

March 3, 2019
Forgiveness Sunday, Sunday of Cheesefare



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Glory to Jesus Christ ~ Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! ~ Slava Na Viki!
Propers for this Sunday: pp. 161, Tone 8 and pg. 218 -219

Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., MAR. 3 **FORGIVENESS SUNDAY, SUNDAY of CHEESEFARE**
8:00 A.M. *Holy Rosary*
8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY, Rite of Forgiveness**
+ Julianne Popovnak, offered by: Margaret Dzugan & Marion Sutter

At the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy we will have the Rite of Forgiveness during which we will ask each other for forgiveness.

MON., MAR. 4 **GREAT FAST BEGINS**

FRI., MAR. 8 **DIVINE LITURGY of the PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS**
7:00 P.M.

SUN., MAR. 10 **FIRST SUNDAY of LENT, SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY**
8:00 A.M. *Holy Rosary*
8:30 A.M. **DIVINE LITURGY, Blessing of Icons**
+ Anna George, offered by: Connie & Fran Hersh

Next Sunday: First Sunday of the Great Fast

The First Sunday of the Great Fast is also called the Sunday of Orthodoxy in commemoration of the victory of orthodoxy-true faith in controversy over Holy Icons in the year 843. As part of this commemoration, the blessing of Icons will take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy. **If you have any Icons, Crosses, and religious items you would like to have blessed, please place them on the table that will be set up in the front of the Church.**



Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:

March 3: Laurie Sirko, March 4: Pressley Roush, March 5: Lena Maruhnich

Wedding Anniversaries This Week:

None for the Week

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

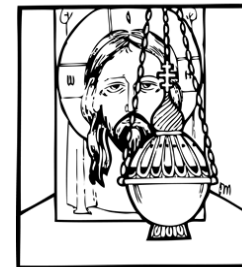
HOME – Margaret Barilla, Eileen Batcha, Natalie Jugan-Diaz, Rebecca Dickun, Marianne Dove, Alice Haber, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan, Marion Malackanich, Josephine Maruhnich, Carole Panella, Mary Salamon

Hunter's Care Home (1916 Main St, Aliquippa, PA 15001) – Mary Poiarkoff

West Hills Health & Rehab Center (951 Brodhead Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108) – Margaret Klacik

Beaver Meadows (5130 Tuscarawas Rd, Beaver, PA 15009) - Paul Valiga, Angie Yuhasz

Epistle Readers – March 3: Jo Ann Hersh - March 10: Reagan Cody
Ushers – March 3: E. Maruhnich/F. Hersh – March 10: F. Hersh/M. Bobanic
Troica Holders – March 3: M. Bobanic – March 10: R. Dzumba



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

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Burns before the real presence of our Lord:

Joseph Olack
(In Loving Memory)

Offered By:
Wife, Mary Elizabeth



“Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

(2 Cor 9:7)

Action Plan: Education / Social Ministry / Outreach

Evangelism is EVERYONE'S job. WE need to move forward with implementing our action plan. EVERYONE can contribute something whether ideas or action. Our ECF program has begun planning for Education. Our Social Ministry/Outreach is our next step. This is where YOU come in. Ideas and suggestions can be discussed every week as needed during coffee hour. We will also schedule meetings. Your involvement can be simple or multifaceted. Please see JoAnn Hersh, who was our parish representative at the Assembly, to plan your involvement. *Thank you! God has entrusted this parish to us; its future is in our hands.*

Small steps: Lenten Bible Study planned

Lenten Library

M.A.P. Box* (Are you participating?) *Share your ideas!*

Bulletins available online, updated every Sunday

New information on our website

What is still needed? Something we can ALL do. We all have family or friends who are members of this Church who don't come for one reason or another. No matter the reason, we both want and need them back. Invite them! The Great Fast is a time for renewal and is the perfect time to invite others to Church. We are in challenging times. Every single person makes a difference.

* **M**ake comments, **A**sk questions, **P**rovide suggestions. Our Map Box is located on the bulletin table in the back of the Church. Use this box for suggestions and questions to help our Church grow and to help us grow. Find your way to improve our Parish Family.



Please, remember to turn your clock 1 hour ahead this Saturday, March 9th, before you go to bed. Daylight Saving Time begins.

We are taking donations throughout the year for our annual Flea Market. Any time you have an item to donate, please leave it in the Center.

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, visitors, and friends. We are glad that you have come to worship with us today and pray that your participation in our parish will be enriching to you. Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Coffee and doughnuts are served! We invite everyone to join us in our café.



Lenten Soup Sale TODAY

Delicious homemade vegetable soup, just in time for your strict fast needs and is available for \$8.00 a quart in the Center or Narthex. Pre-orders are ready for payment and pick-up in the Center. Thank you for your support!



Lenten Resources:



Five-Week Bible Study for the Great Fast and Soup Supper

Beginning next **Sunday, March 10**, during the Great Fast, there will be a Bible Study along with a soup supper every Sunday afternoon/evening at **5:00 P.M.** entitled **Divine Liturgy: Traveling through Scripture**. Cory Bates, Master of Theology Student at Franciscan University (studying under noted Theologian, author, and lecturer Dr. Scott Hahn) will lead us through this Bible Study. There will be time for discussion following. Join us in the café/bar area of the Center every Sunday during the Great Fast for spiritual reflection, fasting supper, and fellowship. Each participant will receive a small **Book of the Hours for the Great Fast**.

You don't know what you don't know so come and find out!

Lenten Library

Lenten Books and Resources are available for you to borrow from an “upstart” Church Library. There are free resources to take and books you can borrow. These resources are available at the Church Store display in the Center. As we prepare to enter this Lenten season, let us ask the Lord to fill us with his love as we enhance our spiritual growth through commitment to prayer, reading Scripture, Reconciliation, receiving the Eucharist and trying to stay close to the Lord in our everyday lives.

**Together as a parish family, let's have the
BEST LENT EVER!!!**

Lenten banks are now available in the Center

Pirohi Sale on Friday

Our next pirohi sale will be this Friday, March 8. Our work schedule will be **Monday and Tuesday 9:00 A.M. – till finished and Thursday beginning at 9:00 A.M. till finished. Friday, the day of the sale, come any time in the morning to help.** Any amount of time you can spare will be greatly appreciated. Also, **remember to purchase your dinner from our pirohi sales the second Friday of every month.** ORDER YOUR PIROHI TODAY OR CALL ON THURSDAY. Thank you!

Advancing into the Great Fast-Lent



Why is this upcoming season called the “Great Fast-Lent?” In the Eastern Church this season is called “GREAT” Fast-Lent to distinguish it from the other three Lenten seasons: the Fast of the Nativity (Advent), the Fast of the Theotokos in August (Spasovka) and the Fast of the Apostles in June (Petrovka).

It is called “Great” because it is more intense than the other fasting periods. For Christians, the Great Fast-Lent is a season to be taken seriously. The time of repentance should effect

all aspects of our life: our diet, our prayer life, our daily schedule, our daily attitude.

Regardless of how strictly we choose to fast, every Christian’s eating habits should be remarkably different during this season. The message is to simplify our life-style, to get away from being creatures of habit, always “giving in” to our cravings, to consider those in our midst who have no choice but who need to fast on a constant basis due to poverty, etc.

Here are some tips to all our faithful during this Lenten season:

Our Holy Church challenges us to be more than “Sunday Catholics”; to turn to prayer. Take the opportunity offered to us during the Lenten season of attending Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, Bible Study and other services offered. Sometimes, we simply keep the Great Fast, if we do at all, by just adhering to the fasting regulations. This year plan to attend the Lenten services that we celebrate in our parish during this important season. Remember, if we just do the minimal requirements, then we will feel left unnourished.

Find a spiritually edifying book and undertake to read it during the Great Fast as a part of your Lenten struggle. Spiritual reading, which is something that we should do at all times of the year, is particularly important during the period of the Great Fast and is something which can deepen and broaden our spiritual lives. We have Lenten resources available in our small “start-up” library and the Byzantine Seminary Press in Pittsburgh offer a variety of great books for this time of the year. As we prepare to enter the forty day journey of the Great Fast-Lent let us make use of this golden opportunity to enrich ourselves!

Lenten Services and Devotions

During the Great Fast, Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts will be every Friday at 7:00 P.M. We will also have a Lenten Bible study and soup supper at 5:00 P.M. every Sunday. The Holy Rosary that we pray each Sunday will be prayed with special Lenten devotions; this begins at 8:00 A.M. every Sunday before Divine Liturgy. *(Other Pre-Sanctified Liturgies will be at St. Mary in Ambridge every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.).* Any services that are added as we go through our Lenten journey will be announced in the Sunday bulletin. **The Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts takes precedence over all other Lenten devotions.**

Regulations for the Season of the Great Fast

Minimum Requirements:

Abstinence:

The law of simple abstinence forbids the use of meat, permitting the use of eggs and dairy products. ALL the faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are bound to abstain. Abstinence is OBLIGATORY on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast.

Strict Abstinence:

The law of strict abstinence (fast) forbids the use of meat, eggs and dairy products. While they are permitted, facsimiles, substitutes, and synthetic derivatives violate the intention and spirit of the law of strict abstinence. All the faithful of the Archeparchy who receive the Eucharist are bound to observe strict abstinence. Strict abstinence (fast) is to be observed on Pure Monday, March 4, (the first day of the Great Fast) and on Great and Holy Friday, April 19, 2018.

Traditional:

In the Great Fast, abstinence from meat, fish, dairy products, alcohol, and foods cooked in oil was prescribed for ALL days except days of mitigation. All Saturdays and Sundays, Wednesday to Friday of the Fifth Week, and the Prefestive Day and Otdaniye (Post Feast) of the Annunciation were all mitigations for wine and oil. The Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday were general mitigations.

PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM

Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. (Prostration)

Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love. (Prostration)

Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins and not judge my brothers and sisters; for you are blessed forever and ever. Amen. (Prostration)

"Even if we perform thousands of good works by fasts, prayers and almsgiving ... even if we shed our own blood for Christ ... and we don't have love of God and love of each other, but on the contrary have hatred and malice toward our brethren, all the good we have done is transformed into the devil's poison."

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E.C.F.coordinator: Jo Ann Hersh
Facilities Supervisor: John Poiarkoff

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation.....Before and after Liturgies

Holy Mysteries of Initiation.....Contact the church office

Holy Mystery of AnointingAsk prior to surgery or serious illness

Holy Mystery of MarriageContact the church office eight months prior to wedding

Religious Education Classes.....September through May, following Sunday Divine Liturgy

Pirohi Sales 2nd Friday of each month, Sept. through May

St. George Ladies' Guild & Men's Club..... Everyone welcome to participate

"Let us begin the fast with joy! Let us prepare ourselves for spiritual efforts! Let us cleanse our soul and cleanse our flesh! Let us abstain from every passion as we abstain from food! Let us rejoice in virtues of the spirit and fulfill them in love! That we all may see the passion of Christ our God and rejoice in spirit at the holy Pascha!" (Vespers for Forgiveness Sunday)

