



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Feb. 10

Sunday of Cheesefare

Readings: Rom. 13:11-14:4; Mt. 6:14-21

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Leybick Sr., given by daughter Rose.**

Supplications will be offered for + **Joseph Jennings, given by Judy Anselm.**

Monday, Feb. 11

St. Blaise, Bishop-Martyr

First Day of the
Great fast

Readings: Gen. 1:1-13; Prov. 1:1-20

7:00 A. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (McKees Rocks)

Wednesday, Feb. 13

St. Martinian, venerable

Readings: Gen. 1:24-2:3; Prov. 2:1-22

6:30 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (North side, Pittsburgh)

Saturday, Feb. 16

St. Theodore of Tyre, the Great Martyr

Readings: Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn: 1:43-51

5:00 P. M. Great Vespers

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Feb. 17

First Sunday of Great Fast/Sunday of Orthodoxy

Readings: Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn: 1:43-51

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Anna, Maria Marunczak, given by Judy Anselm.**

Supplications will be offered for + **Stefan, Maria, Stefan, Joseph Lorinc,
given by Michael Lorinc.**



Forgiveness Sunday - Cheesefare Sunday

Read Matthew 6:14-21, which is the Gospel reading for Cheesefare Sunday: The Lord said...

14: For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15: But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16: And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces, so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you they have received their reward.

17: But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your

face,

18: so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

19: Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal.

20: But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Questions for us to meditate upon before we begin our Lenten Journey:

What must we do in order for God to forgive us (vs. 14)? How should we fast? (vs. 17) What should we do about riches (vs. 19-20)? What is a good way to tell where our riches are (vs. 21)?

1. Jesus talks about God's forgiveness of us and about our forgiveness of one another. Is it sometimes hard for you to forgive others? What has forgiveness meant in your life?

2. Why does Jesus tell us that we should fast in private?

3. What do Jesus' words about riches have to do with Lent? What kind of riches can we store up in heaven?



As we begin our journey of the Great Fast...

Every year in our parishes during this Holy Season of the Great Fast we are faced with the same dilemma... "What is the good of keeping a Fast for forty days without considering the meaning of it?" The answer

is that there is no good in it at all. It is better not to keep the Fast than to do it thoughtlessly. And what is the meaning of the Fast? It is to nurture the good that is in us and put to death that which is not, to increase in ourselves the likeness to God.

"I aspire," writes St. Gregory Nazianzen, "to be purified as gold in the fire." If that is our desire, then we must begin somewhere and there is no better place than with forgiveness. Do we wish to be purified? First we must lay aside all malice towards others. The connection in today's Gospel reading (Mt 6:14-21) between forgiveness and fasting is clear. Remember what we read today? The movement between the admonition to forgive so that we might be forgiven and the words, "When you fast..." is seamless and intentional. Immediately after the Lord teaches His disciples to pray, He teaches them how to fast. If we are going to pray we must be ready also to fast. That is why the Church call us all on this eve of the Great Fast to attend Great Vespers that centers not only on beautiful hymns about repentance and forgiveness, but on an action in which we can all take part. "Faith without works is dead," writes the holy apostle James. Forgiveness without action is not forgiveness.

On this Forgiveness Sunday as we stand before the journey of the Great Fast we are to remind ourselves that we have all sinned against one another whether by what we have done and even more by what we have left undone. The life of our parish family depends upon our willingness to obey the Lord and to lay down our lives for one another. So, we are invited to embrace forgiveness by giving and receiving it as we embark together on a great journey to the Cross and the Empty Tomb. This cannot be done in the privacy of our homes. If it is to be real, then we must embrace one another as brothers and sisters. We must look one another in the face and say, "Forgive me."



February 10, 2013

Sunday of the Cheesefare

Holy martyr Charalampius

Octoechos Tone 4

Changeable Parts – Pages 36-37
in the Booklet of Changeable Parts
(Small white book)

Announcements:

Today: Sunday of Forgiveness

Today we celebrate the last Sunday before the Great Fast called Cheesefare Sunday. This Sunday is also called "Forgiveness Sunday" from the pious Eastern Christian custom of asking each others' forgiveness for discourtesy and disrespect before we begin our journey together through the Great Fast-Lent. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy we will have the *Rite of Forgiveness* during which we will ask each other for forgiveness. Please make sure that you have the special booklets for this Service, which are available in the Church vestibule. **On this Forgiveness Sunday at 1:30 p.m. we will gather as a community of faithful at St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church in the Southside (109 South 7th Street) for Forgiveness Vespers. Please plan to attend this prayerful event which officially marks the beginning of the Lenten Season.**

Easter Candy Order forms are available. They are due February 17, 2013

Today: Mardi Gras Party

Here in our local community, Brighton Heights Lutheran Church (3830 California Avenue) invites us to their annual Mardi Gras, which will take place on Sunday, February 10th from 12:30-4 p.m. Music will be by the Blue Orphans Band. Delicious food and coffee & desserts will be served. There is a Free Will offering to benefit various ministries. You can make your reservations by calling 412-761-8545.

Next Sunday: 1st 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, religious items you would like to have blessed, please place them on the Tetrapod in the center of the Church.

Next Sunday: The St. Josaphat Society of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church is sponsoring its annual "ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER" on Sunday, February 17, 2013 in the church auditorium from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p. m. Tickets are \$8:00 for adults and \$4:00 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under eat free. Tickets will be available at the door. Take Outs – Call (412) 276-9897

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$420.00** Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity. As was announced last Sunday: **Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity!**

This week we begin the Lenten season which is our busiest time of the year and with this being the busiest time we also generate income for our parish. I ask that you PLEASE consider helping with this activity. Help is very much needed now on Wednesday when the potatoes and sauerkraut are being prepared. On Thursday we need more help with the production itself. Please come and give us a hand with this fundraiser that helps with the expenses of the parish.

Collection- May God bless you...

Total for Sunday, February 3, 2013 was **\$1804.00**
(Collection - \$1763.00, Loose & candles - \$41.00)

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our holy church!

2013 Lenten Regulations

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstinence from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of Lent, the following minimal Lenten regulations are in force in our Eparchy of St. Josaphat.



- 1. Abstinence from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of Lent (February 11, 2013) and on Good Friday (March 29, 2013).**
- 2. Abstinence from meat only on all Fridays of Lent as well as Holy Saturday (March 30, 2013). We also recommend voluntary abstinence from meat on all Wednesdays of Lent.**
- 3. Reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the Paschal Season (from the onset of Lent, February 11, 2013 to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday, May 8, 2013)**

Fasting and Abstinence regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in very hard physical labor. Prayer and almsgiving oblige all!

In the authentic tradition of the Church, we also fast from the glorious celebration of the Divine Liturgy on the weekdays of the Great Fast. Only the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated in all our Churches on the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Great and Holy Week.

Let us set out with joy upon the season of the Fast, and prepare ourselves for spiritual combat. Let us purify our soul and cleanse our flesh; and as we fast from food, let us abstain also from every passion. Rejoicing in the virtues of the Spirit may we persevere with love, and so be counted worthy to see the solemn Passion of Christ Our God, and with great spiritual gladness to behold His Holy Passover.

(Forgiveness Vespers)



