



*Welcome to our Visitors: We are honored to have you come to worship with us. You may find the worship of the Ancient Church rather different. If you are unfamiliar with the worship of the Byzantine Church, simply listen to the Liturgy and allow the rest of the congregation to carry you in worship. We understand Communion to be an act of the unity of our Faith; however, while we work towards it, this unity regrettably does not now exist. Therefore, only baptized Catholics in the State of Grace are permitted to participate in Holy Communion.*

**DIVINE LITURGY AND PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
 10 am *Living & Deceased Parishioners*

**Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Tues. 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy**  
 + *Rosario Santos* (Angelica Villarin)

**Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy**  
 + *Rosa Villarin* (Angelica Villarin)

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Blessings on engagement of Kipp Johnson & Chloe Mark** (Nicholas & Violet Olszyk)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
 10 am *Living & Deceased Parishioners*

**Weeklong Candle Intentions**

- ETERNAL LIGHT:** *Special Intentions of Fr. James*
- CHRIST:** Blessings to **Chuck & Marilu Krofchik** (Kay Terry)
- CHRIST:**
- THEOTOKOS:**
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- CHRIST NARTHEX:**

*Candle Intentions can be requested by filling out an envelope found in the Narthex. Donation is \$4.00*



*Please remember in your prayers:* David (brother of Marilyn Cooper), Mons. Vida and Mons. Moran, Richard Sesma, Deanna Keefe, Jean Mayo (Rita's Mother), Rita and Robert Pipta, Ron Lowery & Family, Libby Distefano, Alex Vida, Susan Dovin, Evdokiya Obushko, Kay Weil, Janet Lambert, Dolores Demko, and Ron & Carol and Gilbert Pasmant, Ethan McArthur. That the Lord have mercy and save His people undergoing persecution in Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Egypt and other lands. Eternal Memory to Robert Weil, Sr. and Sally Pasmant.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR MILITARY:** Dennis Lloyd, Scott Nale, Michael Perko, Matt Reynolds, Robert Skopecck Jr.

**OUR ALTAR SERVERS**

Erik Cline, Anthony Gath, Greg Gath, Ian, Nigel and Liam Ward, Jonny Weil & Andrew Sarsam

**EPISTLE READER / CANTOR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

2/22/2015	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Hour</b> George Petyo	<b>9:40 am</b> Hebrews 11:24-26,32-12:2
3/01/2015	<i>REHEARSAL</i> Steve Kopko	9:00 - 9:45 am Hebrews 1:10-2:3
3/08/2015	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Hour</b> Jon Weil	<b>9:40 am</b> Hebrews 4:14-5:6
3/15/2015	<i>REHEARSAL</i> Ron Pasmant	9:00 - 9:45 am Hebrews 6:13-20

**Tithes, Gifts & Finances: 15 February, 2015**

Adult Offering	\$2,919.00
Youth Offering	4.00
Recycling	21.00
Perlman	100.00
Italian Luncheon	648.00
Spec. Don. Krofchik	50.00
Spec. Don. Sr. Vassa	700.00
<u>Mortgage</u>	<u>175.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,617.00</b>



**Orders for the delicious Pascha goodies are due next Sunday, March 1st. Please give your order to Steve Kopko.**



**BISHOP'S APPEAL 2015**

Bishop Gerald has sent out a letter and a folder to each member of our parish describing the needs of the Eparchy and how the monies would be used. He is asking for \$200 per household. Many of our people have been very generous and have given more and some due to limited finances give a little less. We are asking that all participate in this drive to help our beloved Eparchy.

***Our Deepest Sympathy: to Marc Brown on the death of his father, about one week ago.***



**Вечная  
память**



**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: Universal:** That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

**Evangelization:** That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.



**The Great Fast** is our penitential preparation for the great Feast of Pascha (Passover). As such, it is one of the most ancient parts of the liturgical year. Its forty days symbolizes the forty years the Israelites wandered in the desert and the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is the fulfillment of the promise of the manna, as St. John wrote, "So Jesus said to them, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave bread from heaven but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. (John 6:32) We imitate Jesus, who fasted for forty days in the desert following his baptism.



**Praying and the Living of Lent:**  
**"What's the Point?"**

Our thanks to all who donated towards the honorarium for Sr. Vassa, the refreshments afterwards and all the organization going into making Friday night so enriching and edifying.



**"A Catholic Inquiry into the Quranic Teachings of Religious Freedom" by Rev. Quan Tran, J.D., S.T.L., Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. March 6th 7:30 pm.**

Islam is the second largest religion in the world and the fastest growing. Some assert that Islam is a religion of peace and tolerance. Yet at the same time Christians and other non-Muslims are persecuted for their faith in certain Islamic areas of the world. In order to understand the Islamic teachings on non-Muslims and religious freedom, it is necessary to go to its primary source – the Qur'an. Only by examining the contents of the Qur'an can we come to a better understanding of Islam as it pertains to religious freedom. This presentation will look at the qur'anic teachings related to religious freedom from the Catholic perspective, and to identify, if any, the basis for Christian-Muslim dialogue on this important topic.

Father Quan Tran is the Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. Just prior to his arrival at OLMC in midsummer 2012, he completed a four year program of studies in Rome. In June, 2011, at the end of his third year, Father Tran was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Orange, then returned to Rome to complete his studies for a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) in Ecumenism at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, also known as the Angelicum.

Before entering the seminary, Father Tran was an attorney for twelve years, ten of those years with the Office of the District Attorney of Orange County. Father Tran received his J.D. degree (Juris Doctor) from the Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, after attending Baruch College in New York, and Ocean View High School in Huntington Beach. Father Tran grew up in Denver, where his family settled after having fled Viet Nam in 1975.

What does it say in the Qur'an?

*"Do you fast? Then feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick, do not forget the imprisoned, have pity on the tortured, comfort those who grieve and who weep, be merciful, humble, kind, calm, patient, sympathetic, forgiving, reverent, truthful and pious, so that God might accept your fasting and might plentifully grant you the fruits of repentance."* St. Basil

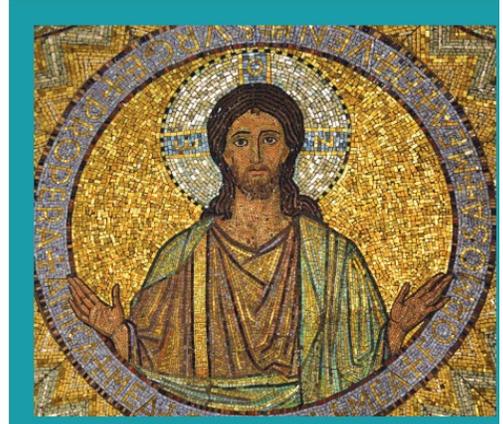
**ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE IN SOLIDARITY WITH PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

**WHERE:**  
Christ Cathedral Campus  
Arboretum  
13280 Chapman Ave.  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

**WHEN:**  
Tuesday Evening  
March 3, 2015  
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

\*Reception following in the Cathedral Cultural center

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
Call Greg Kelley,  
Ecumenical Commission  
Member at 949-645-4540



Currently Christians of various denominations are being persecuted in many different parts of the world for their faith. As Christians, we are called to aid those in need, especially our brothers and sisters in the faith, by prayers, acts of charity, and works of justice. This year's annual Diocese of Orange Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity is focused on bringing attention to the plight of Christians being persecuted for their faith throughout the world, and to show our support and solidarity with them in prayer. We believe that it is important that Christians of all denominations come together to pray for our suffering brothers and sisters, as we continue to work towards building Christian unity and fulfilling the prayer of Jesus "that they all may be one" (Jn 17:21). All are invited to join the Most Reverend Kevin Vann, Bishop of Orange, and His Grace Mar Awa Royel, Bishop of the Assyrian Church of the East, Diocese of California, as well as other Christian leaders and members of the Body of Christ, in an ecumenical evening prayer service in solidarity with persecuted Christians.

**Communion during Great Lent** Because Great Lent is a season of repentance, fasting, and intensified prayer, the Byzantine Church regards more frequent reception of communion as especially desirable at that time. However, the Divine Liturgy has a festal character not in keeping with the season. Thus, the Presanctified Liturgy is celebrated instead; the Divine Liturgy is only performed on Saturdays and Sundays. Although it is possible to celebrate this service on any weekday of Great Lent, the service is prescribed to be celebrated only on Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, Thursday of the fifth week of Lent (when the Great Canon of St. Andrew is read), and Monday to Wednesday of Holy Week. Common parish practice is to celebrate it on as many as possible of these days.

During Lent, many Byzantine faithful fast sometimes from midnight and sometimes the entire workday, not eating anything after the morning meal until they break the fast with Holy Communion at this evening service. They have this anticipation to help them with this somewhat difficult ascetic discipline. (Adapted from Orthodoxwiki.)

Philadelphia, PA



September 22-28, 2015

## Diocese of Orange

*Pilgrimage to Participate in the World Meeting  
of Families, Papal Visit and Mass*



**Tuesday, Sept. 22nd:** Our World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage begins as we depart from Los Angeles (LAX) International Airport for Philadelphia. Upon arrival, we will join in Evening Mass, followed by our hotel check-in.



**Wednesday, Sept. 23rd:** Today we will participate in some of the World Meeting of Families (WMF) events. Time permitting, we will visit the St. John Neumann National Shrine and the St. Katharine Drexel Shrine, located on the historic grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.



**Thursday, Sept. 24th:** Today we will participate in WMF events. If time allows, we will take a guided tour of historic Philadelphia, visiting key places where the history of our nation was decided. After dinner, return to the hotel.

**Friday, Sept. 25th:** After breakfast we will join other pilgrims in WMF events, including the WMF closing ceremony. Afternoon sightseeing in Philadelphia.



**Saturday, Sept. 26th:** This morning, we will join in the Festival of Family events, including the anticipated afternoon welcoming ceremony for Pope Francis.



**Sunday, Sept. 27th:** Today we will join other pilgrims from around the world in the closing Papal Mass for the Festival of Families.

**Monday, Sept. 28th:** Morning departure for our return trip home.



### World Meeting of Families Package Includes

- † Round-trip Airfare from Los Angeles (LAX) International Airport (including airport taxes & fuel surcharges, subject to change)
- † Hotel for 6 nights at the Hampton Inn by Hilton, Yardley, PA (or similar) † Breakfast daily at the hotel
- † 2 Dinners at Restaurants in Philadelphia area † Luxury Motor Coach Transportation
- † Assistance of a Canterbury Pilgrimages & Tours Representative while in Philadelphia
- † Sight-seeing in Historic Philadelphia as well as visits to the various Shrines

Not included in the cost are the following:  
WMF Conference Registration Fee  
Anything not listed above

Per person cost:

**\$1825** (double occupancy)

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