, may the Lord grant you all "Many Blessed Years, Mnohaya Lita!"

HAPPY (Belated) ANNIVERSARY TO: Bud and Maggie York may the Lord grant you all "Many Blessed Years, Mnohaya Lita!"

Sunday of the Holy Cross

This Sunday's theme is that in the cross of Christ crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor 1:24). On this Sunday in the middle of the Lenten season, the cross stands in the middle of the church, not merely to remind the faithful of Christ's redemption and for them to keep the goal of their Lenten efforts, but also as a reminder: "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10:38).

The Church fathers equate the life-giving cross with the tree of life and plant it in the middle of the Lenten pilgrimage. It was the tree that was planted in Paradise; it is to remind the faithful of both Adam's bliss and how he was deprived from it.

For the catechumens of the early church, and the faithful preparing for Pascha today, the spiritual theme starts to change from personal faith, and personal effort, to Christ. The Church teaches that it is Christ's cross that saves. One cannot take up his own cross and follow Christ unless one has Christ's cross which he took up to save mankind. Partaking of this tree, one will no longer die, but will be kept alive.

ALL EMERGENCIES: PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CALL FATHER JAMES for any and all emergencies – for hospital, nursing home, or home visitations. PLEASE call his Cell number 732-619-3259, if necessary, please leave a voice message, Father will return your call. THANK YOU.