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Services for the week of February 21, 2021

Monday (22)

Romzha Brotherhood Book Club Meeting ZOOM 7 p.m.

Tuesday (23)

Office of the Jesus Prayer 7 p.m.

Wednesday (24)

Presanctified Liturgy, 6 p.m.

+Michael Horvat Jr.

Thursday (25)

No services

Friday (26)

Akathist to the Mother of God & Reflection, 6 p.m.

Saturday (27) All Souls Saturday

Divine Liturgy, 8:30 a.m.

Great Vespers w/ Confessions, 4 p.m.

Sunday (28) Second Sunday of Lent

Singing Practice 9 a.m.

Third Hour 9:45 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m. **NOTE TIME CHANGE**

For our Parish Family

Rosary after Divine Liturgy

Financial Peace University 4 p.m.

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Glory to Him Forever!

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Saturday:

Vespers, 4 p.m.

Sunday:

Matins, 8:30 a.m.  
Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturday after Vespers,  
9 a.m. Sunday, or by appointment

Sacraments:

Contact Parish Office

Served by:

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Rose Baranko, Laura Ieraci, Lisa  
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## ✠ Community News ✠

### New Liturgy Time

Please remember begin services at 9:45 with the 3rd Hour followed by the Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. The change in time accommodates our educational offerings during Lent. I would appreciate your feedback on this time and thank you for your flexibility to make sure we can do everything we need to do as a Church.

### Romzha Brotherhood

Beginning Monday, February 22, the Romzha Brotherhood will be hosting an online book club, *Finding a Hidden Church*. Learn about the heroic witness to Christ that the Byzantine Church maintained throughout years of Soviet oppression. We have some special guests planned. You don't want to miss this. Be in touch with Greg Schwab who will be handling registration.

### Catechesis

Children's Catechesis will begin on Sunday, March 7, at 9 a.m. At this point we will have three groups:

- A parents and tots group that will meet with Deacon Tim in the hall
- A younger group that will meet in the cry room
- Adults will meet in the Church

## ✠ Tithes and Offerings ✠

February 14, 2021

**Total:**

**\$2,088.12**

Please consider a tithe increase for working families of at least \$25 this year.

**Is our God the Lord of your budget?**

### Confessions

Please make a confession a priority before Pascha. I will be available for confession after Vespers on Saturday and before Liturgy on Sunday, beginning at 9 a.m. I am also available before and after presanctified liturgy on Wednesday, or anytime by appointment. I will make an effort to schedule another confessor during the season, as well.

The Byzantine Catholic Church is one of the 23 Churches of the Catholic Communion. We are Eastern Orthodox in our faith, theology, spirituality, and liturgical expression, but enjoy the fullness of communion with the Pope of Rome. We welcome Catholics in good standing and Orthodox—with permission from their pastor—to participate in the Holy Eucharist.

## ✠ Requests ✠

### Big in Heaven

For adults, we are planning to read a book together, entitled *Big in Heaven*. They are short stories written by an Orthodox priest, based on his experience of pastoring in a neighborhood in Philadelphia. Please sign up in the back so we can buy enough books.

### Learning to Chant

We will have singing practice for Lenten melodies at 9 a.m. next Sunday, February 21. It will be very casual.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Thank you for your participation and suggestions at last week's meeting. It was suggested to post some volunteer opportunities. Talk to Fr. Andrew if you can pitch in:

- Church cleaning. frequency twice a month; ideally we would get two teams of at least four, making for a once a month commitment on a Saturday.
- Clerical work. Frequency 3-5 hours a week. Copying, shredding, maintaining our different lists; helping with mailings.
- Bakers for Nutroll. March 20 at 8 a.m.
- Nut Donations. If you can't roll, this is a great way to help the cause.
- Lawn Care: Mowing grass, some flower planting.

## The Sunday of Orthodoxy: The Defense of Iconography

**A**s the controversy over icons developed in the Byzantine Empire, many saw the use of icons as a necessary consequence of the Incarnation of Christ as expressed in the Nicene Creed. If the Word of God truly took flesh, He could be depicted in images. As St John of Damascus wrote, "In the old days, the incorporeal and infinite God was never depicted. Now, however, when God has been seen clothed in flesh and talking with mortals, I make an image of the God whom I see. I do not worship matter; I worship the God of matter, who became matter for my sake, and deigned to inhabit matter, who worked out my salvation through matter. I will not cease from honoring that matter which works my salvation." Since the Church saw icons as connected with its faith in the Incarnation, it came to see icons as an expression of the Orthodox faith. Thus the definitive restoration of icons in Constantinople on the first Sunday of the Great Fast in the year 842 was called the "Triumph of Orthodoxy."

