



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, March 1

First Sunday of the Great Fast

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

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

Supplications will be offered for **+Yuriy Hohosha**, given by Michael & Victoria Senko

Saturday, March 7

2nd All Souls Saturday

Readings: Heb. 3:12-16; Mk. 1:35-45

8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Panahida (North Side)

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

Sunday, March 8

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Gregory Waslo III**, given by wife & family

Thursday, Mar. 12

St. Theophane, Venerable Confessor

Readings: Gen. 7:11-8:4; Prov. 10:1-22

7:00 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (North Side)

Saturday, March 14

3rd All Souls Saturday

Readings: Heb. 10:32-38; Mk. 2:14-17

8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Panahida (North Side)

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

Sunday, March 15

Third Sunday of the Great Fast/Veneration of the Cross

Readings: Heb. 4:14-5-6; Mk. 8:34-9:1

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

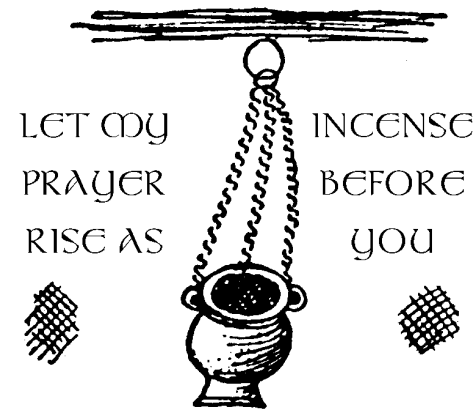
Supplications will be offered for **+Olech & Peter Baran**, given by David & Orysia Barshowski

What did Philip tell his friend?



Write the letter of the alphabet that follows the one given.

" V D G Z U D E N T M C
S G D N M D L N R D R
V Q N S D Z A N T S
H M S G D K Z V Z M C
Z A N T S V G N L S G D
O Q N O G D S R Z K R N
V Q N S D I D R T R
N E M Z Y Z Q D S G
S G D R N M N E
I N R D O G"



***We celebrate during the Great Fast-
Lent the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts.***

Have you ever experienced it?

As you know from previous homilies and bulletin articles, in the Eastern Church the Eucharistic Divine Liturgy is not celebrated on Lenten weekdays. In order for the faithful to sustain their Lenten effort by participation in

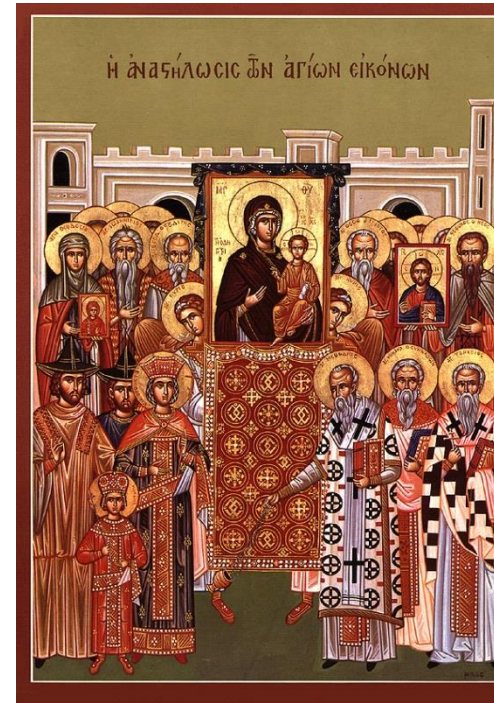
Holy Communion, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is served. This Divine Service is an ancient one in the Eastern Church. We officially hear about it in the canons of the seventh century, which obviously indicates its development at a much earlier date.

This Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is an evening service. It is the solemn Lenten Vespers with the administration of Holy Communion added to it. There is no consecration of the Eucharistic gifts at this Liturgy. Holy Communion is given from the Eucharistic gifts sanctified on the previous Sunday at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, unless, of course, the feast of the Annunciation should intervene; hence its name of "Presanctified." The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is served on Wednesday and Friday evenings, although some Churches may celebrate it only on one of these days. It comes in the evening after a day of spiritual preparation and abstinence.

The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is traditionally considered to be the work of the sixth-century pope, Saint Gregory of Rome. It is one of the great masterpieces of piety and Liturgical creativity. It reveals the central Christian doctrine and experience in its form and content; namely that our life must be spent in prayer and fasting in order to be in communion with Christ. Please come and experience this Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts which is one of the most beautiful and meaningful Liturgies in our Holy Church.

On all days of the holy fast of Lent, except on the Sabbath (Saturday), the Lord's Day (Sunday), and the holy day of the Annunciation (March 25), the Liturgy of the Presanctified is to be served.

-From Canon 52 of the Quinisext Council (692 AD)



March 1, 2020

First Sunday of the Great fast -
Sunday of Orthodoxy, Tone 5;
The Holy Venerable-Martyr
Eudocia (98-117)

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March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of the Great Fast
- Gregory of Palamas, Tone 6;
Our Venerable Father and
Confessor Theophilactus, Bishop
of Nicomedia (c. 845)

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Announcements:

Today: 1st Sunday of the Great Fast

We celebrate today 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: 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

On the Second Sunday of the Great Fast-Lent, we celebrate the memory of our holy father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica. 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. On this day, the Holy Church speaks to us about the mystery of light, which we must come to know, if we want to behold the Resurrection of Christ.

2020 Lenten Project - Every year during the Lenten season, we, as a parish, engage in a Lenten project. In past years, we have collected money for a new mixer, donated money to an orphanage in Ukraine, and, other similar projects. This year, the Lenten project is to collect funds to replace the very aged air conditioning units in the rectory. The units have been repaired multiple times and need to be replaced. The replacement units will be more energy efficient than the current units and will result in a savings on the electric bill. The cost is \$5,000/unit and the rectory requires two, for a total cost of \$10,000. As with every Lenten project, I ask you to be generous in your contribution. Contributions can be placed in the collection basket on Sundays in an envelope that is appropriately marked, or, can be given directly to Fr. Igor. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our church!

Pyrohy Production During this Lenten Season we are very-very busy with our pyrohy production. Help is very much needed on Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. with scooping and again on Thursday morning starting at 7:00 a.m. we will need your help with the production itself. Please come and give us a hand during the Great Fast with this important parish fundraiser.

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of February 23, 2020 was **\$2,250.00** + Pyrohy: **\$590.00**
(Collection: \$730.00, loose & candles: \$20.00, Special donation: \$1,500.00)

The grand total for Sunday of March 1, 2020 will be published in the next bulletin.

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!

First Sunday of the Great Fast Sunday of Orthodoxy

We venerate Your most pure image, O Good One, and ask forgiveness of our transgressions, O Christ God.

We are keeping today, as every year at the end of the first week of the Great Fast-Lent, the Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. The occasion of this feast was the recognition of the legitimacy of venerating icons. By doing this we proclaim that God - invisible, ineffable, the God whom we cannot comprehend, has truly become man, that God has taken flesh, that He has lived in our midst full of humility, of simplicity, but of glory also. And proclaiming this we venerate the icons not as idols, but as a declaration of the Truth of the Incarnation.

By doing this we must not forget that it is not the icons of wood and of paint, but God who reveals Himself in the world. Each of us was created in the image of God. We are all living icons, and this lays upon us a great responsibility because an icon may be defaced, an icon may be turned into a caricature and into a blasphemy. And we must think of ourselves and ask ourselves: are we worthy; are we capable of being called "icons", images of God?

As long as we are not capable of being such a vision to those who surround us, we fail in our duty, we do not proclaim this "Triumph of Orthodoxy" through our life, and we give a lie to what we proclaim. And therefore each of us, and all of us collectively, bear every responsibility for the fact that the world meeting Christians by the million is not converted by the vision of God's presence in their midst, carried indeed in earthen vessels, but glorious, saintly, transfiguring the world.

Therefore, as we continue our Lenten journey let us learn to live according to the Gospel which is the Truth and the Life, not only individually but collectively, and build societies of Christians that are a revelation of it, so that the world looking at us may say: Let us re-shape our institutions, re-shape our relationships, renew all that has gone or remains old and become a new society in which the Law of God, the Life of God can prosper and triumph. Amen.

