March 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church

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Rev. Fr. Vasyl Sokolovych
Parochial Administrator
908-404-0777

Sunday
9:00 and 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy
(If unable to attend in person, our Divine Liturgy
is streamed via our Facebook page.)

E-Mail: sscyrilmethodius@gmail.com
Web Site: sscyrilmethodius.org
| SUNDAY | FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST  
ST. MARY OF EGYPT | 8:30 AM Confession  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (for the Intention of the Parishioners)  
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy |
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| SUNDAY | PALM SUNDAY | 8:30 AM Confession  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
(Intention of the Parishioners)  
Distribution of palms & pussy willows  
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Distribution of palms & pussy willows |
| MONDAY | Basil of Ancyra  
Priest - Martyr  
Gen 27:1-41  
Prov 19:16-25 | Sixth Week of the Great Fast |
| TUESDAY | Nicon and Others  
Venerable - Martyrs  
Gen 31:3-16  
Prov 21:3-21 | SOLEMN 6:30 PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy |
| WEDNESDAY | Zachary - Venerable  
Gen 43:25-45:16  
Prov 21:23-22:4 | 6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy |
| THURSDAY | Annunciation of the Theotokos  
Heb 2:11-18  
Lk 1:24-28 | 6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy |
| FRIDAY | Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel  
Gen 49:33-50:26  
Prov 31:8-31 | |
| SATURDAY | Saturday of Lazarus  
Heb 12:28-13:8  
Jn 11:1-45 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Pascha Market Pick Up  
4:00 PM St. Nicholas Mission Divine Liturgy |

Call the parish office (919-239-4877) to make an appointment  
or to speak with Fr. Vasyl (908-404-0777).

SSCM CHURCH/HALL SCHEDULE
The St. Nicholas Mission celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church every Saturday at 4:00 PM.
The Eritrean Orthodox celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.
The Coptic Orthodox celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meets the second Tuesday of every month. If you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed at the next meeting, please contact one of the members: Mike Carpenter, Marie Taylor, Paul Tooley, Lance Morgan, Dan Pope, Lou Gigliotti and Mike Sapsara.
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If you are new to our area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home for you, we warmly invite you to become part of our parish family.

If you wish to register with our parish, please email Michelle Rubush at sscyrilmethodius@gmail.com

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER!

SLAVONIC: SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA VIKI!

Please remember in your prayers:
Jerry and Holly Kingery; Lance Morgan; John Patrick Rose; Rachel Blair; David Hoover; Cameron Shuey; Dale Blair; Bernadette’s parents and aunts: Andrew, Etta, Martha and Yolanda; Father Mark and family; Father Vasyl and family.

Please pray for the repose + of the souls of our faithful departed:
+Elizabeth Macario; +Luke Morgan, +Natalie and John Morgan, +Rev. Fr. Richard Rohrer, +Gloria Shuey

In Blessed Repose, Grant O Lord, Eternal Rest to the Soul of Your Departed Servants and may their Memory be Eternal.

In spite of the pandemic, the maintenance of our church continues and bills must be paid. Thanks to all who continue to serve our church with their time, talent, and treasure. Thanks to those who have worked to clean out the library.

PASCHA MARKET - SATURDAY, MARCH 27
Like the St. Nicholas Market in December, we will need volunteers to help with traffic control, fulfilling orders, and runners, etc. We will not have the volume we did in December, but will need help to make this market successful. Please mark your calendars!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEANING
We need more volunteers so no one is cleaning more than once every three months. Volunteers may do the cleaning anytime during the week when the church is not in use. Please send an email to the church if you are able to participate in this very important ministry for our church. Thank you to our current volunteers!

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Today's Gospel reminds us once again of the main purpose of fasting -- to restore communion and unity with Jesus Christ. Jesus shows the restoration of this unity in the image of drinking a common cup. The cup has a deeply symbolic meaning. A common bowl is oneness with another person. To drink a common cup means to be in close unity with a person, to be ready to share the fate of another person, to experience their difficulties. To drink the cup with Jesus means to discover God as a close and dear person, to feel the taste of God's love for us.

Today's Gospel presents us with Pascha as a celebration of sacrificial love, a communion of God's love with man. Therefore, fasting is not just certain events that prepare us for a festive event. It is time to create a spiritual community of love with God through Jesus Christ. The time of fasting is given to us in order to look more deeply, to renew our lives, especially to see what connects us to Jesus as the basis of life. Are we connected because we are grateful for physical health, security, or a successful career? Or are we connected to Jesus by spiritual values, peace of mind which comes from our faith, protection from sins, and from every evil?

Fasting means answering the question of who or what I associate my life and happiness with. What really is the basis of my life -- not in words but in deeds. Christ or the world? For example, a believing man died. To the question, “Does he not regret leaving this world?” He answered, “The world as such has never interested me, and moving to the heavenly homeland I change only the place, but not the society in which I lived, with which I became friends and which I fell in love. On earth, I was in communion with God, with my Savior, and with God's children. I lived in friendship with them and I will not behave differently there in heaven.”

Dear friend, do you live in friendship with your God, with His Son Jesus, and with all the children of God? With the help of fasting, we prepare for Pascha (Easter), which has become the basis of every person's life. By his suffering and resurrection, Jesus overcame sin and death and opened the way to the Father, giving us the opportunity to cleanse our lives of sins, to build the foundation of our lives with Him. And this basis, is the unity of man with God through mutual love. Therefore, the Passover of Christ is the restoration of man's unity with our Heavenly Father. We receive this unity through Jesus Christ. Our spiritual union with Christ unites us with the Father in his words, “He who sees me sees the Father. No one comes to the Father except through me.” When we think of fasting as preparation for Pascha (Easter), we are talking about our way to heaven, to the Father through Jesus Christ.

The Lord God has instilled in us a desire for happiness, but it cannot be found in this world. No one but the Lord can satisfy this desire of ours. But we must attain such happiness in the way He has ordained for us, that is, by faithful and sacrificial love, by sincere service to Him and to all mankind! Amen.

A FACE MASK COVERING MOUTH AND NOSE MUST BE WORN DURING DIVINE LITURGY WHICH SHOULD BE REMOVED BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Parishioners who are considered “high risk,” and more vulnerable to the virus should consider not attending Liturgy in the church and continue to participate via Facebook.

- Parishioners are dispensed from attending Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days.
- Please bring your own mask as the church has a limited number available.
- Social distancing (six feet) of people not living in the same household should be followed. A family living together can sit in the same area.
- Please refrain from physical contact.
- Please sanitize hands when entering and leaving church.
- There will be no Agape meal in the hall after Liturgy; please do not bring food.
- Please maintain social distancing after Liturgy and continue to wear a mask while on church property.
- A collection basket is under the Tetrapod for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website or Tithely.
- As you approach Fr. Vasyl for communion, please state your name.

THE HALL IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Our Eparchy will be hosting monthly Byzantine Gatherings. Mark your calendars for each date. Gatherings will begin at 6:00 PM. Email contact: FrDeaconTom@gmail.com

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**LENT THE GREAT AND HOLY FORTY DAYS**

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"We do not know Sunday as a day that our Lord has been born through the resurrection of Christ. We do not know until Pentecost because we observe the seven days after Easter seven-fold; seven times seven is forty-nine, and Sunday makes fifty."

— St. Cyril of Alexandria, Epistle 77, Letter to a Unknown Bishop