

**February 9, 2020 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

Divine Liturgy: Tone 2 1 Cor 6:12-20 and Lk 15:11-32

**February 16, 2020 – Sunday of Meatfare**

Divine Liturgy: Tone 3 1 Cor 8:8-9:2 and Mt 25:31-46

**LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**Sunday February 9** 10:00am(Ruthenian) **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
 Divine Liturgy  
 +Helen Dhooghe (6 years)  
 by friends

12:00pm (Melkite) **Divine Liturgy**  
 3:00pm **40-day blessing-Frankian Family**  
**Monday February 10** 7:00pm (Ruthenian) **Holy Bishop Martyr Charalambos**  
 Divine Liturgy -For the deceased  
 members of the O'Connor & Colbert  
 families  
 By Marcella Colbert

**Saturday February 15** 9:30am (Ruthenian) **1<sup>st</sup> all Souls Saturday**  
 Divine Liturgy & Panachida  
 for our deceased family & friends

**Sunday February 16** 10:00am(Ruthenian) **Sunday of Meatfare**  
 Divine Liturgy for health & blessings  
 upon Susan Hays  
 by mother Margaret

12:00pm (Melkite) **Divine Liturgy**  
**Sunday February 23** 10:00am(Ruthenian) **Sunday of Cheesefare**  
 Divine Liturgy for health & blessings  
 upon Jim Hays  
 by mother Margaret  
 Prayers for mutual forgiveness

12:00pm (Melkite) **Divine Liturgy**

**Monday, Feb. 24, First day of the Great Fast-Strict fast from all dairy, egg & meat products**

**Monday February 24** 7:00pm(Ruthenian) **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

**Tuesday February 25** 7:30pm (Melkite) **Great Compline**

**Wednesday February 26** 7:00pm(Ruthenian) **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

**Friday February 28** 6:00pm(Ruthenian) **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
 7:30pm (Melkite) **Akathistos**

**Sunday March 1** 10:00am(Ruthenian) **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast-Sunday of**  
**Orthodoxy -Divine Liturgy**  
**Procession with Holy Icons**  
 for +Marcie & +Delio Rotondo

Tuesday March 3  
Wednesday March 4  
Friday March 6

Saturday March 7

Sunday March 8

Tuesday March 10  
Wednesday March 11  
Friday March 13

Saturday March 14

Sunday March 15

Tuesday March 17  
Wednesday March 18  
Friday March 20

Saturday March 21

Sunday March 15

by granddaughter Theresa

12:00pm (Melkite) **Divine Liturgy**  
 5:00pm (Chaldean) **Holy Liturgy**  
 7:30pm (Melkite) **Great Compline**  
 7:00pm(Ruthenian) **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
 6:00pm(Ruthenian) **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
 7:30pm (Melkite) **Akathistos**  
 9:30am (Ruthenian) **2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Saturday**  
**Divine Liturgy & Panachida**  
**for our deceased family & friends**

10:00am(Ruthenian) **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast-St.**  
**Gregory Palamas -Divine Liturgy**  
**health & birthday blessings for**  
**Therese Colbert**  
 by parents Theresa & Will

12:00pm (Melkite) **Divine Liturgy**  
 7:30pm (Melkite) **Great Compline**  
 7:00pm(Ruthenian) **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
 6:00pm(Ruthenian) **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
 7:30pm (Melkite) **Akathistos**  
 9:30am (Ruthenian) **3<sup>rd</sup> All Souls Saturday**  
**Divine Liturgy & Panachida**  
**for our deceased family & friends**

10:00am(Ruthenian) **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast-**  
**Veneration of the Cross -**  
**Divine Liturgy +Thomas Hays**  
 by Margaret Hays

12:00pm (Melkite) **Divine Liturgy**  
 7:30pm (Melkite) **Great Compline**  
 7:00pm(Ruthenian) **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
 6:00pm(Ruthenian) **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
 7:30pm (Melkite) **Akathistos**  
 9:30am (Ruthenian) **4<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturday**  
**Divine Liturgy & Panachida**  
**for our deceased family & friends**

10:00am(Ruthenian) **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast-**  
**St. John Climacus -**  
**Divine Liturgy & Panachida**  
 +Ralph Kowalik  
 (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary- Mar. 21, 1970)  
 by Kowalik Family

12:00pm (Melkite) **Divine Liturgy**

**Please remember in your prayers the sick and homebound in our parish :**

Peter Mytchak, Bill Torma, Elizabeth Van Den Heuvel, Leslie Bohannon, Kathryn Kowalik, Joan Ostrowski, Marianne Oprisko, Malak Bakkal, Sr. Sandy Atha, Fr. Charlie Brown, Louis Rafaj, Bob Mihalo and Sr. Rita Crabbe.

**Sunday Collection 10am Liturgy: *God bless you for your generosity!***  
**January 26-\$1,709.00                      February 2-\$1,185.00**

**Calendar of Events**

Feb 9, 23, Mar 8, 22, Apr 5, 19, May 3 & 17 Eastern Christian Formation for Children after the 10am Liturgy

Feb 9 Women's Group meeting in Church Social Hall at 12noon

Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9, Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8, Sep 12, Oct 10 and Nov 14

Meeting of the African Violets Club , 10am-12:30pm Social Hall

Feb 16, Mar 1, 15, 29 "Divine Liturgy-The Work of the People" in the Social Hall after Liturgy

Feb 15 Spring work day! Volunteers needed! Lunch provided by Church! 10:30am-->

Feb 17-22 Iconography Workshop at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church

Feb 24 Clean Monday-1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Great Fast-Strict Fast (no meat or dairy products)

Mar 14 Icon exhibit & lectures, "Icons: Seeing the Face of God", 1pm-6pm

Mar 28-Lecture: St. Theresa Catholic Ch., Sugarland, 10am-12pm "The Origins of Christian Iconography"

St. John's Parish presented Fr. Tom Wells with a stipend of 200\$ to offer 20 Divine Liturgies for the members of St. John Chrysostom Parish as well as our deceased founders and benefactors.

**Remember in your prayers:**

**+Yuhanna Hirmiz**, who fell asleep in the Lord on Jan. 25 and was buried from St. John's on Thursday. May he rest in the bosom of Abraham and may he be remembered forever!

**-Maria Zenaida Luna**, who was chrismated and received the Gift of the Holy Spirit last Sunday. May God continue to reveal Himself to you!

**-Angelo Luna**, who returned to Austria on Thursday to continue his theological studies. May the Holy Spirit guide you and inspire you!

**+Delfino Jesus Lopez**, father of Aly Dominguez, who fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday and will be buried from St. Cecilia's Catholic Church on Wednesday. Blessed repose... may he be remembered forever for Christ is risen!

**Bible Study**, led by David Dominguez, scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 11 is **cancelled**.

**House Blessings**

Now that the new Jordan water has been blessed, we begin the annual season of home blessing. If you would like for your home to be blessed by Fr. Elias with the new water, please contact Fr. to set up a convenient time/date. We will be blessing homes until the beginning of the Great Fast. Contact Fr. Elias at 713-256-8953 or houstonelias@gmail.com

During the Great Fast, St. John's will host a series of presentations and discussions, as part of our Parish "Continuing Faith Education" about our Liturgical tradition, its history and how we pray the Liturgy today. The presentations will take place after the 10am Divine Liturgy, at 12 noon in the Social Hall. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family!

**Divine Liturgy-The Work of the People**

Feb. 16-*Introduction to Liturgy: Temple & Church* with Fr. Elias

Mar. 1-*Sacred Space & Sacred Furnishings* with David Dominguez

Mar. 15-*Preparing for Liturgy & Proskomidi* with Fr. Elias

Mar. 29-*The Divine Liturgy and the Moral Life* with Ryan Black

"Return to Me for I have redeemed you." -Isaiah 44:22

Cultivate intimacy with God thru "Return to Me", a Lenten program of spiritual formation sponsored by St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Whiting, Indiana. The parish will host an online webinar series on prayer Thursdays during the Great Fast beginning Feb. 27 at 7pm CST. Learn how scripture, the Jesus Prayer, silence and the Liturgy offer the language you need to speak with and hear the Lord who loves you. For more info and to sign up for this FREE webinar series, go to [stmarywhiting.org/returntome/](http://stmarywhiting.org/returntome/)

**Sunday Hospitality**

**Thank you to all who have brought food and refreshments for our after Liturgy Socials. A new sign up sheet for now until the end of May. Thank you for generously volunteering! God bless you!**

**Please sign up on the Social Hall bulletin board!**