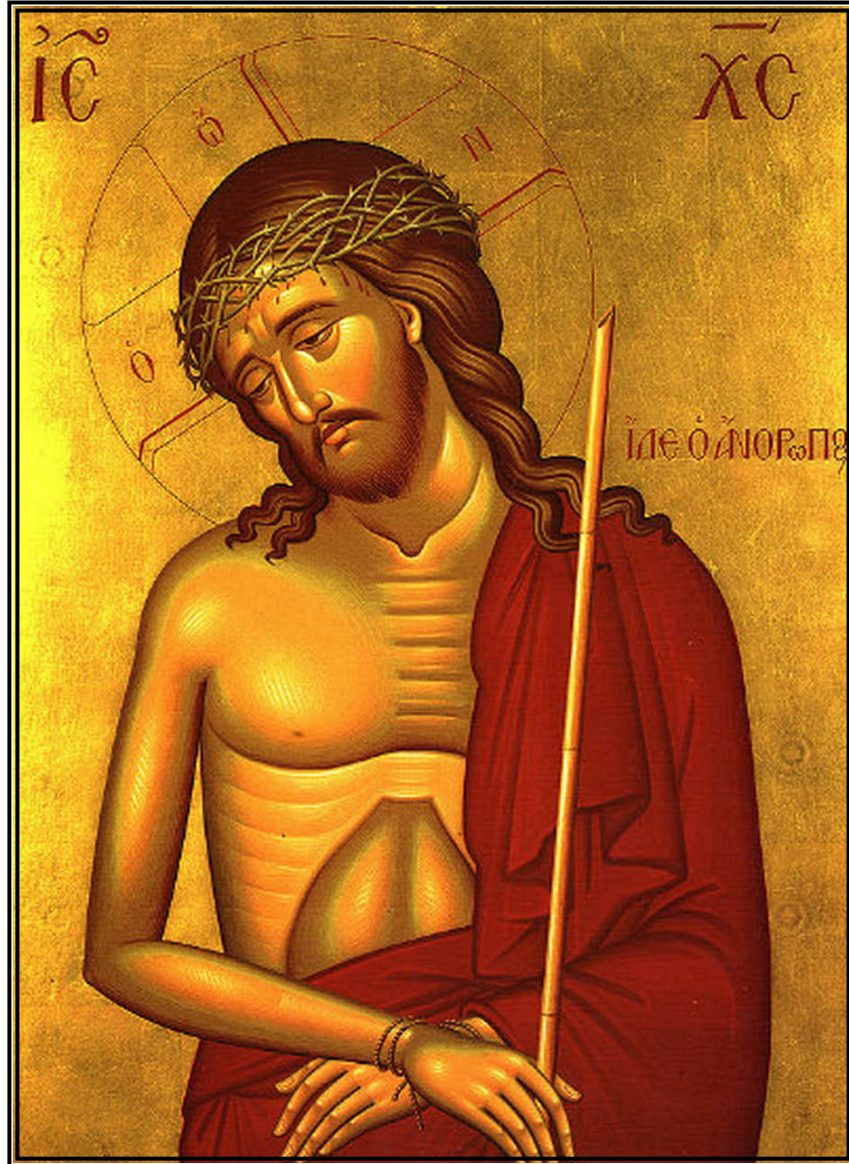


THE GREAT FAST



O LORD AND MASTER OF MY LIFE! TAKE FROM ME THE SPIRIT OF SLOTH, DESPAIR, LUST OF POWER AND IDLE TALK. (*FULL PROSTRATION*)

BUT GIVE RATHER THE SPIRIT OF CHASTITY, HUMILITY, PATIENCE AND LOVE TO THY SERVANT. (*FULL PROSTRATION*)

YEA, O LORD AND KING! GRANT ME TO SEE MY OWN TRANSGRESSIONS AND NOT TO JUDGE MY BROTHER, FOR BLESSED ART THOU, UNTO AGES OF AGES. (*FULL PROSTRATION*)

O GOD, CLEANSE ME, A SINNER. (*12 TIMES WITH 12 DEEP BOWS*)



Sunday, March 22, 2020

Tone 7

Gospel: St. Mark 8:34-9:1

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Third Sunday of Lent / Veneration of the Cross / Hieromartyr Basil of Ancyra

MARCH Bulletin Sponsor: *Father Andrew in memory of His Eminence, Metropolitan Nicholas, my ordaining Hierarch*

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, March 22

9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy; Social

5:00 pm: Deanery Lenten Akathist to the Cross @ St. Nicholas in Mogodore

Wednesday, March 25

9:30 am: Vespers Divine Liturgy

Friday, March 27

6:30 pm: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Sunday, March 29

9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy

READER SCHEDULE- UPDATED DUE TO VIRUS & PEOPLE ATTENDED SERVICES

Saturday, March 21:	Natalie (Liturgy)
Sunday, March 22:	Tim
Wednesday, March 25:	Natalie (Liturgy)
Friday, March 27:	Ron (Pre-Sanc.)
Sunday, March 29:	Tim

For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (96 yrs old)
1601 Church Rd
Marblehead, OH 43440

Please remember her & Susan (her daughter) in your prayers. Send a card of greeting.



VIGILS -MARCH 15

Sandy Martin 1) Special intentions

Ron & Bobbie Royhab (2) Health and healing of Tim Nash and Delores Danchisen

Twarek (6) Health of Father David; Health of Carter; Health and recovery of Betty, Nancy, Mary Dziak, Claudia McDonald; Health of Margi & Joe, Tom, MaryAnn and Bob, Judy, Chuck, Steve, Bohdi, Heidi, Liz, Joe, Sonya, Julia, Diane, Stella, Ron, Jake, Helen; Special intentions; Special intentions

3rd Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Cross Commemorated on [March 22](#)

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt.10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor.1:24).



ATTENDANCE - MARCH

Friday, February 28: 4 attended the Akathist to St Raphael

Sunday, March 1: 25 Total (19 members; 3 children; 3 guests; 10 Communicants; 18 attended Forgiveness Vespers; 8 Attended Sat. Vespers

Monday, March 2: 3 attended morning services; 12 attended Canon of St Andrew

Tuesday, March 3: 4 attended Morning services; 11 attended Canon of St Andrew

Wednesday, March 4: 3 attended Morning services; 13 attended Canon of St. Andrew

Thursday, March 5: 3 attended morning services; 12 attended Canon

Friday, March 6: 2 attended morning services; 12 attended Pre-Sanctified

Sunday, March 8: 19 Total (16 members; 2 children; 11 Communicants; NO VESPERS

Wednesday, March 11: 13 attended Pre-Sanctified

Friday, March 13: 10 attended Moleban

Saturday, March 14: 6 attended Memorial Liturgy

Sunday, March 15: 22 Total (19 members; 2 children; 1 guest; 13 Communicants; 9 attended Vespers

MONTHLY TITHING ONLY MARCH

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,600

Sunday March 1: \$1,045

Sunday, March 8: \$1,071

Sunday, March 15: \$ 584

OTHER WEEKLY INCOME

Sunday, March 1: \$10 Candles; \$50 Vigils; \$50 Bulletin; \$50 Special Collection (Food Pantry)

Sunday, March 8: \$11 Candles; \$50 Altar candles; \$105 Vigils; \$25 Eternal Light; \$30 bookstore; \$50 Special Collection (Food Pantry)

Sunday, March 15: \$12 Candles; \$40 Vigils; \$1 Special Collection (Food Pantry)



DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - MARCH

Suggested donation of Peanut Butter or Jelly (and other non-perishable goods) will be collected through March 15.

Donations will be delivered to the food pantry Thursday, March 19.

CONFESSIONS / HOME VISITS

Due to the current situation, Confessions will be heard after the services provided or by appointment. The Great Fast is a journey toward the Holy Resurrection. Confession is a part of that journey. It is not an obligation but way of life. Please go to confession before Lazarus Saturday or do not approach the chalice on Pascha.

God designed us as social being. Thus, this time of of required isolation, for some it can be difficult. If anyone would like a visit during this time of being away from the church, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am more than happy to visit.

I will be mailing the bulletin to all of you on a weekly basis until this crisis is over.

If there is anything one needs, please contact me. I am available for anything, 24/7 seven days a week.

Take care, stay calm, pray and be at peace during this Lenten journey. God is with us!

PRAYER LIST Updated 3-18

Clergy:

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman
John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*)
James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*)
Moses Barry
Steven Frase
Joseph Gibson
Gregory Grivna
Emilian Hutnyan
Josef Von Klarr
Dan Kovolick
Vladimir Lecko
David Lis
Myron Manzuk
Philip Lasbrook
Christopher Phillips
Benjamin Tucci
Peter Tutko
Deacon Nicholas Denysenko
Deacon Paul Gansle
Deacon Gregory Krutchak
Deacon Paul Mitchell
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii:

Pani Patricia Duranko
Myra Kovolick
Virginia Lecko
Maura McCartney
Jillian Rettig
Snezana Ruzic
Sonya Tutko

Parishioners / & their Family:

John Beadle (*Elcishko*)
Newborn Samuel Calzone (*fr.s cousin*)
MaryAnn Cook (*Cousin to Twarek's*)
John Richard Elchisco
Ruthe Flewelling
Debbie Garnek (*Roddie's sister*)
Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's nephew*)
Heidi Golob
Shirley Gresh (*Wife of Ernest*)
Julia Guzy
Joseph Habegger (*Laura brother-in-law*)
Barb Heffernan
Tom Hileman

Alice Jackson (*Mazurik*)
William Jappsen (*Diane T.*)
Michael Kouznetsov (*Mary Hiser's son*)
Kris Kollar (*Fr. 'S cousin*)
Betty Kovach
Kristen (*Cassell's daughter*)
Terri Lariccia (*fr's cousin*)
David LaValle (*Fr. 's cousin*)
Helen Lis
Greg Mazur
Judy Mazurik (*Paul Mazurik's*)
Toddler Stella Miller
Katelyn Pipenur (*Niece of Jean*)
Earl Rindfleisch
Helen Jean Rofkar (*Elchisco*)
Joe Rose
Maryann Royhab
Steven Schirtzinger (*Soski*)
Christy Schutt (*Joe's sister*)
Peter Truta (*Jean H's cousin*)
Diane Tryon
Greg Tryon
Christine Twarek
Tom Twarek
Carter Twarek
Katie and her baby Bodhi (*Cassell's daughter-in-law*)
Pani Stacey Mihaley & her newborn Azariah (*Fr. 's Cousin*)
Nikki & her unborn baby
Katherine & her unborn baby (*Fr. 's cousin*)

Other Requests:

Sandra Alex (*Muzyka*)
Alexia
Infant Baylor
Dick Biro (*Natalie's friend*)
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)
Delores Danchisen
Layne Demkosky
Paul Demkosky (*Fr's friend*)
Marge Dziama
Mary Dziak (*Twarek*)
Ben Franklin (*Laura friend*)
Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Broadview Heights' choir director*)

Brad George (*Christi's friend*)
Donald Gresh (*Basil*)
Elliot Joy (*Police chief's son*)
Scott Kluding (*Twarek*)
Tommy Leonchik (*Fr's friend*)
Jake Lipstraw (*Twarek*)
Mark Ludvik (*Guzy*)
Anna Maiani (*Friend of Wayne*)
Claudia McDonald (*Twarek*)
Pauline Meath (*Fr's*)
Tim Nash (*Royhab*)
Charlie Nowak (*Avery's*)
Beth Reinhard (*Diane friend*)
Chris Reinheimer (*Bruno's*)
Sandy Scafaria (*friend of Jean*)
Matthew Sterling (*Tyron*)
John Sutko (*Fr. 'S Friend*)
Devin Thomson (*Jamestown*)
Janice Timko
Philip (Andy) Timko
Steve Turinsky (*Twarek*)
Bob Van Osdol (*Twarek*)
Chuck Wiedenhoft (*Twarek*)
Rachel (*Darlene M.*)
Kristina and her newborn
Michal (*Fr. 's friend*)
Molly & her unborn baby
Mollie & her unborn baby (*Fr. 's friend*)
Fr. Dan Ring (*St. Joe's*)

Military:

Craig Cassell
Nathan Brown
Alena Grabavoy
Alex
Jake Ellithorpe

Captives:

Metropolitan Paul (*Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo*)
Archbishop John (*Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo*)

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Lenten Distancing **by Matushka Donna Farley**

Church closed. Community members scattered widely.

Weeks without normal daily and weekly routine, without spiritual instruction, without icons to venerate, without Sunday Eucharist, without community agape meals.

This was the deliberate practice of the monastery of Abba Zosima in the sixth century Palestinian desert, every Lent. On the Sunday of Forgiveness, the brethren would prostrate themselves to each other and ask forgiveness and receive a blessing from their abbot. Then each would take whatever food he felt he needed for himself and walk out into the desert, singing “The Lord is my light and my Saviour; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defender of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 26:1)

For the next forty days, deliberately, each one would turn away if they spotted any other of their brothers on the horizon.

When we speak of the desert, we think of the sun blazing in hard clear skies over endless sand dunes. The desert Zosima and his fellows entered was more hard earth and scrub, but they did not go there for a particular kind of landscape. They went to a *desert*, which means a deserted place, a place empty of human beings.

Like those deserted, eerily empty streets of Wuhan or Italy we have seen on TV.

The monks chose to enter Lenten isolation, every year; but in this 2020 pandemic, Lenten isolation is being thrust upon us, upon Christians all over the world.

For us Orthodox Christian lay people, up to this year, Lent has generally been the opposite of a desert experience. Last year, as for many centuries before, we came to **more** services, not fewer. PreSanctified Liturgies on Wednesday and Friday, Sunday of Orthodoxy vespers with other parishes, canons and akathists, Lenten retreats, healing

services... we saw more of our fellow members than we did throughout the rest of the year.

That was last year, and all the years previous that most of us can remember in our lifetime.

The Year of Our Lord 2020, will send all of us into a kind of Lenten isolation. But 2020 is not the Year of the Pandemic; it is still the Year of Our Lord.

Our bishop in the Archdiocese of Canada has just written the following to all his clergy:

“God is giving us a crash course on prayer.... Is our faith only centered on Sunday Liturgies? Or are we centered on prayer? **Sunday morning Liturgies should be the climax of our prayer life, which is our intimate relationship with Our Lord. Praying at home is essential for all of us.** Now we have to realize this and fall back on it. Praying at home, morning and evening prayers as a family is essential...”

Even while some clergy will have to self-isolate in the coming weeks, remember also that when Mary of Egypt received her communion from the priest-monk Zosimas, it was her *viaticum* — the holy sacrament received as her last act before her death. The church will not leave her children pastorless, so if there is great need for you to have the sacrament, call on your priest. Under obedience to his bishop he will either be able to attend you or help find another priest who can.

As most church gatherings larger than a very small number are being banned temporarily by civil authorities, the hierarchs and pastors of various dioceses and jurisdiction are responding with obedience and wisdom for the good of their flocks. We have **not** “forsaken the assembling of ourselves together” which Scripture (Hebrews 10) warns us against; rather, God has sent a time of Lenten isolation to us. We will not be so alone as the monks of St. Zosima’s brotherhood, as we can use 2020 tools like e-mail, streaming, texting, websites and more to help our fellow parishioners, as well as fellow Orthodox beyond our own parishes, to know that we are ‘alone together’.

Indeed, this global pandemic may perhaps bring us new opportunities for evangelism. Keep calm, carry on, and see what God will do as we begin our Lenten isolation, praying ‘alone together.’

MARCH Celebrations

NAMES DAY	BIRTHDAY	
3-1: Bishop David of Alaska 3-4: Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa 3-17: Archbishop Alejo of Mexico	1- Marilyn Calzone 2- Lori Batura 3- Tony Monastra 7- Tamera Blackford 8- Rachel Adamcio 8- Ruth Sheller 11- Jason Monschein 16- Paul Bojan	16- Claudia Zile 22- Ariana Holmes 23- Mason Monschein 26- Rachel Sumner 30- Bobbie Royhab 30- Fred Cassell 31- Greg Mazur

If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

MARCH Reposed

1- George Danchisen (2018) 3- Anna Stoyka (2018) 4- Andrew Mazur (2001) 6- Frank Guzy (2002) 11- Ella Mazur (1918) 13- Metropolitan Nicholas (2011) 13- Richard Michael Benya (1983)	17- Frank Holodnak (1961) 23- Eva Pondillo (2001) 23- Ella Mazurik (1985) 23- Francis Mitchell (2008) 23- Barbara Ann Wasylenko (2017) 25- Pani Janette Moriak (1997) 25- David Chikerotis (2019)	29- Todd Pollack (2019) 29- Carolyn Woodward (2000) 30- John Rofkar (2019) Helen Hritsko (1908) Alexandra Brendza (1909) Steve Danchisen
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Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (Epistle)

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek";

Mark 8:34-9:1 (Gospel)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

APRIL BULLETIN AND CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) Fr. Andrew: in memory of my mother Dorothy on the occasion of her b-day
Chandelier: (\$50) Open
Altar Candles: (\$50) Laura: In loving memory of her mother Margaret
Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) Open
Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (25) Open



June 12 - 13

Deanery celebration of 50th Anniversary of OCA.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
Parma, OH

Friday, June 12

6:30pm: Akathist to All American Saints followed by a talk about the journey of the OCA.

Saturday, June 13

9:00am: Greeting of the Bishop followed by Divine Liturgy and a All American Breakfast Buffet. RSVP required. Watch for sign up sheet.

MARCH BULLETIN AND CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) Fr. Andrew: in memory of my ordaining Bishop His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas
Chandelier: (\$50) Susan: in memory of her father Frank, God-father Peter, and brother Bill
Altar Candles: (\$50) Fr. Andrew: In memory of my father, George
Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) Basil: in loving memory of my nephew Richard Benya
Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (25) Diane: in loving memory of my brother Richard on his anniversary (3-13-83)

Bishop Paul's TENTATIVE Travel Schedule

Joy of All Who Sorrow, Joplin, MO, March 21st to 23rd

- *Tonsure of David Haugh (from Ashgrove parish as a Reader)*

Three Hierarchs Mission, Northfield, MINN, March 27th to 29th

Visits to St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's Seminaries, March 30th to April 2nd,

Holy Protection of the Virgin Mary, Royalton, IL, April 4th to 5th

Holy Trinity, Chicago, IL, April 10th to 12th

- *Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday Services*

PRAYER LIST CONTINUED

The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world

PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

Rachael Adamcio Luke Welch
Lydia Welch Tristen Welch

Possible Catechumens:

Loreen Welch Cheyenne Welch

May God & the Holy Spirit guide them in their journey in the Orthodox Church and the Orthodox way of Life.

SPECIAL COLLECTION MARCH

Mission Boxes for the Food Pantry.

The Forty Martyrs of Sebaste by Father Lawrence Farley

Anyone wandering about near a freezing cold pond one night near the city of Sebaste in the year 320 would have seen an astounding sight: forty Roman soldiers, all members of the so-called “Thundering Legion”, were standing together naked in the icy waters throughout the night as they slowly froze to death. They were guarded by other Roman soldiers on the shore, who made sure that the condemned men remained in the freezing waters, and also kept a warm bathhouse ready to receive any of them who decided they wanted to leave the waters of death, warm up, and survive. All they had to do was to deny Christ and renounce their Christian Faith. All forty of them were devout Christians, and they chose to die rather than deny their Lord.

One of them, however, lost his courage at the last moment. He renounced Christ, and left his companions for the warmth of the waiting bathhouse. One of the guards, overwhelmed at the constancy of those remaining in the pond, confessed himself a Christian, threw off his clothes and joined them in the water, so that the number of the forty martyrs remained complete. Daybreak found most of the men dead and stiff with cold. Those who still showed signs of life were killed, burned, and their ashes thrown into the river.

We may ask: what strengthened the men as they remained in the icy waters of death and as life slowly drained from their bodies? Two things: they looked past the horrors of that night to the lighted Kingdom and the crowns of glory awaiting them, and they looked to each other for solidarity and support. As soldiers they knew the importance of loyalty to their military unit, and like a band of brothers, they knew each must remain steadfast for the sake of the others. This soldierly unity sustained them—it was a matter of honour that none of them break rank and betray the others.

We also live in a time of deadly winter, when multiplied wickedness causes men’s hearts to grow cold (Matthew 24:12). The rulers of this age promise earthly reward to those who will abandon the truth, and a warm bathhouse stands ready to receive the apostates. The martyrs of Sebaste

encourage us to stand firm in our faith despite the coldness of the age and whatever persecution may befall us, for after only a few hours, they were received with triumphant joy in the warm halls of heaven, and had no need of any Roman bathhouse. It will be the same with us also: soon enough this cold age will pass away, and we will stand with them before our King. Until then, we too take courage from the fact that we are not alone in our suffering for the truth. We resist the compromises urged by the devil, and remain firm in our faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of others of our brotherhood throughout the world (1 Peter 5:9).

One last thing: the soldier whose courage broke and who apostasized and ran into the warm bathhouse did not survive the night. Doubtless his core temperature had already dropped too much, and not even the heat of the bathhouse could save him. He died anyway, along with the rest of the Thundering Legion. By his apostasy he did not save his earthly life, but only forfeited his eternal life and the crown which was within his reach. The rewards for apostasy do not last, but end with the coming of the eternal day. The reward for perseverance lasts forever.

BUILDING / RESTORATION FUND

Our 125th Anniversary is coming!

Fund Purpose: To collect funds to pay for the restoration, repair and beautification of the building and parish room. This will avoid using general funds which are earmarked for budgetary items.

Please consider contributing generously to the
Building/Restoration Fund.

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

March 15: Police officer from AL & FL

March 22: Soldiers killed in Afghanistan / His Grace Bishop Varlaam

March 29: Mountain Apache officer David

April 5: Victims from the Milwaukee Shooting

April 12: FF Tommy from AZ

April 26: 2 marines Moises & Diego killed in Iraq @
Americans killed in Iraq / Police officer from Philadelphia