

# Ambo

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## Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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\* CALENDAR: Event dates must be submitted by the 15th of each month.

**MARCH 5, 2017**  
**SUNDAY OF**  
**ORTHODOXY**

MARTYR CONON OF ISAURIA



The Holy Martyr Conon of Isauria was born in Bethany, a village near the Asia Minor city of Isauria, whose inhabitants had accepted Christianity from the Apostle Paul. From his youth, Saint Conon was accorded the special protection of the “Archistrategos” (“Leader of the Heavenly Hosts”) Michael, who appeared to him and assisted him in many difficult circumstances in life.

At the insistence of his parents, Conon was betrothed to a maiden named Anna. He persuaded her to live with him in virginity after the wedding. The young couple lived as brother and sister, devoting themselves entirely to God. Saint Conon brought also his parents to the Christian Faith. His father, Saint Nestor, received a martyr’s death for denouncing idol-worshippers.

After burying both his mother and wife, Saint Conon continued his service to God, devoting himself entirely to monastic works, fasting and prayer. In his declining years the holy ascetic was glorified with the gift of wonder-working. By virtue of his preaching and miracles many pagans were converted to Christ. It is said that even the evil spirits were forced to serve him.

When a persecution against Christians broke out in Isauria, one of the first to suffer was Saint Conon. He was subjected to fierce torments for his refusal to offer sacrifice to idols. When the people of Isauria learned of the tortures to which the saint was being subjected, they came forth bearing arms to defend the martyr. Frightened by the people’s wrath, the torturers fled, and the Isaurians found the martyr wounded and bloodied at the place of torture.

Saint Conon wished to endure martyrdom for the Lord, but he lived two more years. Saint Conon died in the second century and was buried beside his parents and wife.

## **BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5**

Mar. 5 Heb. 11:24-6,32-12:2  
John 1:43-51

Mar. 7 Genesis 4:8-15  
Proverbs 5:1-15

Mar. 10 Genesis 5:32-6:8  
Proverbs 6:20-7:1

Mar. 6 Genesis 3:21-4:7  
Proverbs 3:34-4:22

Mar. 8 Genesis 4:16-26  
Proverbs 5:15-6:3

Mar. 11 Heb. 3:12-16  
Mark 1:35-44

Mar. 9 Genesis 5:1-24  
Proverbs 6:3-20





## PRAYER REQUESTS

### ***Departed:***

**Helen Smotzer**  
**02-05-17**

### ***Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:***

**Archpriest Yves Babich**  
**Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan**  
**Matushka Catherine Jula**  
**Archpriest Theodore Bobosh**  
**Mary**  
**Michael**  
**Judy Baughman**  
**Christopher Baymiller** (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)  
**Paula Baymiller** (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)  
**Karen Beech** (*friend of Jerry Czajkowski & Arlene Neale*)  
**Carol Bohurjak**  
**Thomas Bohurjak, Jr.**  
**Marie Borland**  
**Julie Byndas**  
**Elsie Conrad**  
**Arlene Czajkowski**  
**Jerry Czajkowski**  
**Metodije Damljanovic** (*Child*)  
**Horia Dascalescu** (*Lavinia Morris's brother*)  
**Cindy Durkalski**  
**Nadine Ellis**  
**Nashwa Fam**  
**Dorothy Fowler**

**Gayle Franks** (*Judy Schwind's cousin*)  
**Allison Hart** (*colleague of Ken Kovach*)  
**Roger Haupt** (*Lisa Theodore's cousin*)  
**Janet Hennig** (*friend of Judy Schwind*)  
**Sandee Holod**  
**Matthew Hunley** (*Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)  
**Donna Jacak**  
**Victor Jacak**  
**Tom Jacobson**  
**Joy Jahans** (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)  
**Stephen Jahans** (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)  
**Diane Kearsey** (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)  
**Maher Khalil**  
**Thomas Khalil**  
**Jacquelyn Kiiskila** (*Subdeacon John & Debby Pinta's family member*)  
**Dennis Kovach** (*Ken Kovach's brother*)  
**John Kovalski** (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)  
**Joseph Laskowski** (*Dorothy Laskovich's nephew*)  
**Chris Magee** (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)  
**Melissa McCutcheon**  
**Jethro Miles**  
**Paul Mihal**  
**Andy Mytrohovich**  
**Debra Parhamovich** (*Karen Felon's sister*)

**Grace Parhamovich** (*Karen Felon's mother*)  
**Anastasia Pogorily-Soljanik**  
**Cindy Powkowski**  
**Kay Rogozinski** (*Janice Tkacz's mother*)  
**Dorothy Romig**  
**Julia Sankovic** (*Child*)  
**Jason Sasarak** (*nephew of Sonia Sasarak*)  
**Debbie Seguin** (*friend of Leon Felon*)  
**Elaine Sudnick** (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)  
**Janice Tkacz**  
**Mitchell Waite** (*Susie Steingass's uncle*)  
**Elisabeth Wright** (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)  
**Erin Zawolowycz**  
**Peter Zimmerman**  
**Alice Zdinak** (*Fr. John's Mother*)  
  
**Yohnathan & Melissa King**  
(**Alex & Debbie Wojnicz's daughter**) & **Unborn Child**

**Deacon Daniel & Mat. Jenn Boerio & Unborn Child**

**Fr. Andrew & Presbyter Lori Lentz & Unborn Child**

### ***Congratulations:***

**David & Jessie Jacobson & Newborn Dylan Thomas**





The Seventh Ecumenical Council dealt predominantly with the controversy regarding icons and their place in Orthodox worship. It was convened in Nicaea in 787 by Empress Irene at the request of Tarasios, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Council was attended by 367 bishops.

Almost a century before this, the iconoclastic controversy had once more shaken the foundations of both Church and State in the Byzantine empire. Excessive religious respect and the ascribed miracles to icons by some members of society, approached the point of worship (due only to God) and idolatry. This instigated excesses at the other extreme by which icons were completely taken out of the liturgical life of the Church by the Iconoclasts. The Iconophiles, on the other-hand, believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty.

The Council decided on a doctrine by which icons should be venerated but not worshipped. In answering the Empress' invitation to the Council, Pope Hadrian replied with a letter in which he also held the position of extending

veneration to icons but not worship, the last befitting only God.

The decree of the Council for restoring icons to churches added an important clause which still stands at the foundation of the rationale for using and venerating icons in the Orthodox Church to this very day: "We define that the holy icons, whether in colour, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. Whenever these representations are contemplated, they will cause those who look at them to commemorate and love their prototype. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honour (timitiki proskynisis), but not of real worship (latreia), which is reserved for Him Who is the subject of our faith and is proper for the divine nature. The veneration accorded to an icon is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon, venerated in it the reality for which it stands".

An Endemousa (Regional) Synod was called in Constantinople in 843. Under Empress Theodora. The veneration of icons was solemnly proclaimed at the Hagia Sophia Cathedral. The Empress, her son Michael III, Patriarch Methodios, and monks and clergy came in procession and restored the icons in their rightful place. The day was called "Triumph of Orthodoxy." Since that time, this event is commemorated yearly with a special service on the first Sunday of Lent, the "Sunday of Orthodoxy".

The name of this Sunday reflects the great significance which icons possess for the Orthodox Church. They are not optional devotional extras, but an integral part of Orthodox faith and devotion. They are held to be a necessary consequence of Christian faith in the incarnation of the Word of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, in Jesus Christ. They have a sacramental character, making present to the believer the person or event depicted on them. So the interior of Orthodox churches is often covered with icons painted on walls and domed roofs, and there is always an icon screen, or iconostasis, separating the sanctuary from the nave, often with several rows of icons. No Orthodox home is complete without an icon corner (iconostasion), where the family prays.

## Welcome Visitors

*Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy. You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.*



### COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

#### Coffee Hour:

3/5/17	Lauren Miklos & Chanda Czaruk
3/12/17	Mat. Cindy Zdinak & The Van Sickles
3/19/17	Steve Rusnak & Jim Schwind
3/26/17	Dan & Lavinia Morris
4/2/17	Joy & David Pfeiffer
4/9/17	Cathy Weber & Mat. Jenn Boerio
4/16/17	HOLY PASCHA (No Coffee Hour)

#### Greeters:

Linda Smotzer & Sonia Vorell
Igor Gajewsky & Michael Tabeling
Tammy & Eva Ponomarenko
Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
Paul Pangrace & Michael Tabeling
Tammy & Eva Ponomarenko
Debby Pinta & Michael Tabeling (Midnight Service)

### GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses:	\$ 6,538.00
Last week's collection	<u>\$ 3,877.00</u>
Over/Under	< \$ 2,661.00 >

### FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, \$10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris



## Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

#### For the entire 2017 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey  
from John & Ruth Fritskey

#### For the month of March:

In loving memory of Jason Sasarak  
from the Sasarak family



**Commemorations for Memorial Saturdays  
should be turned in at the candle stand or  
emailed to [sttheocemetery@yahoo.com](mailto:sttheocemetery@yahoo.com) as  
soon as possible.**



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# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

## 2017

**Sunday, Mar. 5**

**SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY**

**MARTYR CONON  
OF ISAURIA**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

5:00 PM Sunday of Orthodoxy Great  
Vespers

**Monday, Mar. 6**

**42 MARTYRS OF AMORIA**

7:00 PM Bible Study @ Parish Hall

**Tuesday, Mar. 7**

**SEVEN HIEROMARTYRS  
OF CHERSON**

**Wednesday, Mar. 8**

**ST. THEOPHYLACTUS,  
BISHOP OF NICOMEDIA**

5:00 PM Confession

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy  
Potluck following Liturgy

### REMINDER:



Please be sure  
that cell phones  
are turned off  
before entering  
the temple.

**MARCH**  
**Special Collection**  
**ORTHODOX**  
**CHRISTIAN**  
**FELLOWSHIP**



**Thursday, Mar. 9**

**HOLY FORTY MARTYRS  
OF SEBASTE**

11:00 AM Faith Enrichment @  
Copper Stone

**Friday, Mar. 10**

**MARTYR QUADRATUS,  
AND THOSE WITH HIM**

5:00 PM Confession

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy  
Potluck following Liturgy

**Saturday, Mar. 11**

**ST. SOPHRONIUS,  
PATR. OF JERUSALEM**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

9:00 AM EOWG Divine Liturgy &  
Memorial Service @ St. Mary's  
Romanian

5:00 PM Confession

6:00 PM Great Vespers

**Sunday, Mar. 12**

**ST. GREGORY PALAMAS**

**VEN. THEOPHANES**

**THE CONFESSOR**

**ST. GREGORY DIALOGUS**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy



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**MARCH**