



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

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**

Wednesday, Feb. 28

St. Timothy, Martyr

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

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

Repose of Anthony JR, Antoni SR, Kateryna

Sheptytsky Arms

Social Hall

Friday, Mar. 1

St. Polycarp, Bishop-Martyr

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

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

Saturday, Mar. 3

3rd All Souls Saturday

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

8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty

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

Sunday, Mar. 4

3rd Sunday of the Great Lent /Veneration of the Cross

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

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

God's blessing upon all parishioners (By Fr. Ihor)

180. THROUGH THE ROOF

(MARK 2:1-12)

V J D B Z F U A Q A A T C P G
 P T R M D B P A R A L Y T I C
 B S O C R E A U C A Y R D P W
 Q O T O A V H B E D E S I R A
 R N K R N P F C U U Q R W Y A
 J E A I A I E U A E U W K F F
 N A S F K E N R J E Q P I O U
 I S Z N A O H E N S R N E J T
 C S E T I I F T V A U P P W F
 T L C A O S T T K I U S I S O
 C P M R H N T H S G G M E S O
 J U D L I E Q D M N O R Y J R
 W T W B B B A D J Q T D O I O
 H O U S E H E T T B H K B F M
 Y N Q Z H I H S S N T B B A J

ARISE

BED

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FAITH

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GOD

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JESUS

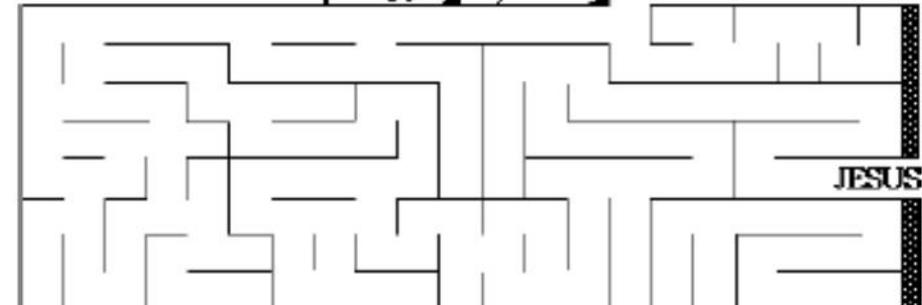
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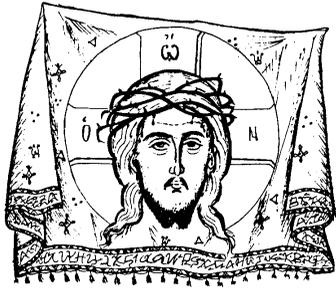
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Second Sunday of the Great Fast

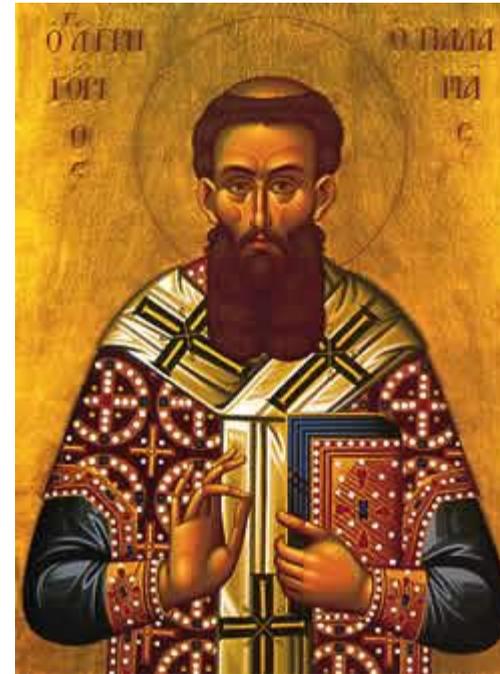
“...But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”- He said to the paralytic-“I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all...

Mark 2:10-11

With God’s help we passed two weeks of the Great Fast. Today’s Sunday Gospel reading was about the paralytic who at first could not walk by himself. But with strong faith in Jesus, together with Christ’s love to all His people this miracle happened: the paralytic was raised by the almighty word of the Lord and healed from the disease instantly. This teaches us to have faith in Christ Jesus because through it we can receive help from the Merciful Lord. This reading also encourages us to persevere in our prayers for others, and especially for the sick.

But the reason of Christ’s coming was neither in healing the sick nor in resurrecting the dead; these facts were only the results of His true mission – bringing salvation to all people on earth. What does “salvation” mean? Is it something we can touch, see or feel? This question has raised many discussions in the Christian world over the centuries and still remains very important for our consideration, as our future life depends on it. If we understand salvation correctly in this life and live accordingly, it gives us hope to inherit the Kingdom of God. First of all we need to say that salvation is needed where there is some kind of bondage or slavery. In our human case unfortunately, we all are under heavy bondage of sin and in its slavery. Sin drags us away from God (remember Adam and Eve) and as a result of it we all are mortals. So, the mission of Jesus Christ was to reunite us with God and to give us another life by saving us from the bondage of sin.

Another very good explanation of our salvation is that we humans are sick with different passions through our connection to sin. A variety of wrongdoings exist, and although they differ in weight, they cause pain to our soul and we humans are simply unable to heal ourselves on our own. This is why we call Jesus Christ the Physician of souls. He came to heal our wounds caused by numerous sins and to give us a healthy life in an eternal perspective. But the point is we HAVE to seek the healing; it will not come on its own without our visit to the Only Physician. Only the one who seeks a doctor will receive appropriate treatment – we all know this from our daily routine. The one who avoids his doctor will fall yet into deeper illness. During this Lenten journey let us seek the Divine Physician to receive that healing that leads to salvation. Amen.



Feb. 25, 2018

Second Sunday of the Great Fast: St. Gregory of Palamas, Tone 5; Our Holy Father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople (806)

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Announcements:

Today: Second Sunday of the Great Fast

On this Second Sunday of the Great Fast we remember one of the greatest theological minds in the Eastern Church: Our Holy father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica (1296-1359). He was a defender of mystical prayer (Hesychasm). As a Confessor of our Holy Faith he affirmed that nothing is more important than a ceaseless stream of prayer mounting upward to God. In practicing this mystical prayer he devoted himself to silent, mystical meditation to achieve oneness with God. As we continue our Lenten journey let us all continue to lift up our hearts in that ceaseless stream of prayer to Our Heavenly Father.

Easter Bread-Paska

On Saturday, March 24th, we will prepare Easter Bread (Paska) in our Church hall. The price per a loaf is \$10.00. 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 kiellbasy 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.

Pyrohy

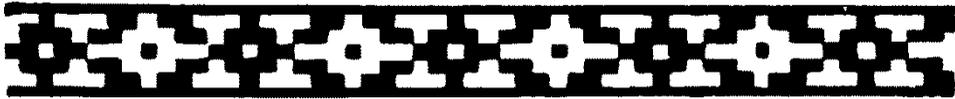
Our total income from last week’s sale was \$1168.00. Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity. As was announced last Sunday: **Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity!**

Collection- May God bless you...

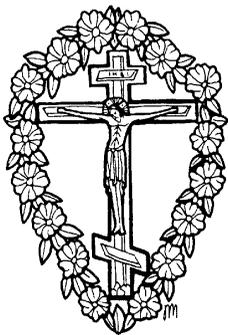
The grand total for Sunday of February 18, 2018 was **\$5,625.00**

(Collection: \$4015.00, Loose & candles: \$25.00, Pyrohy: \$1168.00, Soup/Halushki sale: \$ 417.00)

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



Flowers for the Cross



*Next Sunday, March 4th, we will celebrate the Third Sunday of the Great Fast on which we honor the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Our Savior. According to our Liturgical tradition the Cross is carried from the altar on a tray of flowers and placed in the midst of the congregation so that we may pay homage to the symbol of our salvation. The beautiful flowers surrounding the Cross signify the fragrance, sweetness and beauty that it has added to life. **If you wish to sponsor flowers for the Holy Cross on this upcoming Third Sunday of the Great Fast you may do so in honor or memory of a loved one. We ask that you use the special envelopes that are available for this purpose in the Church vestibule. Please print the names of your loved ones on this envelope and circle the proper prayer intention. Your prayerful intentions will then be published on that Sunday in our parish bulletin.***



Parish Lenten Mission 2018

Mark your calendars for our Parish Lenten Mission 2018 which will take place Tuesday & Wednesday, March 20-21, 2018 for both parishes. A parish mission is a special event that allows us to take some time to look at our lives, values, and direction.

On Tuesday evening, March 20th, 2018 we will celebrate at 7:00 p.m. the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at parish of St. John the Baptist (204 Olivia Street, McKees Rocks PA, 15136). Following this Service, Fr. Christopher Mannerino, parochial vicar of St. Theresa of Avilla of Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, will have a Lenten homily and during the service he will be able to hear our confessions.

On Wednesday evening, March 21th, we will celebrate at 7:00 p.m. the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at parish of St. George (3455 California Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15212). This evening we will welcome Fr. Christopher Mannerino, parochial vicar of St. Theresa of Avilla of Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. He will have a Lenten homily and during the service he will be able to hear our confessions.

Following both evenings we will have Lenten refreshments in the Church hall. Let us come together for the renewal of our souls and bodies in preparation for the Great Feast of the Resurrection!



PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power, and idle chatter. (Prostration)

Instead, grant to me Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble mindedness, patience, and love. (Prostration)

O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins, and not to judge my brother. For You are holy, now and ever and forever. Amen. (Prostration)

