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Office Hours: Monday — Thursday, 12 Noon to 4PM.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Propers: 130-131, 222 / 223

Saturday, March 15th

10:00 AM **ALL SOULS LITURGY**

5:00 PM **Divine Liturgy (live streamed)**

For our Parish Family

Sunday, March 16th

9:00 AM **ECF (Sunday School)**

9:00 AM **Bible Study *resumes today!***

10:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**

+Joseph Rudo

By Ann Marie Howlett and Family

Monday, March 17th

5:00 PM *Rosary- All Welcome!*

7:30 PM **B-I-N-G-O!**

Tuesday, March 18th—Lenten Service

8:30 AM *Typika with Holy Communion*

Wednesday, March 19th

Divine Liturgy of St Gregory

+John and +Louise Surmay

by Douglas and Susan Wood

Thursday, March 20th—No Liturgy

Friday, March 21st

10:00 AM Prayers for Sick and Departed

7:00 PM **ALL SOULS LITURGY**

followed by *Lenten Reflections*

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Propers: 135, 223-224 / 225

Saturday, March 22nd

9AM-3PM **FISHERMANS Flea Market**

5:00 PM **Divine Liturgy (live streamed)**

For our Parish Family

Sunday, March 23rd

9:00 AM **ECF (Sunday School)**

9:00 AM **Bible Study**

10:00 AM **Divine Liturgy**

+Mary Ann Chohey By Family

Sanctuary Lamp NEXT Week.

March 22/23, 2025

In Memory of

+JOHN AND +LOUISE SURMAY

By Susan and Douglas Wood

Blessed Repose and Eternal Memory!

Bible Study Begins Sunday March

16th at 9AM in the Social Hall! All welcome! Contact Rich 801-989-2767.

Flea Market Report—our March Flea Market had 59 vendors (\$1,625), our Parish Table sold \$344 in hidden treasures and our Parish Kitchen sold \$1,190 in tasty treats for a total (less advertising expenses of \$360) of \$2,799.00! **Our next Flea Market is April 12th! Thanks!**



Pysanky Class! “Keep the Faith”... AND the TRADITONS!

Learn the tradition of Easter Egg (Pysanky) Decorating on **SUNDAY, April 6th beginning at 8:30AM!** ALL welcome to attend! Special program for children. Adults get to take home their eggs! No charge to attend, but please SIGN-UP so that adequate supplies can be available! Bring a friend! Tell a friend! **ECF parents are asked to contact ECF coordinator, Dave Brighthouse at dbrighthouse@comcast.net, others may contact Lora.rayner@yahoo.com, OR use the SIGN-UP sheets in the vestibules.**

Palm Crosses Available! - Once again we will have HANDMADE Palm Crosses (2 styles, including 3-bar Cross and 2-bar cross styles!) on a “first come, first served” basis! Perfect for cemetery or home use! They will soon be available while supplies last! *Only \$20 each!*

Memorial Candles for Easter! - Please call the Parish office if you would like to offer a Memorial Candle for your loved ones for Easter. Altar Candles are \$95 each and Standing Icon candles at \$50 each. Names will be printed in the Easter Bulletin. Please call Ann Marie 732-382-5300 or StThomasByz@aol.com



THE SECOND WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST is dedicated to St Gregory Palamas. St Gregory was a monk and Archbishop of Thessaloniki in the 14th Century. He taught that all people—not just monks, priests, deacons and nuns—are called to a special union with God. All people, he said, can know God through His “divine energies” and can show God to others by “divine light”. In other words, we can see God in His creation, and show God to others by our actions. Let us pray in the words of St Gregory himself, “Lord, enlighten my darkness!”

Lenten Clothing Drive— from now through April 13th—gently used spring and summer clothes, shoes and accessories can be dropped off in our church vestibule to benefit the Clothes Closet Ministry of Second Baptist Church in Rahway. Bags will be provided for donations; drop off items by our Chapel in back of church. Questions? See or Call Christie Citsay at 732-221-0698. Thanks!

INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND: (including those mailed in —thank you!)

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1937.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	405.00
Candles	\$	142.00	Charities/Missions/Peter’s Pence	\$	5.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Christmas	\$	65.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	270.00	ECL/Seminary	\$	35.00
Retired Religious	\$	25.00	Total	\$	2884.00

Bingo 141 Players \$ 1287.00 Bingo Kitchen: \$339.00 **God Bless You!**

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