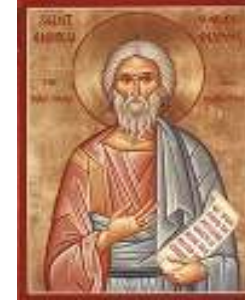


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Dear Parishioners and Faithful Friends;

Glory To Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

The topic of my pastor's message for Pascha 2011 Newsletter is "Spiritual Slumps". Is your spiritual life in a slump? Do you have highs and lows in your spirituality? When we feel spiritually that we are in a low place, a slump, where we feel that God is so far away, we really are experiencing a time during which we can be gaining strength, even though we do not realize it. We long for God, for that closeness but who moved? It certainly wasn't God. He is always there in time of need and in time of rejoicing. Sometimes we don't know how or where to find Him, like a child looking for his mother. But don't be fooled. There are dangers in the slumps. We can become so accustomed to our day in and our day out unchanging activities that we can easily fall into a slump.

If you are in a slump, just know that you are not alone. Everyone gets into a slump now and then but the danger of being in a slump is boredom and lack of spiritual zeal. We feel restless and irritable. Anyone who has been through it, or may be experiencing it now, knows what it is and also knows that it is very hard to describe. That's why we have Great Lent so we could get out of our slumps.

Prayer Requests

Please remember the shut-ins of our parish with a card or visit, as well as in your prayers: **Cathy Sheppard** (120 W. Cunningham); **Nellie Musko**, (225 Linhurst Ave., Butler, 16001), **Betty Onufer** (945 Border Ave., #303, Ellwood City, PA 16117), **Andrew & Lillian Grinnik**, (Passavant Retirement Community, 301 Burgess Ave., Zelienople, PA 16063); and **Ann Nemceff** (Sunnyview).



Reader Schedule for April

- April 3 - Sally Matuke
- April 10 - Rick Daller
- April 17 - Tom Daller
- April 24 - Gretchen Pfabe



Coffee Hour Schedule for April

- April 3 - Sue Campbell
- April 10 - Nadine Hall
- April 17 - Babe Jankovich
- April 24 - Holy Pascha
(no coffee hour)

Sisterhood of the Altar

The Sisterhood invites one and all to join us for our next Pirohi making:

Wednesday, April 13th – 9:00 am to peel, chop and saute onions;

Wednesday, April 13th (following Pre-Sanctified Liturgy) – peeling of potatoes;

Thursday, April 14th – 8:00 am to make potato balls;

Friday, April 15th – 7:00 am to pinch.

We need lots of help folks, so if you can assist in any way, it would be most appreciated.

Also, don't forget to place your orders ASAP so we can be sure we make ample quantities for all.

March 26th Halushki Sale – In A Word. . .Awesome!

Our most sincere thanks go to Nadine Schorr, Susan Campbell, Susan Russo, Deb Pfabe and all the wonderful women and men of the parish who worked so hard to make the first-ever Halushki Sale a great success!!!!

Lenten Services

Wednesday, April 6	6:00 p.m.	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy*	St. Anthony
Thursday, April 7	6:00 p.m.	Great Canon	St. Andrew
Wednesday, April 13	6:00 p.m.	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy*	SS. Peter & Paul

*Followed by a light Lenten meal.



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday wishes for **April**
go out to the following members of our church family:

- April 4 - Peg Glagola
- April 10 - Andrew Daller
- April 16 - Michelle Daller
- April 20 - Susan Campbell



Wedding Anniversaries in April

April 22, 2011 – Dezso & Evelyn Csizmadia

May God Grant You All Many Years!

From The Pastor's Desk - Page 2

Sometimes we don't feel like going to church, but go to church anyway, or we don't feel like praying our morning, daily and evening prayers but do it anyway. Even if your heart is not in fasting, fast anyway. Continue doing those things that you know lead to union with God, even if your words and actions seem empty. Get into the habit and it will change your spiritual life.

You long for God, but when you pray, you feel empty; or you feel fine until it is the hour of prayer and then you are suddenly get so tired that you know you cannot stay awake a minute longer.

Why do you think this happens? The evil one (devil) attacks when he sees us turning our attention to God. But if you are vigilant against the devil, then all these temptations will fall away. Do what Christ did when he was tempted many times by the devil. Christ said, "Get thee behind me Satan," as you make the sign of the Cross. Remember this, the devil may mock us, but he cannot stand against the "Sign of the Cross".

During this Lenten Season we must fight against the temptations of the evil one as it says in the Presanctified Liturgy "Fight the good Fight, complete the course of the fast, etc." St. Paul, in his Epistle to the Thessalonians, said we are to study to be quiet...mind your own business (not any body elses)...and work with your hands. We must be like "athletes for Christ" and like athletes we have to work hard, sweat, persist, push ourselves. At times injuries or setbacks do occur, and it is then that we must work all the more. But remember this, don't ever give up, prepare yourself, put on the armor of Christ because you are in a spiritual warfare against the evil one. Don't ever give up, but only persist in seeking God and his Blessing will be upon you! Get out of that slump and know that God will not give up on you. You make sure that you don't give up on God!

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Welcome! – Part 1

We have new tenants in the parish house. . .Mr. Geoffrey Gagnon, his wife Joyce and their two adult daughters. Some of you got to meet them at our recent Halushki sale (they commented on the enticing aroma coming from our kitchen!). For the rest of us, if you happen to see them in your comings and goings from church, please say hello!

Welcome! – Part 2

We have two new parishioners here at St. Andrew's. Please welcome back Mrs. Lori Drobney and also Lori's mother, Mrs. Donna Cook, who is preparing for Orthodoxy currently and will take first communion on Palm Sunday. May God Grant You Both Many Years!



45th Annual Ukrainian Pysanky Sale

Sunday, April 17, 2011

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church
220 Mansfield Blvd., Carnegie, PA**

Over 1,200 Ukrainian Pysanky, including specialty eggs, folk art from Ukraine, basket raffles, a bake sale. . .and a sumptuous variety of ethnic foods. Church tours will be offered throughout the day, as well as 45th Anniversary specials and giveaways!



Holy Week Services

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| Great & Holy Wednesday | April 20, 7:00 pm
Holy Unction |
| Great & Holy Thursday | April 21, 7:00 pm
Matins with
12 Gospel Readings |
| Great & Holy Friday | April 22
9:00 am - Tomb Setup
3:00 pm - Vespers
7:00 pm - Matins with Procession |
| Great & Holy Saturday | April 23
9:30 am – Vespers Liturgy
7:00 pm – Blessing of Baskets
8:00 pm – Nocturn Service
8:30 pm - Paschal Matins |



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| Holy Pascha | April 24, 10:00 am
Divine Liturgy |
| Bright Monday | April 25, 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy |



Don't Forget. . .

If you wish to receive communion on Easter Sunday, you must attend individual confession at least once during Great Lent. Confessions are heard every Saturday following Vespers. Also, there will be several opportunities during Holy Week.

Upcoming Archdiocesan Events

5:00 pm - Sunday, April 10
Lenten Vespers and Lenten Meal
St. John the Baptist Church
150 Elm Road
New Kensington, PA

5:00 pm – Sunday, May 15
Paschal Vespers
Sts. Peter & Paul Church
25636 N. Mosiertown Rd.
Crossingville (Edinboro), PA

Other Area Happenings

Father Wargo has been invited to attend and speak at Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church on Saturday, April 9 as part of their 2011 Lenten Mission. All parishioners of St. Andrew's are welcome, with Great Vespers and Holy Confession beginning at 5:00 pm, followed by a Potluck Lenten meal in the Ukrainian Hall at 6 pm.

From the Pastor's Desk – Page 3

On this glorious day of the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, it is my great pleasure to greet all my parish members of St. Andrew Orthodox Church, Lyndora, their families and friends with the Church's universal greeting: ***Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!*** May the joy of the Resurrection enter into your homes and may the risen Lord grant you and yours the peace that is from above, good health and all earthly blessings.

My hope as we celebrate the glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ is that all peoples will embrace in a brotherly way and forgive one another for the sake of the Resurrection. May it come to pass that all will understand that the holy and all saving Pascha is a victory of life over death, light over darkness, love over hate, forgiveness over vengeance, and purity of heart over hypocrisy. For on this day of Pascha, Christ led us from spiritual death to regeneration and assured us of our resurrection to eternal life in His Heavenly Kingdom!



CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!

Faithfully yours in Christ's Resurrection,

V. Rev. Joseph D. Wargo