



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Feb. 17

The Holy Priest-Martyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebastea

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

4:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy (South Side)

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

Sunday, Feb. 18

1st Sunday of the Great Lent

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

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Blessing of icons

Health & wellbeing upon Maria Perkun, by family

Wednesday, Feb. 21

St. Timothy, Martyr

Readings: Gen. 4:16-24; Prov. 5:15-6:3

9:30 A. M. Service of Holy Eucharist- Mass (Latin rite)

Rest of Anthony JR, Antoni SR, Kateryna

**Sheptytsky Arms
Social Hall**

Friday, Feb. 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop-Martyr

Readings: Gen. 5:32-6:8; Prov. 6:20-7:1

7:00 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (North side, Pittsburgh)

Saturday, Feb. 24

2nd All Souls Saturday

Readings: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Mt. 11: 2-15

8:30 A.M. Sorokousty

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (South Side)

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

Sunday, Feb. 25

2nd Sunday of the Great Lent /St. Gregory Palamas

Readings: Heb. 1:10-2:3; Mk. 2:1-12

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

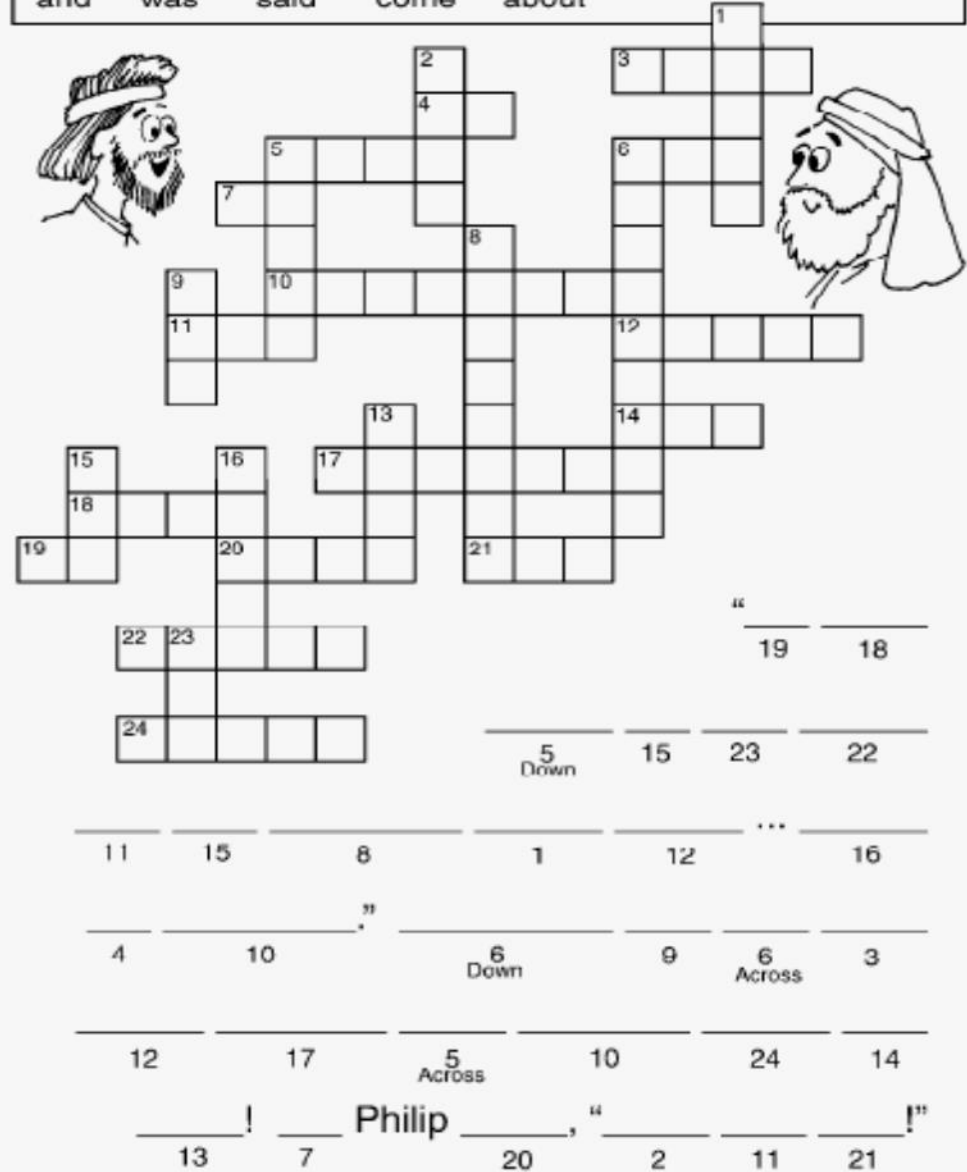
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Maria & John Pyptyk, by Pyptyk family**

Philip found Nathanael. What did Philip say?

Fit the words into the puzzle. Fill the blanks with the words.

so the see good Jesus being prophets
of one not sure wrote Moses Nazareth
we any from have found someone Nathanael
and was said come about



Do you have an Icon Corner in your home?



On this First Sunday of the Great Fast, as we celebrate the restoration of holy images ICONS in our Churches, let me ask the following: Do you have an Icon Corner in your home?

Remember that the Altar is to a Church what an Icon Corner is to a home. The home is our domestic Church. The Icon Corner is a reminder of who we are: We are children of God. Just as we have photo albums full of pictures of family members, we should also have pictures of our God and the Saints to remind us who we are

and who we are to become. The Icon Corner in each home also provides a place where the family can come together to pray. *The family that prays together stays together.*

Our homes are to be a place of prayer; therefore each Christian home should have an "Icon Corner". This constitutes the Home Altar or Family Shrine. It serves as the focal point for prayer. The Icon Corner usually consists of a table, stand or shelf with a linen or other cloth covering. Over the table are the Icons of Our Lord (on the right) and Our Lady (on the left), often with a crucifix in-between. Other Icons of personal choice may and should flank the Icon Corner. A perpetual candle can be burned if it is not a safety hazard. Otherwise, candles are lit during times of prayer. Placed on the table are normally the following items: a Festal Icon depicting the season; the Bible; prayer books; holy water; blessed candles; the blessed palms and willows from Palm Sunday; flowers from the Feast of the Dormition and a prayer rope (chotki). The Icon Corner is placed in a prominent room, such as the living room or the family room. Traditionally, it faces east, if such an arrangement is possible.

Remember that the Icon Corner consecrates the entire household and everyone living in it to the service and glory of God. The many Icons of the Icon Corner remind us of the great Cloud of Witnesses who make intercession before us at the Throne of Almighty God. They recall to us that we are never alone as members of the Body of Christ, that even death cannot separate us, not now, not ever. Our Home Church reminds us that, as Christians, our main priority in life is to live to God's Glory. On this Sunday of Orthodoxy let us remember that the Icon Corner is a powerful way of making present to us the Icon or Image of God the Father Who is our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Through our pious use of this spiritual treasure, we are ourselves, little by little, made Icons and Temples of the Holy Spirit!



Feb. 18, 2018

First Sunday of the Great Fast: The Sunday of Orthodoxy, Tone 4; Our Holy Father Leo, Pope of Rome (461)

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Announcements:

Today: 1st Sunday of the Great Fast

We celebrate the First Sunday of the Great Fast which 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.

Today: Soup Sale

This year we would like to sell a soup whole Lent. Every week we will have one kind of soup, next week another and so on. We need volunteers which will be able to cook soups. We will have soup sale on Thursdays and Fridays during Pyrohy hours and then on Sundays after Liturgy. The start of Soup Sale will be on Sunday, February 11th. You will have the opportunity to purchase Lenten soups: Borsch, Barley etc. The price for a 16 ounce container is \$3.00. All proceeds go towards the children of St. George's Church School. Make sure to support our children who are the future of our parish family. A sign-up sheet who would like to make a soup for this fundraiser is available in the Church vestibule.

Easter Bread-Paska

On Saturday, March 24th, we will prepare Easter Bread (Paska) in our Church hall. The price per a loaf is \$8.00. In the Church vestibule we have a sign-up sheet for placing your orders. I ask you to write down your name and amount of Paska Bread (plain or raisin) you wish to order. You may pick-up your order on Palm Sunday, March 25th, following the Divine Liturgy.

St George Easter Kielbasy Sale – This Year it will be famous Kielbasy from Parma, OH

We are asking that parishioners buy kielbasy for their own use and also sell some of this fine product to friends, neighbors, and colleagues. The price is \$10.00 per ring (approx. 2 lb.) and order forms are available in the Church vestibule for placing orders. You must place your order in advance in order to purchase this kolbasa. Payment must accompany your order.

The kolbasa will be available for pickup on Sunday, March 25th (Palm Sunday) after the Divine Liturgy. Thanks to all our parishioners for the continued support of this important parish fundraiser.

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, Carnegie will host an Eparchial Catechetical Day in the Church Hall on February 17th from 9am-3pm. The speaker will be Fr. Dr. Morozowycz, and he will talk on the themes of Liturgy and Prayer. Be sure to come out and represent our parish well.

2018 Lock-I-Retreat: “Be on Your Guard” Saturday, March 3rd – Sunday, March 4th.

Bishop Bohdan has opened a Pittsburgh office. If you would like to visit with him he will be in his office at St. John the Baptist Church (Southside) on Feb. 16th, Mar. 20th, April 13th, May 25th and June 22nd.

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was \$519.00. 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!

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of January 21, 2017 was **\$2,176.00**

(Collection: \$1395.00, Loose & candles: \$22.00, Pyrohy: \$519.00, Soup/Halushki sale: \$ 240.00)

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!

First Sunday of the Great Fast

We bow in worship before your most pure image, O gracious Lord, and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God.

Each of the Sundays of the Great Fast-Lent has its own special theme. In the course of Church history, almost each Lenten Sunday has obtained a second theme, a historical theme. Originally the Great Fast was the time for catechumens to prepare for baptism and entry into the Church. The Sunday spiritual themes were part of the early Christian catechesis.

Today, we arrive to the First Sunday of the Great Fast-Lent which is called in our Holy Church the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

The historical theme for this Sunday is the final victory over the iconoclasts. What was Iconoclasm? Iconoclasm was a heresy of the eighth century which taught that the veneration or relative worship of holy images is unlawful. Around the year 726 A.D. Emperor Leo the Isaurian published an edict which led to the destruction of holy images and the persecution of their defenders.

In the year 787 A.D., the Seventh Ecumenical Council declared that *“both the figure of the sacred and life giving Cross and also the venerable images-are to be placed suitably in the holy churches of God...”* The council stated further that the honor paid to them is only relative, that is, given for the sake of what they represent, not for the sake of images themselves, which are to receive veneration, not adoration. But in the year 814 A.D. iconoclasm broke out again through the instigation of the Emperor Leo the Armenian and his successors. This persecution lasted until the Empress Theodora became regent in the year 842 A.D. The final defeat of iconoclasm and the restoration of holy images to the churches took place on February 19th which in 842 A.D. happened to be the First Sunday of the Great Fast-Lent. This is why we still celebrate the victory of the true faith on this Sunday. The principal defenders of the teaching of the Church in this great struggle were St. John Damascene and St. Theodore the Studite.

As we celebrate this Sunday of “Restoration of Holy Images”, let us remember that during this Lenten journey we are called to recover within us the image of what it means to be an authentic human being, a genuine person created in the image and likeness of God. This season of Lent is the opportunity of repentance, recreation, and restoration of that image.

