



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, Feb. 28

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 **+Willow Fuchs**, given by Mary Siweckyj

Supplications will be offered for **+David Barshowski**, by Fr. Igor

Saturday, March 6

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 7

Third Sunday of the Great Fast/Veneration of the Cross

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

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Gregory H. Waslo**, given by family

Wednesday, Mar. 10

Mid-Lent/ St. Condratius and Others Martyrs

Readings: Gen. 9:18-10:1; Prov. 12:23-13:9

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

Saturday, March 13

4th All Souls Saturday

Readings: Heb. 6:9-12; Mk. 7:31-37

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

4:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy (Arnold, PA)

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

Sunday, March 14

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast/St. John Climacus

Readings: Heb. 6:13-20; Mk. 9:17-31

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+Ivan Salo (101st Birthday Anniv.)**, given by Andy Salo

The people praised God!

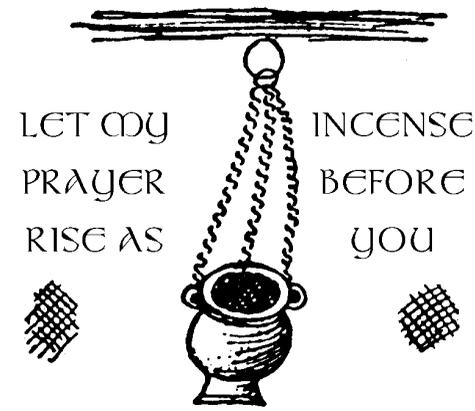
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**We celebrate during the Great Fast-
Lent the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts.**

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

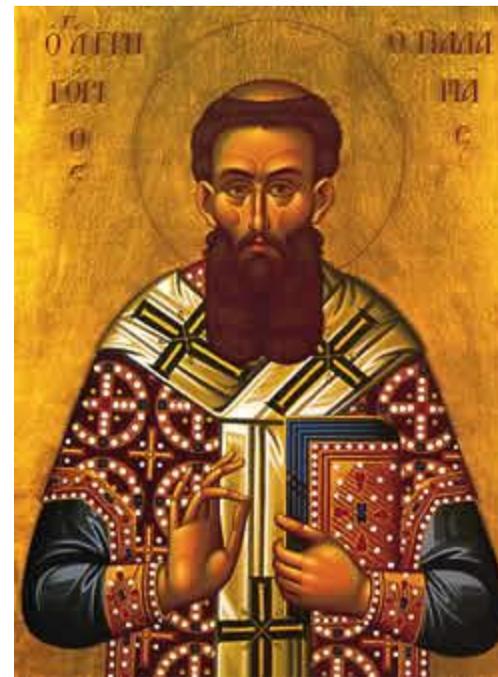
Lenten weekdays. In order for the faithful to sustain their Lenten effort by participation in Holy Communion, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is served. This Divine Service is an ancient one in the Eastern Church. We officially hear about it in the canons of the seventh century, which obviously 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)



February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of the Great Fast: St. Gregory of Palamas, Tone 6; our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Ascetical Companion of Procopius (716-40)

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March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of the Great Fast – Veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross; The Holy Martyr Agapius and the Six Martyrs with Him (284-305) Tone 7;

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Announcements:

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.

Today: Third Sunday of the Great Fast

On this Third Sunday of the Great Fast we honor and venerate the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the beginning of the Divine Liturgy the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought out in procession and placed on the Tetrapod in the center of the Church. Following the Divine Liturgy, please come forward to venerate the Cross of Our Lord as we continue our journey of the Great Fast.

This Sunday Soup Sale

We continue our fundraiser a Soup Sale. On this Sunday, following the Divine Liturgy in our Church hall you will have the opportunity to purchase Lenten soups & halushki. The price for a quart container is \$6.00. Thank you for support of our parish.

Easter Bread-Paska

On Saturday, March 27th, 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, April 5th, following the Divine Liturgy.

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 21, 2021 was **\$1,334.00** + Pyrohy: **\$726.00**
(Collection: \$1300.00, loose & candles: \$13.00, Soup sale: \$21.00)

The grand total for Sunday of February 28, 2021 will be published in the next bulletin.

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

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

On this Lenten journey we have before us a man who is paralyzed, and who has friends that care for him and bring him to the Lord to be healed. He has four friends that will take him on his bed, and want to bring him to Christ. But as we read in the Gospel reading from the holy evangelist Mark 2: 1-12 because of the press (the crowd of people), he couldn't get to Jesus.

What is this press? This "press" is often mentioned in other healings; this press is the obstacles that we encounter in our Christian life. We encounter great obstacles. Now in the case of this man who was paralyzed, he wouldn't have the strength to press through a group of people on his own, and even with help it would be immensely difficult; how can you carry a stretcher through a huge crowd of people? It is not possible. So what did they do? They overcame the press by climbing onto the roof.

A roof is high above all things. The scripture uses this analogy just as it uses mountains sometimes, to say that this is how we should be in our Christian life. We should look up, we should be thinking of spiritual things, not of carnal things, not of just daily things, and we should elevate our mind - to contemplate pure things, and things that God wishes us to know. These people got up on the roof. So of course it was a practical act to get up on the roof, so that they could break the roof tiles and let him down, and it was rather ingenious actually. But it is also an indication of how we should be in our lives.

So how do we get past the press, how do we get past the difficulties we face in our lives? Get up on the roof. Not just get up on the roof, but there must be labor, both physical and spiritual involved in the Christian life. One of the greatest heresies of all time that we face in our modern society is that the Christian life can be fought without labor, that salvation can be gathered and garnered without labor. This is the great heresy of our age — it has been around now for quite some time — that we can actually be saved without labor. The answer to that is very clear: Oh NO! It takes great labor on our part to be saved; it takes effort for us to push by the press; it takes effort for us to get on the roof, to elevate our minds to things above and not to things below. May this Lenten journey make us stronger in our efforts to face the "press", the daily difficulties in life that we encounter. Amen.

