SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST  
March 13, 2022

Saint Gregory Palamas

Saints Cyril and Methodius  
Byzantine Catholic Church

2510 Piney Plains Road  
Cary, NC 27518-6870  
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Reverend Father Vasyl Sokolovych  
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(908-404-0777)

Deacon Ryan Liebhaber

Sunday  
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
First Sunday of the month: One Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM

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

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Web Site: ss Cyril Methodius.org
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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.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- One Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM: First Sunday of each month
- School of Religion: Second Sunday of each month starting at 10:15 AM
- ByzantTeens: Second Wednesday of each month after 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy
- Altar Server Training/Review: Last Sunday of each month immediately following 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

**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: Will Leatherwood, Mike Carpenter, Paul Tooley, Paul Cwik, Dan Pope, Mike Sapsara and Patti Kingery.
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST  
March 13, 2022  
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!  
SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU!  SLAVA NA VIKI (SLAVONIC)

Please remember in your prayers:  
Joe’s cousin, Dolly Mackey;  Margie’s dad, Don; Bob Taylor; Augustine Griffith; Mary Jo and Bill Smith; Jerry Kingery; Sophia Rose; John Patrick Rose; 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:  
+ Mary Buser, + Susan Jane Tooley, + Holly Kingery, + Elizabeth Macario, + Luke Morgan, + Natalie and John Morgan, + Rev. Fr. Richard Rohrer, + Gloria Shuey, + Victor Quintero, + Maria Victoria Quintero

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

The maintenance of our church and property continues and bills must be paid. Thanks to all who continue to serve our church with their time, talent, and treasure. Thank you to the members of our PPC for continued guidance and support.

Do you want to share the Catholic faith? Would you be interested in participating in street evangelization? Marie Taylor and Karen Quintero have been going out on a Saturday afternoon, asking the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of people walking by and start a conversation about the Catholic faith by distributing free rosaries, medals, and pamphlets. They are looking to add another person (or two?) to increase the possible opportunities. Email Karen at karennquintero@gmail.com if you’d like to know more.

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Many thanks to our church cleaning volunteers which means no one is cleaning more than once every two or three months. Volunteers may do the cleaning anytime during the week when the church is not in use. Please contact Marie Taylor at marie@8taylors.com if you want to participate in this very important ministry for our church. Thank you to our current volunteers!

| Feb 13-19 | Heidi Cwik/Joe Deaton | March 27-April 4 | Mary Carpenter |
| Feb 20-26 | Marie Taylor | April 5-11 | Nathan Tooley |
| Feb 27-March 5 | Travis Kingery | April 10-18 | Lance Morgan |
| March 6-12 | Margie Tooley | April 19-25 | Will & Sam Leatherwood |
| March 13-19 | Karen Quintero | April 26-May 2 | Heidi Cwik/Joe Deaton |
| March 20-26 | Lisa Rose | May 3-9 | Marie Taylor |

You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. A collection basket is under the Tetrapod for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website. "Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth." (Dt. 8:18) February 2022 donations: $6,615.10
Today’s story of the healing of the paralytic reminds us that fasting is not just a restriction on food and entertainment, but a time of spiritual healing. Each of us wants to be strong and healthy, because health is the greatest good and happiness for man on earth. Reading the Gospel, we see that Jesus Christ after his teachings, also healed people from various diseases. He thus acted as both teacher and physician.

When a Christian receives the forgiveness of sins in confession as a sign of God’s love, he simultaneously experiences the spiritual healing of his soul, himself and his life. An evangelical example of spiritual healing is the courageous behavior of the four companions of the sick man. Believing in Jesus through his words and deeds, comrades bring their paralyzed friend to Him. Their behavior shows us that Lent for a Christian is a time of healing the community with God and neighbor. Through the forgiveness of sins in confession, spiritual healing, a Christian draws closer to God and then must lead other people to Him by example. Speaking of healing, we must ask ourselves, “When I see various problems in others, the need for help, how often do I bring them to Christ? Do I offer to pray to God, or to seek advice or help from the Church and the priests? Do I access the power of the saints, with their help to receive spiritual support, consolation, recovery from illness?” It may happen in my life that while I go to church for worship, I then suggest that people in need turn to dubious people or things for help; such as, healers, worldly counselors, even practices contradictory to my professed faith.

Also in today’s Gospel we see another group of dissatisfied scribes who disapprove of Jesus’ deed. This symbolizes another manifestation of spiritual fasting; that is, to learn to control our thoughts and words, and to cleanse our language from harmful and unkind words. We complain about the enemy because of the war that is destroying our land and hundreds of innocent lives, and we often do not choose the words we Christians have to pray for those who suffer.

Returning to today’s example, we ask ourselves what caused such an unexpected forgiveness that He gave to the paralytic? It is faith! The faith of the four men who brought him, and the faith of the sick man himself. For it is by faith that we respond to that great gift of the love of Jesus, unceasingly given to us by the Father. Faith is to surrender to His merciful love, the love that covers all our troubles. In the depths of our hearts is God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is where we need to be sincere; that is, to acknowledge that we are incapable of loving and living without Him. Then our prayer expresses the greatest desire of our heart, reaching out to those who love us. May every shortcoming in our lives be an opportunity for us to meet Jesus, to draw near to Him in prayer and the Holy Mysteries.

**PRAY FOR UKRAINE**

On the Third Sunday of the Great Fast, March 20, with the blessing of the Most Reverend Metropolitan Archbishop, William Skurla a special collection will take place in all the parishes of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh for the suffering people of Ukraine. This collection will take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Checks should be made out to Sts. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Church, with **UKRAINE** on the memo line. Afterwards, one check will be forwarded to our Chancery office. These funds will then be directly forwarded to our Byzantine Catholic Eparchy in Uzhhorod, Ukraine. Our Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Uzhhorod is right now an important destination for refugees fleeing the Russian aggression. From Uzhhorod already over 72,000 have crossed the border into Slovakia and over 140,000 into Hungary. The Chancery Office in Uzhhorod together with our seminary, are working day and night providing food, shelter, medicine, and pastoral counsel to our suffering brothers and sisters. Our Byzantine Catholic Church in the USA and Canada has a special relationship with our brothers and sisters in this part of the world since the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Mukachevo in the Transcarpathian region of Ukraine is the Mother Eparchy (Diocese) of all Byzantine Catholics worldwide. Please be generous as we prepare to give critical and timely humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian war victims. At the same time, we continue to pray to bring a swift end to this violence.

**IN SOLIDARITY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE**

Please join the Ecumenical Prayer Vigil on Monday, March 14 at 7:00 PM at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 810 W Chapel Hill Street, Durham, NC 27701. Father Vasyl will be participating and Dan Pope will be giving a presentation.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE KOLACHI - NUT ROLLS
Please join Jane Dunbar on Wednesday, March 16 at 9:00 AM
Bring your favorite rolling pin. Lunch will be provided.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

HALUPKI (STUFFED CABBAGE)
Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19

PASKA BREAD - Date will be announced soon!
Please RSVP to:
mariannesapsara@gmail.com

Our Pascha Market is scheduled for Lazarus Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Market will be a drive through/pick up order process as we did last year. In the meantime, please plan to share your time and talent to help prepare the food that will be sold through our online ordering. More schedule details and volunteer opportunities on the day of the Market will be provided soon. Check out the website now and place your order as quantities are limited. https://saintnicholasmarket.com/

NCs largest Catholic radio station, Catholic 540-AM Divine Mercy Radio has added a new radio show from EWTN to our local Catholic radio station's weekday line-up. The SonRise Morning Show (with co-hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell) will air weekdays from 6-8 a.m. Listen on-air OR on the FREE Divine Mercy Radio App.

Sacred Art Retreat: Pottery, Plaiting, and Poetry. Add something unique to your Lent and come to this one-night sacred art retreat March 18-19 hosted by the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Make your own kiln-fired prayer bowl with personalized prayer stones, rediscover the healing art of poetry, and pray for God’s watchfulness as you create your very own “Eye of God”. Plus spend some time reflecting in the beautiful spaces indoors and outside. Attendance is limited so register early. Call 828.327.7441, email info@catholicconference.org, or visit www.catholicconference.org/art-retreat.

https://ignitedbytruth.org/event/ignited-by-truth-catholic-conference/
Father Carlos Martins, a Vatican-appointed expert on relics, will be in the Raleigh, North Carolina area with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and thousands have occurred through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Please spread the word.

Monday, March 14 at 6:30 pm
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
804 High House Rd., Cary, NC

Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 pm
St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church
12333 Bayleaf Church Road, Raleigh, NC

Wednesday, March 16 at 6:30 pm
St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
520 W Holding Ave, Wake Forest, NC

Thursday, March 17 at 6:30 pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church
2817 Poole Rd, Raleigh, NC

Saturday, March 19 at 1:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
2718 Overbrook Drive, Raleigh, NC

THE SPRING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN BEGINS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

Mission Statement:

- To bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach with the purpose of repentance.
- To seek God’s favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

Location: A Woman’s Choice
3305 Drake Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607
Time: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN ANY OF THE PARKING LOTS OR GARAGE NEAR THE CLINIC – YOU WILL BE TOWED. Park on Harden Avenue which is around the corner from the clinic Lake Boone Trail to Myron Avenue. Drive past Drake Circle on the right and take the first right onto Harden.

For further information or to sign up to pray, go to: www.40daysforlife.com/raleigh, login with your username and password. If you have never signed up, you will need to create a “User Name and Password” and read and agree to the “statement of peace.” Questions: Contact Eileen at 919-762-7500 or emayhew04@aol.com
For the upcoming celebration of Pascha, the Resurrection of Our Lord, you will have the opportunity this year to honor or remember loved ones by purchasing a Pascha Plant (Lily, etc.) to be placed in our Holy Church. If you wish to participate, please fill out this form. There are also envelopes for your use in the Narthex as well as in the stand at the exit by the double doors. After you have completed the form, you can either place it in the offering basket or return it to the parish office. Be sure to circle “memory of” or “honor of.” Please PRINT your name and the name of the person(s) you are remembering as you wish the names to appear in our parish bulletin. The deadline to place your order is Sunday, April 3. The plants may be taken home after the Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of St. Thomas, April 24.

Given in memory of/honor of (print legibly):

______________________________________________________________

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Your Name: ______________________________________

Your Phone Number: _________________________________

Amount enclosed: $__________ ($15 per plant X ______ number of plants.)

Make check payable to: Sts. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Church (Memo line: Pascha Plant)