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Bulletin for April 2-8, 2017

¶ We extend our gratitude to all of those who helped with our Lenten Mission and Dinner on April 1, and our Lenten Communion Breakfast on April 2, and the PTO Easter Raffle on April 2. *Thank you all – God bless you!*

¶ We are still accepting donations of candy for the **Easter Egg Hunt** on April 16th. Candy must be *individually wrapped* and *small* enough to fit inside the plastic eggs. Donations may be brought to the church hall by Palm Sunday.

¶ Sign up to be part of the “**Honor Guard**” for the **Holy Tomb on Holy Saturday**. Several spots are still available on the sign-up sheet in the hall. We need your help in order to keep our church open all day on Holy Saturday!

¶ You may begin to bring in your **Lenten Self-Denial Offering boxes!** This year, our offerings will be shared be-

tween the Community Food Warehouse and the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC).

¶ **The last Deanery Lenten Mission for 2017** will be on Friday, April 7th at St. Nicholas Church in Erie. Liturgy begins at 6:00 PM, with meal to follow. We are all invited to participate and join our brothers and sisters in prayer and fellowship.

¶ **Palm/Willow Preparation** will take place at 2:30 PM on Saturday, April 8th. This will be followed by Vespers at 4:00 PM. All are invited to come and help, and a special invitation is extended to our youth to participate!

¶ **Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle Tickets** are available in the church office for a donation of \$20. Family Day is Sunday, June 11th. Please consider this a donation for our Diocesan Camp!

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

TUES **4/4/2017**

8:30 AM Parastas (*Chapel*) ++*Balzac Family (Per.)*

WED **4/5/2017**

4:30 PM Potato Prep. for Pirohi

6:00 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (*No Meal Tonight!*)

THURS **4/6/2017**

8:30 AM Parastas (*Chapel*) +*Stephen Repasky (Per.)*

6:00 PM Filling Prep. for Pirohi

FRI **4/7/2017**

8:00 AM Pirohi Making and Sale

6:00 PM Lenten Mission Liturgy at St. Nicholas in Erie
(*No Services at Saint John's*)

SAT **4/8/2017** **LAZARUS SATURDAY**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

2:30 PM Palm and Willow Preparation— *All Invited to Help!*

4:00 PM Great Vespers

SUN **4/9/2017** **PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY—ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

*The April Calendar and the Holy Week and Pascha Schedule
are included in this bulletin.*

(A new bulletin will be distributed on Palm Sunday as well.)

Stay up-to-date on happenings throughout our Diocese!

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/acroddiocese> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/acrodnews>
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Stewardship

by Dan Hromyak

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' - John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." - Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

TO FR. DAVID FR. MICHAEL AND
ALL PARISHIONERS:
I KNOW I CAN'T SAY THANK YOU
ENOUGH TIMES FOR ALL THE PRAYERS
SAID FOR ME, FOR ALL THE VISITS,
GIFTS RECEIVED, PHONE CALLS AND
ALL THE GET WELL CARDS. ALL OF THIS
KEPT ME TOGETHER AND STILL IS.
I WISH GOD'S BLESSING ON EACH AND
EVERYONE OF MY CHURCH FAMILY.
THANKS AGAIN FOR REMEMBERING
ME. I WILL BE BACK IN
CHURCH SOON.

Margie Hromyak

Eternal Lamp ~ Sunday, April 2nd

In Loving Memory of Father, Joseph Pavlick by Debbie Cross on the
25th Anniversary of his Repose

Candelabrum ~ Sunday, April 2nd

In Loving Memory of our Father and Grandfather, Joseph Balzic,
From Stephen and Joan Chuba and Family

BIRTHDAYS

Apr. 7 Mary Soroka



**MEN TO HOLD
CANDLES**

Sunday, April 9th

Bob Andras
Jason Baker
Robert Banas
John Bauer
Dennis Burprich

